

## How we teach Art at Kenningtons Primary Academy

**“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see” – Edgar Degas**

### **What do Artists do?**

- Understand that line forms the fundamental structure of an artwork
- Have knowledge of colour and value, and how these are applied
- Use shape and form within compositions
- Use texture and space to add depth and interest
- Communicate ideas or feelings through their art
- Create objects that are beautiful, thought provoking or sometimes shocking
- Are influenced by the works and techniques of others

### **Intent**

At Kenningtons we are budding artists. We learn about art and artists, as outlined in the National Curriculum. In the EYFS, we use the statutory framework area of learning ‘*Expressive Arts and Design.*’

Each year, we develop and build upon our knowledge of the 7 Elements of Art and apply this in a range of disciplines, using a variety of media

### **Implementation**

- Art is taught to us in four blocked units per year. Whilst it is taught discretely, our teachers help us to make links with other subject areas, for example history, maths and English.
- Each year, we study a core unit of skills and three units of specific disciplines.
- We start each year with a core unit in which we explore the 7 elements of art so that we have the skills required to be successful in the disciplines that follow.
- The skills we need to be great artists have been carefully mapped so that there is progression in both the core units and the disciplines.
- Each lesson begins with a work of art which exemplifies the skills we will be learning in the session. This also builds our knowledge of famous artists and their works.
- Our art portfolios are used to showcase our technical abilities in the 7 elements of art, and our skills in the discipline pieces.
- We develop our ability to appraise famous works of art, particularly commenting on the use of the seven core elements. This begins in Nursery and continues to Year 6
- In Nursery, we begin our art journey by rehearsing three of the core elements through our continuous provision. This increases to 5 elements when we are in Reception. In both Nursery and Reception, we also develop our fine motor skills
- Trips and experts are carefully planned by our teachers and help to bring our learning to life

### **Impact**

We will demonstrate our learning within the art curriculum through our art portfolios, displays, working walls, in our conversations with teachers and by the vocabulary we use. Each year group holds an annual exhibition showcasing one of the disciplines.