

ART AND DESIGN: INTENT

Art education has a major responsibility for some of the important aspects of a child's development- those which have intellectual, personal and social significance and strong links with the sensual and emotional life of the individual.

BASIC AIMS:

To help children understand and use the language of aesthetics and to comprehend the nature and function of art and design within the context of their own work, their environment and culture.

To improve the quality of children's learning, their abilities to make informed decisions, solve problems, develop their ideas and the ability to act upon them and to make personal responses.

To develop the necessary skills used in the manipulation of appropriate materials and techniques.

SPECIFIC AIMS:

To develop a broad understanding of the meaning, significance and contribution of art, craft and design within contemporary, historical and multi-cultural contexts.

To develop visual literacy- confidence and competence in interpreting and evaluating visual images.

To develop individual expressive powers through the practical creation of visual forms, encouraging intellectual, analytical responses and intuitive, emotional responses.

To develop the ability to hold, articulate and communicate ideas, opinions and feelings about their own work and that of others.

To develop skills in handling and exploring the possibilities of different media and encourage individual aptitudes.

To develop the appreciation of the skill required to achieve work of quality.