

## **Art and Design**

Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. A high-quality art and design education should engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. As pupils progress, they should be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. They should also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.

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At Oak Cottage school we feel strongly about celebrating children's artistic achievements and encourage them to value their own and each other's efforts. The children produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences through drawing, painting, sculpture and other techniques. There is an emphasis that children know about the work of great artists, craft makers and designers and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.