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### Art & Design Curriculum Statement

At Billingham South our pupils are inspired to be creative through a wide range of Art & Design genres introduced through planned topics, cross curricular planning, Arts Award (Discover and Explore), educational visits, guest artists, competitions and local Community events. Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. A high quality Art & Design education should engage, inspire and challenge pupils. It should equip them with the knowledge and skills to invent, experiment and create their own works of art, craft and design. It enables children to reflect, think critically, foster resilience and aspire to create quality work, as well as increasing a more rigorous understanding of Art & Design.

Art & Design stimulates creativity and promotes imagination through an array of teaching and learning styles and a variety of strategies in lessons. These include collaboration, common tasks, open ended tasks and sensory experiences, which allows a differentiated approach that matches an individual's learning ability. A wide variety of teaching methods, stimuli and creative techniques, including computing, promotes a special way of understanding and responding to the world, enabling children to communicate what they see, feel and think using colour, texture, form, pattern, different materials and processes in two and three dimensions and on different scales. Teachers will draw attention to interesting examples of individual performance as models for the other children to explore and discuss. They encourage children to evaluate their own ideas and methods and the work of others, and say what they think and feel about them, crucial elements that foster trust and courage in themselves as well as others.

In Billingham South we provide a rich learning environment in which we encourage and value creativity. Regardless of gender, ethnic origin or ability, we ensure that pupils become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques; evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design; know about great artists, architects, craft makers and designers and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms. We ensure an



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emphasis on creative work in the Nursery and Reception classes, as this is part of the Foundation Stage curriculum. In KS1 classrooms children are introduced to using a sketchbook for the purpose of recording their ideas/observations and practising skills using a variety of resources. In KS2 children record their observations in a sketch book and use this resource to review and revisit ideas, showing resilience, improving the quality of their ideas and work in order to support mastering a technique.

In essence, at Billingham South, we are equipping our children to be prepared and inspired in developing knowledge of how Art & Design both reflect and shape our history and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our local community, nation and the world.

