## <u>Art</u>

Art is an important part of our curriculum and it is our aim to engage, challenge and inspire all children through creative opportunities. We encourage them to nurture their imagination and see Art as a way to express themselves, their thoughts and their feelings. We want the children to be able to reflect and evaluate their work as well as learn the key age-appropriate skills. Therefore, we believe it should be taught as an individual subject as well as incorporated into other curriculum lessons.

We aim to develop their cultural capital by broadening their experiences. During their time at Cockwood School, every child will take part in an Art workshop led by a professional artist and explore a wide range of skills and techniques through different mediums.

Alongside our normal Art provision, children create Art in their Forest Schools sessions. Connecting with patterns in nature and sustainable materials underpins our values to make the children aware of their local surroundings and appreciate nature on our doorstep.

We build on prior knowledge and assess progression through the pupils' sketch books, which pass on to the next class with them as they journey through the school.