

GREAT CHART PRIMARY SCHOOL

ART POLICY

September 2022



Our vision is to create a school community where children participate, succeed and are proud of their achievements. We strive to actively promote British values and prepare our children to become role models, thus preparing them for life in modern Britain. It is our belief that children come to Great Chart Primary School to be happy, successful and to be the best they can be. Our core value is Respect and forms part of our school rules. We also have termly values: Team work, Ambition, Responsibility, Resilience, Kindness & Independence

'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.'

National Curriculum 2014

INTENT

At Great Chart, we believe Art and Design is a vessel through which we foster creativity and embrace the uniqueness of every child. Carefully planned units of art, which will build around our Golden threads, will enable children to develop their confidence, creativity and skill as they use their knowledge of diverse artists to inform their personal ideas, creatively experiment with these and new skills to produce revised finished pieces that they are proud of which reflect their individuality.

The core curriculum for art and design aims to ensure that all pupils:

- produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

IMPLEMENTATION

Our 'Artsmark' journey in hand gallery trips will ensure creativity in and out of the classroom through providing a wide range of rich experiences in the art to complement the art curriculum - see statement of commitment (appendix 3)

TEACHING OF ART

Foundation stage pupils should be taught:

Expressive Arts and Design The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe.

At Key stage 1 pupils should be taught:

- to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
- to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work

Key stage 2 pupils should be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.

Pupils should be taught:

- to create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas
- to improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay]
- about great artists, architects and designers in history

Golden threads:

The following concept threads will be woven through the curriculum to ensure our Great Chart artists experience a progression of skills to aid their creative process:

Discuss a wide range of artworks

Plan and explore my ideas

Draw, paint and sculpt with control and accuracy

Experiment with and adjust my artwork

Effective Learning Opportunities for all Children

At Great Chart teaching will ensure that art is accessible to all children by planning art and design that:

- Is challenging for children of different abilities and aptitudes in each year group of each key stage;
- Motivates children, enabling them to understand and review their own learning;
- Caters for children's diverse learning needs;
- Overcomes potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups of children;
- Differentiating work through activities and expected outcomes;
- Works with other adults to support all ability groups.

Planning and Implementing the Great Chart Art Policy

Termly curriculum maps will feed into mid-term planning focussing on the art process to be completed on art planning sheets (Exploration of art and artists – Developing ideas – Creating – Evaluating and improving - see appendix 1). Drawing will feature in every unit so children will understand the form that they will be creating. Great Chart Primary School builds on the skills from the updated national Curriculum (2014) (See appendix 2) and all teachers link these skills with their year group's topic, enabling cross curricular links which are mutually enriching. Progression is ensured by building on knowledge, skills and understanding achieved by individual children.

Resources

Resources are ordered by each year group, as part of their year group budget, in respect of the units of work planned. Each year group will be in control of keeping and managing their own resources; year group art boxes will be replenished with basic art equipment, by the art leader and art monitors, on a yearly basis. In addition to this the art cupboard is equipped with specialist equipment in organised boxes that can be used for a unit of work and must be returned. If any equipment is damaged or is in need of replenishing the art leader should be notified. The class teacher is responsible for ensuring the safety of the children during the lesson by instructing them in the safe and appropriate use of any equipment.

The outside art area is also available for use, with art materials and a wide range of art books in the storage box, but must be left tidy and used by children only under the supervision of art monitors during break-times.

IMPACT

The Art leader will monitor planning and work samples as well as execute pupil voice during learning walks to ensure enjoyment, progression of skills and even coverage of art techniques throughout the child's art journey at Great Chart.

Record Keeping and Assessment

Examples of children's work, including sketchbooks, will show individual progress and photos of finished pieces should be put into the Google drive termly planning folder for Art. Children will be given opportunities to self-assess their work as well as being given feedback from the teacher. We will develop a school portfolio containing examples of pupils' work representing key aspects of art activities for each year group - these will be displayed in the outside gallery - this will form the basis of agreed standards achieved to aid teacher assessment. Teachers will use Arbor to record assessment children's progress each year - the following teacher will make use of this in order to inform their planning for the class for the next academic year.

Review

This policy is monitored through:

- Regular scrutiny of children's work
- Regular monitoring and evaluation of planning
- Evaluation and analysis of assessment evidence
- Lesson observations to monitor the quality of teaching and implementation of planning
- Pupil interviews and questionnaires

This policy is reviewed by staff and governors every year. Parents are most welcome to request copies of this document and comments are invited from anyone involved in the life of the school.

Appendix 1

ART	Year	Term	Topic/Genre
<p>SKILLS Paste from on progression map</p>			
<p>VOCABULARY</p>			
<p>Artists to be inspired by: Choose a variety from the genre</p>			
<p>Explore and Link to Artists Present end of unit aim Look at famous artists and collect info; record in sketchbooks and copy what they like, discuss, annotate and draw ideas that these inspire</p>			
<p>Develop Ideas through experimentation of skills and direct observational drawing to understand the form Practice skills: use different materials and try out techniques and ideas in sketchbooks. Learn new drawing skills through directly observing the subject the artwork will be to get an idea of form.</p>			
<p>Make Apply learnt skills, use different materials, make the final piece with reference to ideas and skills built up in sketchbooks.</p>			
<p>Evaluate and Develop Modify and improve to create final piece, self and peer assess</p>			

Appendix 2

Great Chart Primary School

Curriculum Skills Map Art



September 2019

We aim to provide creative and co-operative ways for the pupils to learn together so that all can succeed. As such we follow a skills based curriculum and we have aimed to create a document based around the key skills we see as relevant for life in the 21st Century. We believe that a curriculum heavily based on knowledge is no longer relevant, as knowledge is now so readily available at our fingertips. Instead, we want to foster in our pupils a love of learning, and develop their creativity and critical thinking through skills such as collaboration, research, problem solving, presentation, evaluation and reflection. These skills are reflected through the objectives identified in each subject area to help us develop confident, excited and proud learners who will be our leaders of the future and become a dynamic, adaptable workforce with high levels of reasoning and problem solving skills.

Teaching and learning within our school, as far as possible, is taught through a cross curricular approach to enable the children to make connections between their learning, leading to a deeper learning experience. Links are made wherever possible between subjects, however we recognise that Science, PE and RE will often need to be taught in a discreet manner.

Curriculum Skills Map- Art- Year 1			
Drawing	Painting	Printing	Textiles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they express their feeling through drawing? • Can they create moods in their drawings? • Can they draw lines of different shapes and thickness, using different grades of pencil? • Can they interpret an object through drawing? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they express their feelings through painting? • Can they interpret an object through painting? • Do they have an understanding of basic colour theory? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they recognise different marks through printing with different objects? • Can they repeat a print to make a pattern? • Can they apply drawing skills to print? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they group fabrics and threads by colour and texture? • Can they weave a pattern? • Can they identify when patterns are used in textile design?
3D	Collage	Use of IT	Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they recognise different textures in different surfaces? • Can they use different materials to create raised texture? • Can they scrunch, roll, shape materials to make a 3D form? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they cut and tear paper and card for their collages? • Can they colour sort materials? • Can they build layers of materials to create an image? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they use a simple printing program to create a picture? • Can they recognise the different tools and how to use them? • Can they go back and change their picture? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they describe what they can see and like in the work of another artist/craft maker/designer? • Can they express their feelings about their own piece of art? • Can they express their feelings about a peer's piece of art?

Curriculum Skills Map- Art- Year 2			
Drawing	Painting	Printing	Sketch books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they understand where they might use different grades of pencil in their drawing and why? • Can they use charcoal and pastels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they mix paint to explore colour theory? • Can they create shades of a colour? • Can they experiment with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they create a repeat print? • Can they create an impression in a surface and use this to print? • Can they find printing opportunities in everyday objects? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they begin to demonstrate their ideas through sketches in their sketchbooks? • Can they make links with an

<p>to create different drawing styles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they create different tones using light and dark? • Can they use different shading techniques to create different tones? • Can they show patterns and texture in their drawings? • Can they use a viewfinder to focus on a specific part of an artefact before drawing it? 	<p>watercolour techniques to create different effects?</p>		<p>artist and show this in their sketchbooks?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they use their sketchbooks as a mode to record experimentation?
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3D/ textiles	Collage	Use of IT	Knowledge
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they mould, form and shape and bond materials to create a 3D form? • Can they using bonding techniques to add parts onto their sculpture? • Can they apply a smooth surface to a sculptural form? • Can they add line and shape to their work? • Can they bond fabrics together? • Can they build an image using fabrics? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they create a large scale textile or sculpture piece through class collaboration? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they interpret an object through collage? • Can they use different kinds of media to embellish and add details on their collage and explain what effect this has? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they create a picture independently? • Can they use simple IT mark-making tools, e.g. brush and pen tools? • Can they edit their own work? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they change their photographic images on a computer? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they make links to an artist to inspire their work? • Can they make topic links to their art? • Can they say how other artist/craft maker/designer have used colour, pattern and shape?
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Curriculum Skills Map- Art- Year 3

Drawing	Painting	Printing	Sketch books
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they use their sketches to develop a final piece of work? • Can they use drawing as a tool to express and idea? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they use different shading techniques to give depth to a drawing? • Can they use different shading techniques to create texture in a drawing? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they mix a range of colours in the colour wheel? • Can they identify what colours work well together? • Can they create a background using a wash? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they use a range of brushes to create different effects? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they experiment with layered printing using 2 colours or more? • Can they understand how printing can be used to make numerous designs? • Can they transfer a drawing into a print? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they use their sketch books to express feelings about a subject and to describe likes and dislikes? • Can they make notes in their sketch books about techniques used by artists? • Can they suggest improvements to their work by keeping notes in their sketch books?
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3D/ textiles	Collage	Use of IT	Knowledge
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they add layers onto their work to create texture and shape? • Can they work collaboratively to create a large sculptural form? • Can they use fabrics to build an image? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they add detail to a piece of work? • Can they add texture to a piece of work? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they overlap materials? • Can they use collage as a tool to develop a piece in mixed media? • Can they use collage to create a mood boards of ideas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they combine digital images with other media? • Can they use IT programs to create a piece of work that includes their own work and that of others (using web)? • Can they use the web to research an artist or style of art? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they compare the work of different artists? • Can they explore work from other cultures? • Can they communicate what they feel the artist is trying to express in their work? • Can they communicate what they are trying to express in their own work?
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Curriculum Skills Map- Art- Year 4

Drawing	Painting	Printing	Sketch books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they experiment with drawing techniques to support their observations? • Can they create a sense of distances and proportion in a drawing? • Can they use experimental drawing techniques to create atmosphere in a drawing? • Can they explain why they have chosen specific materials to draw with? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do they understand the different properties of different paints? • Can they create mood in a painting? • Can they use shade to create depth in a painting? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they explore a variety of printing techniques? • Can they create an accurate print design? • Can they use printmaking as a tool with other medias to develop a final outcome? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they use their sketch books to express their feelings about various subjects and outline likes and dislikes? • Can they produce a mood board to inspire and influence their work? • Do they use their sketch books to adapt and improve their original ideas? • Do they keep notes about the purpose of their work in their sketch books? • Do they evaluate their learning and record in sketchbooks?
3D/ textiles	Collage	Use of IT	Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they experiment with and combine materials and processes to design and make 3D form? • Can they take a 2D drawing into a 3D form? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they shape using a variety of mouldable materials? • Can they explore a range of textures using textiles? • Can they transfer a drawing into a textile design? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they use artists to influence their textile designs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they overlap materials? • Can they use collage as a tool to develop a piece in mixed media? • Can they use collage to create a mood boards of ideas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they present a collection of their work on a slide show? • Can they create a piece of art work which includes the integration of digital images they have taken? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they combine graphics and text based on their research? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they compare the work of different artists? • Can they explore work from other cultures? • Can they see how art can change over time? • Can they communicate what they feel the artist is trying to express in their work? • Can they communicate what they are trying to express in their own work?

Curriculum Skills Map- Art- Year 5

Drawing	Painting	Printing	Sketch books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they experiment with drawing techniques to support their observations? • Can they create a sense of distances and proportion in a drawing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they use line to create movement in a drawing? • Do they understand how drawing skills can support other medias? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they develop a series of drawings that explore a theme? • Can they explain why they have chosen specific materials to draw with? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do they understand the different properties of different paints? • Can they create a range of shades using different kinds of paint? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they create mood in a painting? • Can they use shade to create depth in a painting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they identify different painting styles and how these have artists are influenced by these styles over time? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they print using a variety of materials? • Can they create an accurate print design that reflects a theme or ideas? • Can they make links with printmaking and other medias to help develop their work? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they experiment with different styles which artists have used? • Can they use their sketchbooks as a mode to record the learning journey? • Can they use their sketchbooks to explore and practice a range of materials, record ideas, and experiment? • Can they use their sketchbooks to build and record their knowledge? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they compare sketchbook ideas and give supportive and constructive feedback on peers development?
3D/ textiles	Collage	Use of IT	Knowledge

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they experiment with and combine materials and processes to design and make 3D form? • Can they take a 2D drawing into a 3D form? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they shape using a variety of mouldable materials? • Can they interpret an object in a 3D form? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they explore a range of textures using textiles? • Can they transfer a drawing into a textile design? • Can they experiment with different ways of exploring textiles? • Can they use artists to influence their textile designs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they overlap materials to build an image? • Can they use collage as a tool to develop a piece in mixed media? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they use collage to create a mood boards of ideas? • Can they combine pattern, tone and shape in collage? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they create a piece of art work which includes the integration of digital images they have taken? • Can they combine graphics and text based on their research? • Can they scan images and take digital photos, and use software to alter them, adapt them? • Can they create digital images with animation, video and sound to communicate their ideas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they experiment with different styles which artists have used? • Do they learn about the work of others by looking at their work in books, the Internet, visits to galleries and sharing ideas as a class? • Do they critic each other's work as a way of developing and supportive each other's ideas? • To they understand how different medias can be combined and work together? • Do they know to develop an idea through exploration and experimentation?
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Curriculum Skills Map- Art- Year 6

Drawing	Painting	Printing	Sketch books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do their sketches communicate ideas and convey a sense of individual style? • Do their drawings show a strong understanding of how to use shading techniques to create depth and tone? • Do they know when to apply different drawing techniques to support their outcomes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they create accurate and experimental drawings? • Can they explain how they have combined different tools and explain why they have chosen specific drawing techniques? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they explain what their own style is? • Can they use a wide range of techniques in their work and explain why they have chosen these techniques? • Do they have a strong understanding of colour theory and how to use it to create a balanced painting? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they overprint using different colours? • Can they identify different printing methods and make decisions about the effectiveness of their printing methods? • Do they know to make a positive and a negative print? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do their sketch books contain detailed notes, and quotes explaining their drawings and ideas? • Do they compare their methods to those of others and keep notes in their sketch books? • Do they adapt and refine their work to reflect its meaning and purpose, keeping notes and annotations in their sketch books?
3D/ textiles	Collage	Use of IT	Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they create models on a range of scales? • Can they create work which is open to interpretation by the audience? • Can they include both visual and tactile elements in their work? • Do they know the properties of a wide range of different sculptural materials and how to use them? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they justify the materials they have chosen? • Can they combine pattern, tone and shape? • Can they use collage as a tool as part of a mixed media project? • Can they express their ideas through collage? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they use software packages to create pieces of digital art to design? • Can they create a piece of art which can be used as part of a wider presentation? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they make a record about the styles and qualities in their pieces? • Can they say what their work is influenced by? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they include technical aspects in their work, e.g. architectural design? • Do they have knowledge of a wide range of artists and have formed their own opinions on their different styles?



Artsmark
AWARDED BY ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Statement of Commitment

Application paperwork 1 of 2.

Name of school/education setting	Great Chart Primary School
DfE number	886 / 2282

Support

We are here if you need us.

Download our guidance on how to complete your Statement of Commitment:

<https://www.artsmark.org.uk/about/artsmark-award-document-downloads>

Get in touch with your Bridge organisation, who offer support throughout your Artsmark journey. Their details can be found online: <https://www.artsmark.org.uk/Bridge>



Context – up to 150 words

Describe the context of your school or education setting (for example your phase of education, establishment type, location, number on roll and so on).

Great Chart is a Primary school with two-form entry (420 on roll) located in Singleton which is part of the growth town of Ashford in Kent. We also have satellite provision on site for 14 pupils from the Wyvern School (specialist SEND provision)



Question 1 – up to 500 words

How do arts and culture currently play a role within your setting's strategic values?

At Great Chart Primary School we aim to provide the children with a range of opportunities across the curriculum. This is through topic based lessons, assemblies, creative and group tasks. Our curriculum is updated to take into account the needs of each cohort . Our vision statement says:

Our vision is to create a school community where children participate, succeed and are proud of their achievements. We strive to actively promote British values and prepare our children to become role models, thus preparing them for life in modern Britain.

Our curriculum is based around 6 core values that are embedded within all activities, including arts and culture:

Respect, Responsibility, aspiration, kindness, resilience, independence

Staff explore new ideas to give pupils the best opportunities based on topics and modern day life. Despite the fact that COVID 19 has had a detrimental impact on some creative development in the arts, we are now striving to plan diverse and stimulating lessons to give children the opportunity to experience and catch up with practical/creative activities that they were not able to assess at home. Here are some examples:

To engage children, we employ a technique of 'mantle of the expert' where the children have to solve a problem 'in role' and topics are brought alive through drama.

Topic days where children and teachers are dressed and act in role to experience life in a historical setting.

Within Art, units are planned three times a year and include a variety of genres and artists.

Teachers are becoming more creative and beginning to explore more diverse artists and allow children more independence to experiment in sketch books. Art days happen where children can really get 'stuck in' and create group projects/installations e.g. year three have recently created a plastic under the sea installation of sculptures highlighting environmental issues. Year 4 have been to the Turner Contemporary gallery to discuss artwork and embark on a watercolour workshop - this will hopefully be a yearly event.

Clubs that are offered include drama, Irish dancing, Contemporary dancing, debating, book club, creative writing and cooking along with various sports clubs.

Drama groups visit throughout the year to provide workshops. We enjoy performances of plays at Christmas and in the summer term.

Christmas and end of year shows allow the children.

Singing for the local community.

Djembe drumming lessons are undertaken by year 4 each year. Private guitar and drumming lessons are also offered.

Children participate in forest school each term.

Film project with local director - children have and will hopefully continue to produce art for the local community to view in a film.



Question 2 – up to 500 words

How and why will your Artsmark journey contribute to the priorities in your strategic improvement plan?

We believe artsmark will be a vessel through which we can audit our current provision and give us a clear vision of where we aspire to travel to ensure children are happy, creative and resilient beings and thus play a part in aiding our school improvement plan.

- *Artsmark will provide new opportunities within our curriculum to enable pupils to access a broad and balanced range of activities covering all subject areas. All pupils are entitled to access this curriculum.*
- *Diversity is a priority ensuring pupils in a predominantly white-british community have opportunities to immerse themselves in the arts and cultures of a range of ethnicities, faiths and cultures.*
- *The promotion of reading throughout the curriculum will provide opportunities to explore texts through the arts. These activities can encourage pupils to explore new texts.*
- *Parental engagement is another priority for the coming school year. Creative activities can provide a way to encourage parents to come into school and learn with their children. Arts and culture may seem less threatening than maths and english and may help engage hard to reach parents.*



Question 3 – up to 500 words

Looking at the Artsmark Award criteria, where does your setting currently have strengths and where would you like to develop?

Values and ethos:

After school clubs offer children the opportunity to learn more from actors and dancers and musicians inspire various year groups and individuals. Need to promote the arts as part of a wider context.

Leadership: *The school plan details the priorities for the school and subject leaders take these priorities into account when designing and strengthening the curriculum. The main priority is that*

ALL pupils experience quality first teaching and opportunities across the whole curriculum. This includes all areas of learning, including the arts. The other priorities link in with this encouraging parental engagement, mental health and wellbeing and promoting diversity, all areas that work in music, art, dance and drama support. Subject leaders work together to plan and develop a curriculum that provides the pupils at Great Chart with a wide range of opportunities and knowledge for life in a modern world.

Children and young people engagement:

Pupil's work is showcased in classrooms and celebrated in assemblies.

Drama and dancing clubs have a high uptake as do music lessons. Pupil voice gives regular idea of what pupils are feeling about their arts education.

Need to get children to take ownership of the art area and what they would like more of in their arts education.

Curriculum design:

Art, design and technology and music are planned through use of Kapow scheme of works or teacher inspired planning. Drama is embedded in history and English lessons. Teachers refer to the progression of skills documents in the arts subjects to ensure that skills are developed throughout the years. Need to constantly monitor and ensure that the curriculum map has an equal distribution of different genres across the arts.

Range of offer:

After school clubs: drama clubs led by actors; dancing led by an Irish dancer; debating; cooking led by school head chef; reading and writing.

Gallery visits, topic days, museum visits, annual author visits, musicians provide lessons.

Visiting theatre companies twice a year.

Need to provide annual artist in residence and arts/cultural week and develop a school choir.

Continued Professional development:

Subject leaders attend training to ensure they are up to date with current ideas within their subjects. This knowledge is then disseminated to staff with ideas to implement and strengthen their practice. Resources are shared via Google so adults within the school community can use them. The most recent training has been, "Making great things happen in ..." Music, Art and DT leads have attended this training and are then sharing ideas with staff. Subject leaders use staff voice to identify training needs and then provide or source training to meet the needs of staff.

Partnerships:

Musicians provide lessons: African drumming for year 4 plus guitar and drumming lessons for individuals.

Would like to make better music links

Partnership with film director and Ashford borough council has so far led to artwork being created for a film to promote the town.

Have entered the Portfolio competition held by Turner contemporary and children have participated in workshops - would like to strengthen links with the gallery.

Local actors provide drama clubs.

Equality and diversity:

Termly wellbeing days and additional who country initiatives eg 'Hello Yellow'

Assemblies with our satellite school and circle times raise awareness of equal opportunities, human rights and celebrating aspirations and achievements of all.



Question 4 – up to 500 words

What are the goals and ambitions for your Artsmark journey and what steps will you take to achieve these?

Ethos

Aim: To enable children to develop skills over a longer period of time and link arts and culture to wider learning and contexts.

Action:

Would like to get more parents to share their careers/ talents in the arts and crafts with children and come in to talk and provide workshops for the children. Provide an online gallery for all members of the school community (children, parents and all adult staff) to share their artwork and see the artist of the month (one that they may not usually have been exposed to).

Children use sketchbooks to build up ideas, hold regular art/well-being assemblies and staff meetings to promote and model more vigorous use of sketchbooks with a greater emphasis on pupil ownership. Year 5 and 6 art ambassadors will promote art/art area outside (to be fully resourced) for children to do art whenever they feel like it so ideas are developed over a longer period of time.

Leadership and continued professional development

Aim: To ensure staff have shared vision of arts provision and maintain good practice.

Action:

Governors to be more hands on in looking at the provision of the arts and work alongside arts leaders.

Audit the arts skills of staff and identify where assistance is required to give confidence in delivering a high quality arts curriculum; provide in house training to develop skills, give opportunities for lesson observations/ sharing skills and assistance with planning.

Impact box in staff room - staff can share what is working well and observations.

Children and young people engagement

Aim: Children will be actively involved in the arts curriculum to aid individual creativity and wellbeing.

Action:

Art ambassadors will guide children to develop and curate the art gallery in the outdoor art area by deciding on which art examples to choose to exhibit from established artists and from our own artists in each year group. Provide a means for children to leave comments about the artwork on display (help with our reading target).

Arrange for art ambassadors to encourage children to bring their sketchbooks to the art area at break times to develop ideas and aid well-being.

Create music ambassadors to form a choir that can be given a designated area to sing during break times.

Reading dens to be created.

Regular pupil voice during the arts assemblies to give pupils ownership of the arts curriculum.

Plan annual Cultural/arts day/evening with children and parents.

Curriculum design and Range of offer

Aim: To ensure a wide range of arts are embedded throughout a high quality creative curriculum and opportunity for experiences.

Action:

Use pupil voice, data along with planning and work looks to assess what is required in the curriculum.

Art, music, Design technology and English leaders to provide ideas for more diverse artists/creators to be studied with a view to making links with other subjects like geography, PSHE, HRE, science and history.

Ensure constant monitoring of the curriculum map ensures an equal distribution of a wide variety of genres across the arts that require progression of skills. Analyse the art curriculum map to ensure digital art and more experimental sculpting is being taught - discuss with staff possibilities for integrating these effectively.

Partnerships

Aim: To have partnerships with a range of arts and cultural organisations

Action:

Join a community choir e.g Young voices and investigate music education hub.

Make links with artsmark schools in Ashford and London

Make links with artists who can regularly come in to do residencies.



Question 5 – up to 500 words

What support will you need and what resources will you commit to achieve your goals and ambitions?

Time for the following: to audit skills and the curriculum; meet with other arts leaders; plan the curriculum; execute pupil voices and to hold discussions with and guide art ambassadors.

Inset allocation to provide CPD in the arts and share skills also to moderate art produced by children so assessment is consistent throughout the school.

Space and resources for children to be creative during break times and in lessons.

Parental involvement in skill/talent/career sharing

Money for artists to work with children during art week

Basecamp help and ideas.



Question 6 – up to 500 words

How will you know you have achieved your goals and ambitions? What will success look like and how will you evidence it in your Statement of Impact?

Children will have freedom over their own creativity and demonstrate confidence and resilience with their skills and when talking about their preferences and personal aims in a diverse arts curriculum. As a result of time to gather, reflect, create and work on ideas and skills inside and outside of the classroom, children's wellbeing will be enhanced.

Teachers will be adventurous and confident in providing a diverse, imaginative and creative curriculum with the arts across all subjects with specialists enhancing the curriculum at stages during the school year.

Parents will be involved with an online gallery and holding talks/workshops with children.

Areas in the school will celebrate diversity in the arts through examples of work by a wide variety of established artists and members of the school community - children will have joint ownership over these.

Evidence:

Pupil and adult voice.

Data will show accelerated progress in the arts (especially after COVID dip)

Logic model will be reviewed and contributed to by all staff

Impact box full of observations

Approval

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I confirm that I have read, approved and endorsed the Statement of Commitment and agree to oversee and support the Artsmark journey

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Chair of Governors Name:

Date:

Checklist

Make sure your Statement of Commitment is complete before you submit to us.

- My school/setting name is written at the top of this document
- My DfE number is at the top of this document and matches the one I registered with
- My answer to the Context question has no more than 150 words
- My answers to Questions 1-6 have no more than 500 words each
- The Headteacher and Chair of Governors have approved this document

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