



Curriculum overview for parents and carers

Art and design

Summary of key Art and design learning for Reception to Year 6 at Holy Family.

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EYFS: Reception

	Marvellous marks
Drawing	Exploring mark-making and the language of texture, children use wax crayons and chalk to make rubbings on different surfaces. They use felt tips to explore colour and pencils to create observational drawings of their faces.
Painting and mixed	Paint my world
media	Creating child-led paintings using fingers and natural items as tools, children learn that colours can be mixed and that paintings can be abstract or figurative. They make collages and explore different painting techniques to create splatter pictures.

Sculpture and 3D	Creation station
	Manipulating playdough and clay to make animal sculptures and their own creations, children begin to use language associated with forces: push, pull, twist, etc. They create natural landscape pictures using items they have found outdoors.
Craft and design	Let's get crafty
Crart and design	Focusing on process over product, children develop their cutting, threading, manipulation and joining skills. The unit culminates in designing a flower for a class flower garden.

KS1

	Year 1	Year 2
Drawing	Make your mark	Tell a story

	Developing observational drawing skills when exploring mark-making. Children use a range of tools, investigating how texture can be created in drawings. They then apply these skills to a collaborative piece using music as a stimulus. Artist inspiration: Bridget Riley and Zaria Forman.	Using storybook illustration as a stimulus, children develop their mark-making skills to explore a wider range of tools and experiment with creating patterned surfaces to add texture and detail to drawings.
	Colour splash	Life in colour
Painting and mixed media	Exploring colour mixing through paint play, children use a range of tools and work on different surfaces. They create paintings inspired by the artists Clarice Cliff and Jasper Johns.	Taking inspiration from the collage work of artist Romare Bearden, children consolidate their knowledge of colour mixing and create textures in paint using different tools. They make their own painted paper in the style of Bearden and then use it in the creation of a collage.
	Paper play	
Sculpture and 3D	Creating simple three-dimensional shapes and structures using familiar materials, children develop their skills in manipulating paper and card. They fold, roll and scrunch materials to make their own sculpture inspired by the 'Tree of life' screen at the Sidi Saiyyed Mosque. Pupils may extend their learning to make a collaborative sculptural piece based on the art of Louise Bourgeois.	
		Map it out

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Responding to a design brief, children create a piece of art that represents their local area using a map as their stimulus. Their ideas are developed through the creative techniques of stained glass style, basic printing, and either felt making or creating art in relief.

Lower

KS2

	Year 3	Year 4
Drawing	Growing artists	Power prints
	Taking inspiration from botanical drawings and scientific plant studies by Charles Darwin and Carl Linnaeus, children then explore the techniques of artist Georgia O'Keefe to draw natural forms. They begin to develop an appreciation of the differences in drawing medium, scale and tonal shading.	Developing an awareness of composition, pupils experiment with different media and printmaking to learn how to enhance and develop drawings, using electrical items as a stimulus.
		Light and dark
Painting and mixed media		Developing colour-mixing skills, using shades and tints to show form and create three dimensions when painting. Children learn about composition and plan their own still life to paint, applying their chosen techniques.

	Abstract shape and space	
Sculpture and 3D	Exploring how shapes and negative spaces can be represented by three-dimensional forms. Manipulating a range of materials, children learn ways to join and create free-standing structures inspired by the work of Anthony Caro and Ruth Asawa.	
	Ancient Egyptian scrolls	Fabric of nature
	Learning about the way colour, scale and pattern influenced ancient Egyptian art, children explore the technique of papermaking to create a papyrus-style scroll. Children may also extend their learning to create a modern response by designing a 'zine' (a mini-book made from folding a single piece of paper).	Using the flora and fauna of tropical rainforests as a starting point, children develop drawings through experimentation and textile-based techniques to a design a repeating pattern suitable for fabric.
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KS2

	Year 5	Year 6
Drawing	I need space!	Make my voice heard
	Developing ideas more independently, pupils consider the purpose of drawings as they investigate and evaluate how imagery was used in the 'Space race' that began in the 1950s. They combine collage and printmaking to work independently to generate, test, and refine ideas in their sketchbooks, leading to a final piece.	Exploring how artists have conveyed messages from the Ancient Maya to modern-day street art. The children extend their understanding of how artists use imagery and symbols, and develop their drawing techniques of expressive mark making, tone, and the dramatic light and dark effect called 'chiaroscuro'.
	Portraits	Artist study
Painting and mixed media	Investigating self-portraits by a range of artists, children use photographs of themselves as a starting point for developing their own unique self-portraits in mixed-media. Artists featured: Rembrandt, Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo, Chila Kumari Singh Burman and Njideka Akunyili Crosby.	Identifying an artist that interests them, children research the life, techniques and artistic intentions of that individual. Collecting ideas in their sketchbooks, planning for a final piece and working collaboratively, they present what they have learnt about the artist.

		Making memories
Sculpture and 3D		Creating a personal memory box, pupils reflect on their time at primary school, representing their memories through art using a range of materials and techniques and develop skills in planning, creating, and evaluating 3D sculptures.
	Architecture	
Craft and design	Investigating the built environment through drawing and printmaking. Pupils learn about the work of architect Zaha Hadid, create their own building designs, present research on the artist Hundertwasser and explore ideas behind the symbolism of monument design.	