



Walford Nursery & Primary School

British Values in Art & Design



Threaded through Art & Design lessons at Walford Nursery & Primary School are the fundamental British Values of *Democracy, Rule of Law, Tolerance of Different Cultures and Religions, Mutual Respect and Individual Liberty*.

Democracy

Children are asked for their views about Art & Design lessons and feedback is welcomed by both staff and the Subject Leader. This is often in the form of a pupil voice questionnaire.

Children work together to support each other in lessons and children who are more able are given the opportunity to lead with their own examples.

In Art & Design, children learn to take turns. Children understand that it is not always possible or right to have their own way and understand the value of compromise.

Children are encouraged to take the views and opinions of others into account but still have the right to make their own choices.

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When evaluating Art & Design outcomes, children voice their opinions about what is good about their artwork and what could be improved next time.

Rule of Law

As in all aspects of daily life at Walford Nursery & Primary School, children follow general class and school rules of: ***Ready, Respectful, Safe.***

In Art & Design, children develop an understanding of the importance of safety rules when using resources and materials and accept that if these rules are not followed there are consequences.

Children learn to work individually and in groups.

Children are taught the specific skills in Art & Design allowing them to develop their skills in following the 'rules' of Art & Design. In contrast, children are taught that Art & Design is a very subjective and personal interpretation, therefore, some may say there are no rules.

Children are taught that the creative arts can be an amazing career to give them a sense of identity and that it helps to respect other people in the world, no matter what their background.

Tolerance of Different Cultures and Religions

Through Art & Design, children learn to appreciate the ideas of others that are different to their own and that many great art ideas originate from other cultures. Children accept that others' ideas may not be same as their own.

Children are exposed to a wide range of artists, from different nationalities, backgrounds and beliefs around the world. Children explore beauty through Art & Design and do this within the faiths and beliefs of others.

Children at Walford Nursery & Primary School learn about different Significant People linked to the world of Art & Design from a range of different cultures and religions.

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Mutual Respect

During Art & Design lessons, children are expected to listen to and consider the ideas and opinions of others even if they differ from their own. Children are reminded to treat each other equally and with respect regardless of backgrounds and abilities.

Children regularly discuss the work of their peers as well as other artists in lessons. They are expected to take turns during discussions, resolve difficulties or make decisions, for example, when choosing materials for making a piece of art.

Children are given many opportunities to critique each other's work in a positive and constructive manner whilst showing respect for the opinions and beliefs of their peers which may differ from their own. They are taught how to talk about other children's work, demonstrating kindness and empathy, in order to build a safe and open environment, founded on mutual respect.

Before creating a piece of art, research is conducted into artists, giving the children a chance to appreciate and understand alternative ideas.

Children also use Art & Design as a creative way to experience a variety of festivals and traditions.

Individual Liberty

Children are encouraged to develop their own self-knowledge through creative subjects, such as Art & Design. Children deepen their knowledge through Nuggets of Knowledge, the school's Art & Design Significant People and Walford University's Expressive Arts Award.

The Art & Design curriculum encourages children to explore their own interests and ideas, and to express themselves creatively in different ways. Children are given the freedom to express themselves and develop their individual creative responses, informed and inspired by the world around them. They are actively encouraged to make creative decisions, aware that they are in a supportive environment. Children are taught that Art & Design is a very subjective and personal subject which allows

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them to express themselves. Children are encouraged to make decisions with their design choices, style and media choice.

Children are encouraged to express their opinions in Art & Design, critiquing work by artists as well as their peers, whilst respecting the opinions of people around them.

Children also learn to accept that the ideas of others may not be the same as their own but are equally valid. They understand that it is important to listen to others, but they make their own design choices in Art & Design.

Children are expected to take responsibility for the equipment used when working in Art & Design.



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