

West Rise Junior School Curriculum Newsletter 5: Art and Design (January 2016)

How is Art and Design important in school?

Art and design is a fundamental part of the West Rise school vision and is a great opportunity to allow children to express themselves and take a break from the more academic side of the national curriculum.

At West Rise Junior School we inspire and empower independent and creative learners, who will continue to enrich their lives and those of others within a culture of high achievement and mutual respect.

The Gallery

The Gallery space in the school hall is an area where we can celebrate the work of each year group throughout the school. It also demonstrates the range of topic subjects studied within the school.



Artist of the Term

Every term the school encourages the children to investigate and study the work of a prominent artist from the past. The first assembly of each term is delivered by Mr. Matkin, who introduces a particular artist to the children. The children are made aware of relevant works of art and asked to investigate further, as an additional piece of homework. Previous artists studied have ranged from; Leonardo Da Vinci and J.M.W. Turner to Andy Warhol and Henry Moore.

This term's artist is **Henri Matisse**.



The West Rise Art and Design framework

At West Rise we follow our own tailored planning framework in order to ensure that children are taught the basic skills and principles of the fundamental elements of Art. The framework ensures good progression throughout the Key Stage in line, composition, colour, form and critical studies.



Art Club

Every Wednesday after school we provide an Art club where children can also develop their skills and their understanding of the processes involved in producing a range of three dimensional and two dimensional art.

Room 13

West Rise is unique in the fact that we have our own pupil run art studio where we welcome the input and guidance of our regular artist in residence, Ed Boxall. Ed helps the children develop their ideas, but the children run the finances and day to day activities through a committee of its members, including a treasurer and chairman.

In room 13 children are encouraged to follow their creative ideas without any restrictions from any curriculum pressures, this has proved very successful and the children are always keen to take any opportunity to become involved.



Links with the community

West Rise is regularly involved with the Towner Gallery in Eastbourne, taking part in an annual exhibition each year. Last year's theme was structures on the South Downs, the children produced their own version of a lighthouse.