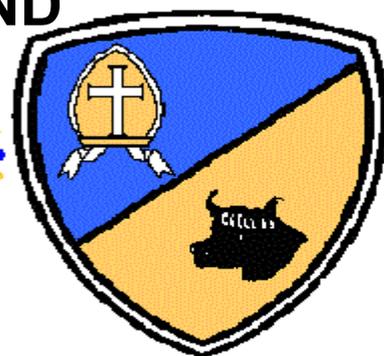


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ARTS POLICY

St. Luke's, we are committed to providing a rich and exciting arts curriculum. Celebration of achievement in the arts and through the arts is embedded in the learning culture of our school.

We understand 'arts' to mean music, drama, dance (and other performance opportunities), texts of literature such as storytelling, visual art, craft and design and an ever increasing amount of multimedia work.

Our aims:

- For all learners to access the core arts curriculum.
- To promote high standards of learning and teaching in the arts
- To build partnerships which will enhance the arts curriculum
- To provide extended arts opportunities on a regular basis

The Curriculum

Some aspects of the arts are taught as distinct subjects, ensuring that there is a clear focus on progression of skills, knowledge and understanding. However, in light of Excellence and Enjoyment, the arts can be taught through a theme or topic based approach which encompasses subjects that complement each other.

In the Foundation Stage, arts are planned for as 'creative' opportunities. There is a permanent role play area (with a changing theme) and children can access many different types of art and craft materials in the main creative area of the classroom. Children use programmes such as 'Paint' and are free to access a variety of ICT equipment in the classroom. Instruments are accessible in the classroom but also distinct music lessons are timetabled as are dance lessons.

In Key Stage 1, role play and drama are used in a number of lessons. There is also a 'Storyteller's corner' in the infant library. The arts subjects are taught frequently through a 'theme' based approach, although they maybe taught distinctly if the skills do not fit the 'theme'.

In Key Stage 2, the arts are again taught through a 'theme' based approach with some skills being taught separately. Drama is again used throughout a number of other lessons.

Extended Curriculum

St. Luke's is committed to providing quality out of hours opportunities, accessible to all pupils. We aim to hold an interesting and varied range of clubs that children can attend and will try to incorporate those clubs specifically requested by the children.

The Enriched Curriculum

We believe that an arts curriculum needs to be creative and projects and partnerships need to be sought to enrich the core arts curriculum. We often invite music, dance, drama and art professionals to the school to share their expertise and allow the children to experience their skills.

Staff and Training

The Key Stage 1 leader is a music specialist and has held lots of music clubs in recent years. Other members of staff play instruments (A. Egan - piano, N.Morgan - graded recognition from Royal School of Music for flute, piano and voice, M. Finch - graded recognition from Royal School of Music for piano, violin, recorder and voice, S.Hardaker - guitar). All staff are confident to teach most aspects of the arts, although ongoing training is particularly focussed on drama.

Facilities and Resources

- St. Luke's has a music room where our musical instruments are stored.
- We have a multi purpose hall for use by the classes
- Art materials are of very good quality
- New ICT peripherals have been purchased which will allow new types of media activities to take place

