

## What our children say...

Art is so much fun! I love painting and getting messy and I have learnt to mix colours. Age 6

I love Art because I love being creative and you can do that in Art. Sketching is my favourite and we get to do that a lot in our new sketchbooks. Age 8

I look forward to my art lessons. I love the Arts days too because they're really fun and you get to explore even more things and learn new skills. Age 10

## What Art and Design looks like at Shotley Bridge

At Shotley Bridge, all children have the opportunity to take part in a range of engaging and stimulating artistic activities.

We believe that it is essential to develop children's creativity, imagination and empower each child as the individual artist that they are. We do this through exploring famous artists, architects and designers, and developing skills in painting, drawing, sculpture, printing, collage and textiles. We enable children to engage in creative discussions encouraging them to use artistic vocabulary which is taught during each lesson. Children are encouraged to reflect on their work to enable them to continuously learn, adapt and improve their artwork.

Throughout their Art and Design journey at Shotley Bridge, we want to equip children with the knowledge and skills to experiment, explore, take risks, invent and create. We want them to foster a positive, life-long relationship with the subject and have fun. We want our children to know that they are artists, craft makers and designers.

## Examples of Learning at Shotley Bridge

At Shotley Bridge, all children have the right to access high quality Art lessons. All children including those with SEND and more able children are set appropriate learning experiences and challenges in response to a diverse range of learning needs to overcome any potential barriers to learning and celebrate children's individuality as artists.

Children also have a chance to develop their artistic creativity and skills in a range of enrichment activities. For example, during our annual Arts Days, by creating decorations for celebration days such as Christmas and Easter, through taking part in wider community projects, and through creating individual pieces of framed art for the Shotley Bridge Art Gallery.



## Why is Art and Design important?

Art allows children to be creative and express themselves and it has no right or wrong! It allows you to communicate all over the world.

Through art, all children have an invaluable opportunity to communicate their inner thoughts and feelings through a range of media. Art can be a restorative and therapeutic experience, enabling children to express themselves as individuals as well as promoting physical skills and wellbeing. Art encourages the child's respect for their own and other cultures, family, and the environment as they learn about the artistic world around them, supporting British Values. It allows children of all abilities to participate and be challenged in a stimulating and safe environment.