



## Ralph Butterfield Primary School – How do we teach Art?

### Art Intent

Our curriculum for Art is more than merely lessons and objectives. We have worked hard to design it around a fully immersive experience in which, over the course of their time with us, pupils get to understand, develop skill and create using as many diverse mediums and methods as possible. We approach the subject in a skills based manner as opposed to theme or topic driven stimuli. We feel by approaching the subject in this way the pupil's learning and progression through the skills is much clearer. Once these skills are established they can then be adopted to enrich other curriculum areas. We passionately believe that the teaching of Art should be a creative process, in which pupils have the opportunity to experiment and take risks with their work. For us, the focus is not on the final outcome of a piece of work but upon the creative journey that lead to the piece being created. Through this process children develop a deeper understanding of the skills they are learning and gain their own identity as young artists. Ofsted recognises that work which looks great at first glance can often hide poor learning outcomes. Our approach intends to create confident, independent artists who can articulate and value their own creative journeys.