



EXPLORING ART

Intent • Implementation • Impact

Pembridge is a school where we encourage everyone to be **inspired** through faith in God and to live by Christian values so that our **teaching and learning** is of the highest quality, our whole community **flourishes** and we reflect all that is worthy of **praise**.

INTENT	How does art inspire our children?	Art is an inspirational way of communicating with and responding to what we see. Our children need opportunities to grow and be nurtured by the creativity that art provides. We want them to have time to explore, learn specific skills, imagine and work collaboratively through art so that they are able to connect and share ideas with others. We are fortunate to be naturally surrounded by 'beauty' but we aim to show our children that we can capture that in unique ways. Our children use language such as colour, line, texture, pattern, shape, form and space to describe what they see or can imagine. The materials and techniques we use in drawing, painting, printing, textiles, sculpture, collage and the use of IT offer opportunities to link these across different areas of the curriculum. We look at the work of artists, craft makers and designers and investigate what inspired them, hoping that in our exploration, we may encourage every child to have their own opinions on how it relates to their own lives.	
IMPLEMENTATION	How is our teaching and learning in art organised?	A two-year rolling programme ensures that art (including aspects of craft and design) skills, knowledge and understanding are built on and developed as children progress through the school. In each year, children have three questions which lead them to explore the work of local, national and international artists, crafts people and designers. They take inspiration from these and explore different techniques in their sketch books whilst reflecting on what they learn and adapt along the way. Over the course of two years, children explore how to communicate through drawing, painting, printing, textiles, sculpture, collage and the use of IT. We use objectives from Focus Education® which help children to develop their ability to use different techniques and materials with growing control and knowledge of how other artists have used them. Our learning behaviours are interwoven with these so that we enable children to engage in the subject with growing independence and curiosity. We have a creative link with the Rodd, final home/studio and now, gallery of one of Australia's greatest artists, Sidney Nolan, which we try to visit annually.	
IMPACT	How does art help our children to flourish and be worthy of praise?	We expect our children to be inspired by the artists we study, skilled in the techniques they try and proud of the art they produce. We value the time it sometimes takes to create stunning art knowing that some children demonstrate amazing strengths in these areas but may need support elsewhere. Our artists can explain the choices they make when using different materials and what changes they have to do to get the best result. They value the opportunities to appreciate art building up the vocabulary to do so as they journey through school.	