



St Mary's C of E School

LEARNING WITH HOPE

Art SEN Strategy

Every child is different and at St Mary's we are committed to supporting each individual to engage and succeed in Art.

We have a range of strategies to help children, tailored to the individual needs including:

Anxiety

- Ensure the child knows the support available on offer before the lesson begins. Supporting images to sequence the lesson/ process.
- Provide lots of opportunities to ask questions to clarify thinking and ideas during the lesson.
- Teach problem solving before the lesson, and strategies to overcome problems that might be faced.
- Model how to use art tools before setting the work.
- Provide an exemplar for pupil to refer to.

Cognitive and learning challenges

- Use visuals to break each stage of the lesson down into clear, manageable tasks.
- Ensure there is opportunity to refer to prior learning.
- Use language that is understood by the child, or take the time to pre-teach language concepts including paint, draw, sketch etc
- Provide resource lists with visuals so children know what resources they need for an activity and can begin to access these independently.
- Model how to use Art tools before setting the work.
- Physically demonstrate the lesson and the expectations especially if following the work of a specific artist.
- Support children with their organisation in the lesson and model this where possible, before the lesson begins.

Toileting needs

- Encourage children to use the toilet before working on a piece of artwork, as they may feel this isn't as easy when they are wearing paint clothes and covered in paint and chalk etc.

Speech, Language and Communication needs

- Provide instructions that are clear, concise and match the language of the child, delivering these instructions slowly.
- Visual support, imagery of artist, work, and technique
- Use a visual timetable where necessary.
- Use visuals on resource lists.
- Use visuals on resource boxes so children know which one to access.
- Encourage evaluations to be done using pictures and child's voice where possible and then recorded by an adult

Tourette Syndrome

- Provide short, simple clear instructions.
- Try and keep the children calm in a lesson.
- Place resources at a safe distance especially if tics are happening at the time of the lesson.

Hearing impairment

- Pre-teach vocabulary linked to Art that will help the child to succeed in the lesson like shading, drawing, exploring and collage.
- Make sure instructions are clear and concise, in case the child lip reads, and in case of an emergency.
- Provide sign language visuals where possible.
- Utilise additional technology for pupils with significant hearing loss (in collaboration with the Disability Support Service).

- Ensure hearing aids are being used effectively.

Visual Impairment

- Provide children with extra-large pieces of paper to work on.
- Make sure resources are well organised and not cluttered.
- Ensure the child is positioned in a well-lit space before beginning an activity.
- When writing, provide thicker, dark pencils to write with.
- When using pastels, avoid putting pastel colours next to each other.
- When drawing or modelling, be aware of the colours that are difficult to see together (dark colours). Instead use black and white where possible because these contrast the most.
- Make sure students wear glasses if prescribed, so they don't strain their eyes, especially as they can spend a great deal of time on one piece of art work.
- Provide enlarged artwork examples of artist work.

Dyspraxia

- Make the most of large spaces before starting projects.
- Ensure the tools you are using are accessible to the child.
- Provide a lesson breakdown, with a clear end, a tick list might be beneficial.
- Provide an equipment list, words, or visuals, with the tools and materials that are needed during the lesson.
- Model how to use Art tools before setting the work.
- Differentiate the size and scale of a project and its end result.

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

- Praise positive behaviour at each step to encourage low self-esteem.
- Ensure clear instructions are given throughout the lesson with clear imagery.
- Provide time limited learning breaks and opportunity to move from seat.
- Ensure step by step instructions are given, so each child knows what part of the lesson they are working on.
- Provide additional time for pupils to express their ideas before the lesson with a pre-teach where appropriate.
- Provide art tools when necessary to avoid distractions during teacher input.

Experienced Trauma

- Provide opportunities to be curious and explore the tools and resources that children will use.
- Use simple, specific instructions that are clear to understand, and deliver these slowly.
- Before the lesson, come up with strategies for if difficulties occur during the lesson, and ways these can be overcome, reminding children that Art is about taking risks in our work and expressing ourselves.

Dyslexia

- Use simple, specific instructions that are clear to understand.
- Pre-teach vocabulary linked to Art that will help the child to succeed in the lesson like shading, drawing, exploring and collage.
- Differentiate the Learning Intention so that the child understands what is being asked of them.
- Model how to use Art tools before setting the work.

Dyscalculia

- Provide concrete resources to help with line drawing and drawing to scale.
- Shapes to support shape knowledge and awareness.

- Step by step shape and scale support.

Autism Spectrum Disorder

- Use a visual timetable or now/next board so the child knows what is happening at each stage of the session/day.
- Understand if the child is hypo-sensitive or hyper-sensitive and how they will manage the sensory work you are asking them to partake in, providing electronic alternative programmes where needed.
- Opportunities to play/explore the new resources beforehand
- Provide materials and textures that they can use and understand this information before the lesson.
- Ensure outcomes are clear, with a clear end point to the lesson, so children know when they have reached this. Keep example close to the child
- Use simple, specific instructions that are clear to understand.
- Understand your student's skills and where their starting place is.