

What is Art? Art is Art, Craft and Design.

It is all about children experimenting, designing and expressing themselves in a visual way. They look at the world around them, learning about artists, art techniques and other cultures, and respond by making their own art works.

Art

Drawing, painting, exploring line, shape, colour, form, tone, shade, texture, mark making.

Materials used

Pencil, crayon, oil paints, water colours, charcoal, chalk, felt pens, cotton, wool, fabric, leaves and sticks, clay, dough, paper, card, tissue paper, foil, junk boxes, papier mache

Great Artists, Crafts people and architects.

Knowing the work of some copying their styles and techniques and using them for their own ideas and work.



Crafts

Weaving, sculpture, sewing, pottery, printing, etching, rubbings,

Art is for enjoyment and developing creativity. There doesn't have to be a reason for doing it. There doesn't have to be a particular use or user, as there is for DT.

Every pupil has a sketch book to develop their ideas. They evaluate their own and their friends' work and make improvements.

DT is Design Technology.

It is all about users using things. Children design and make products based on users' needs. They examine products to see how and why they are made. They evaluate them and make suggestions how to improve them. Products can be a whole range of items such as food, clothing, footwear, machines, toys, books, vehicles, lights, chairs.

DT has the 3 Ss:
Something
For Someone
For Some use

In DT children design, make, evaluate and improve something.

They need to know who they are making for (the user) and why they are making it (the purpose) when designing and making.

Skills

Some of the DT lessons will be used for children to learn a particular skill such as making a lever for a pop-up book, or making an air pump to make a jumping model toy.

Examples of DT tasks we do...

Design a healthy sandwich for a picnic with 5 year old children.

Design and make a puppet to use in your Literacy Lesson.

Design and make a model that moves by air power that a Nursery child could play with.

Make a light for a child to use for reading in a tent.

How can you help your child?

- Build up a range of drawing and making materials at home, such as pencils, paints, glue and sellotape. These can be very cheap and are often easily found in pound shops. Let them do Art and DT activities at home, such as drawing, painting and using junk boxes to make models.
- Draw pictures with your child. It is good for children to see how adults draw too.
- Talk to your child about how things are made and why they look like they do. Talk about how they think things can be improved.
- Help them to research topics using the internet, magazines, catalogues and books at the library.
- Talk about what things are made of. Ask them why they think things are made of specific materials.
- Talk about and let your child find out about famous artists, crafts people and architects. Encourage your child to be inspired by art and design that they have seen.
- Visit art galleries, the Science and Design Museums and look at buildings around your local area.
- Encourage them to collect magazines and catalogues. They can cut or rip pictures out and glue them on paper.
- Let your children watch TV programmes about arts and crafts such as Mister Maker on CBeebies. Watch some You Tube videos together that show you how to make things.



Art and DT at Curwen Primary School

Art and DT are 2 separate subjects. This leaflet explains the difference between the two.

The New National Curriculum came out in September 2014. There have been a few changes from the old one. It states that children should know about the work of great artists, architects and crafts people so they can use these people's ideas to inspire their own work.

