



INTENT

At Mithian we value art, craft and design; the role they play in helping pupils to think critically and how art, craft and design contribute to wider culture. Our art, craft and design sessions are structured to 'engage, inspire and challenge our pupils' (National Curriculum). We want the best for our children and wish them to succeed in all aspects of their life; each child fulfilling their potential socially, emotionally and academically. Fundamentally we wish them to "EMERGE from Mithian as a lifelong learner" having acquired knowledge to help them to use emotional intelligence, motivation, self efficacy, resilience, grit and enthusiasm for both learning and life. At Mithian we enable all pupils to engage in activities which are helping them to gain 'knowledge and skills to experiment invent and create their own works of art, craft and design' (National Curriculum). As part of our EMERGE ethos we are committed to developing children's individual talents and this includes helping them to realise their full artistic potential. Our children at Mithian experience a balance of drawing, painting and sculpture to enrich their art experiences. As well as nurturing and developing pupil's own talents the teaching of art, craft and design allows our children to know, and connect, 'how art and design both reflects and shapes our history and contributes to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation' (National Curriculum). We promote and connect with our local and current art influences too.

IMPLEMENTATION

Art + Design curriculum at Mithian is taught through following the national curriculum and creating bespoke topics for our children. To ensure variety and breadth as well as progression of skills art + design objectives at Mithian are on a two-year rolling programme. Each class has a minimum of three art + design topics per year. As part of each art + design topic there is an opportunity for each child to produce creative work, explore their ideas and record their experiences. Key artists, craft makers and designers as well as examples of work are used and referred to in each art + design topic so that children are able to make links to their own work and the wider world. Children are introduced to, and expected to use, key language linked with art + design.

IMPACT

The positive impact of our Art curriculum is that children are able to demonstrate a range of artistic skills and reference artists who have influence their work. Children 'EMERGE from Mithian as lifelong learners' displaying positive attitudes to art showing that they have the confidence to be experimental and inventive as well as creative when engaging in their own works of art and design.