

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PRIMARY ACADEMY



ARTS POLICY

The Arts, which encompass: performing arts; visual arts, art and design; media and multimedia, play an important role in the education of children in our school. These artforms are taught mainly in dance, drama, music and art lessons.

We see The Arts not just as a means of developing skills and techniques, or as an enhancement to other areas of the curriculum, but as a way of seeing, feeling and thinking and responding to different stimuli. They also provides opportunities for developing self-esteem, confidence and positive behaviour.

There are many different artforms within each of the four broad artform areas, and often these are brought together through new forms of creative expression. For example, within literature playscript writing may be brought together with dance, drama and music to make musical theatre. Sometimes artforms cannot be confined within one broad category. Popular music merges the boundaries between the performing arts and media/multimedia. We take a broad definition of the arts to include high art and popular culture, single and combined artforms and artforms which use digital technology.

Aims

Our aims for the Arts are to ensure that we:

Give each child an entitlement to a range of high quality arts experiences, regardless of background and ability.

Make best use of resources inside and outside the school.

Make links with the community which strengthen and broaden the arts provision in school, including working with other schools and professional artists.

Use the arts as a teaching tool for other areas of the curriculum.

Implementation

The Range of Experiences

Opportunities to experience The Arts occur throughout the school through classroom teaching, individual instruction and through network opportunities. Some skills in the Arts require on-going development such as practising musical instruments, but we ensure that all children are provided with the opportunity to experience a variety of artforms. There are also opportunities for children to follow their own interests. Children currently have the opportunity to learn the recorder in year 3, brass tuition in year 4 and individual piano lessons in KS2

Children in year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to participate in the 'Replay' scheme run by Fallibroome as do staff in the Re-play Later scheme.

Additional time is devoted to the Arts for the practising and performing of musical and dramatic productions, class assemblies, Villagers' Afternoons and Creativity Week.

Staff from the Performing Art department at Fallibroome teach Music, Dance and Drama to a different year group for a term each year.

Arts facilities

We have close links with the Fallibroome High School and use their Performance Hall for our own productions and to watch performances there.

The Village Hall has a stage with lighting and sound and we use this for the KS1 Nativity performances to parents

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