



What do Art and Design & Technology (DT) look like at Suckley School?

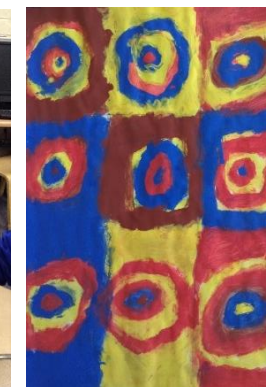
Artist inspiration

At Suckley School we learn from artists and craftspeople, both modern and historic. We ensure that children are exposed to famous artists and designers and local, contemporary practitioners. We invite a range of visitors to lead workshops to share their skills and talk to children about creative careers. For example, we had a visit from a local videographer who talked about his work and his steps to success in a creative industry.



Cross-curricular focus

Art and DT are cross-curricular. They are included and celebrated across other subjects within the curriculum. This allows teachers to follow children's interests, while making the activities relevant to the subjects and topics currently being studied. Teachers have creative freedom to interpret topics in ways to best suit the children in their classes while still ensuring art and DT skills progression. We also have collaborative literacy and focus weeks where the whole school studies a book and works on the same theme across different subjects.



Sketchbooks and display

Sketchbooks progress with each child through school and so demonstrate progression of skills from year to year. This allows us to easily see skills coverage and any gaps in coverage. Final pieces are displayed around the school and photos are added to the sketchbook as a record. Displays of Art and DT work are encouraged within classrooms and in communal areas throughout the school. Sketchbooks aren't marked but each activity is dated. We stress the importance of presentation to children as this skill is important within this creative discipline and in all other subjects.

Extra curricular clubs

We offer many extra-curricular clubs including 3D art club, sketchbook club and textiles club, which are often very well attended.

Art and DT in the community

We actively participate in art exhibitions. For example we sent a whole-school drawing project to the 'Worcester Voices and Visions' exhibition and individual entries to Malvern Saint James's school art competition. We also regularly enter the Alfrick show and have won the school category on many occasions.

Future actions: We were awarded Artsmark in 2019. This has expired but it is something we will consider applying for again in the future.