



At Woodlands we want our children to love art, craft and design. We want them to have no limits to what their ambitions are and to grow up wanting to be illustrators, graphic designers, fashion designers, curators, architects or printmakers. Art and Design stimulates imagination and creativity; involving children in a range of visual, tactile and sensory experiences, which enable them to communicate what they see, think and feel through the use of the elements of colour, texture, form and pattern. A high-quality Art and Design curriculum should engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design, expressing their individual interests, thought and ideas. It promotes careful observation and an appreciation of the world around us. Children should also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our world. We want to equip our children to prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. We want our children to learn from other cultures and to respect diversity. To that end, we have carefully selected a wide range of artists, craft makers and designers for children to study.

Forest Skies aspires to provide excellent opportunities for Art so that children can:

- Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- Be able to evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- To know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art form

In order for the above principles to be achieved we will;

- Design a curriculum to facilitate deep learning, building on the knowledge, skills and experience ensuring all children can achieve their full potential.
- Provide frequent access to high quality, real life products.
- Ensure that children have access to high quality, up to date resources including ICT.
- Provide opportunities for children to see and hear from real life artists.