

Summary of how SMSC is embedded in my subject

Art and Design

<p>Spiritual: At St Leonard's children can explore their own creativity through art and design. The creative process allows children to explore their emotions through initial design and to reflect on their own ideas and that which is pleasing and appropriate for the required end result. Learners can use their imagination and creativity in individual and group work and develop an appreciation of beauty through discovery of the properties of different media and techniques. An integral part of Art and Design is the opportunity to evaluate against their work and that of others in a sensitive way using initial design criteria and this allows, not only the opportunity to consider what children have done successfully, but also to consider how to overcome difficulties and problems with technique, tools or media that was chosen. Specific projects also allow opportune moments to deepen knowledge and understanding of specific issues as those demonstrated in Year 4 when they designed and decorated El Salvador crosses.</p>	<p>Moral: In art and Design we encourage respect for others and their work and encourage children to evaluate their own and the work of their peers as part of the learning process. Children are encouraged to work cooperatively, showing respect in the classroom environment, respect for equipment and are encouraged to reflect on the consequences of their actions in this subject, particularly as safety is of paramount importance. Children are taught to use equipment and resources safely and with regard to sustainability through recycling and upcycling when appropriate. In addition to these ethical issues, there are opportunities to reflect on more emotive moral issues. This was clearly evident during the whole school topic on pollution in the sea</p>
<p>Social: Art and Design can promote a sense of community since we can celebrate success with displays and exhibitions. Year 2 invited parents to share in an exhibition of their Dinosaur work where they had created and creatively displayed 3D models of dinosaurs. Art and Design encourages independence and self-respect, promotes group work and acceptance of roles within a group and allows opportunity for plenty of class debate and discussion as recently demonstrated when Year 5 shared and pooled the knowledge they had about Anglo Saxon jewellery, prior to beginning their designs in clay.</p>	<p>Cultural: There are many opportunities to embrace cultural awareness in Art and Design. In their recent African mask making, Years 1 and 2 studied how culture influences design as they studied the colours and patterns used by cultural groups to decorate their masks. Children can explore a range of differing media and tools used by different cultures. Where there are opportunities to gain inspiration through visiting exhibitions, these are taken and children are also given the chance to respect the diversity of cultural values and beliefs.</p>