

ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 1

Throughout Year 1 girls have the opportunity to explore the visual qualities of objects and record from first-hand experiences, trying out new tools and techniques. They create collages, learn to weave, and work with clay, use pastels, wax crayons and paint to stimulate their creativity and imagination. In technology, they make simple sliding and lever mechanisms.

YEAR 2

Art topics in Year 2 include refining cutting and folding skills, pencil sketching, and wax resist paintings. Girls also explore the properties of clay, culminating in a project on the natural environment. In technology, they look at the structure of shoes, and design and make their own pair using various materials. Following on from their topic on healthy eating, they design, make and evaluate a fruit kebab.

YEAR 3

Girls in Year 3 explore a variety of ideas and begin to collect visual and other information in a sketch book to help them develop their work in both two and three dimensions. They have the opportunity to explore a variety of media and concentrate on developing their control of tools and techniques throughout the year. They begin to adapt their work according to their views and describe how they might develop it further. In technology, the girls design and make a container suitable for a specific purpose and look at how to make a free-standing photo frame.

YEAR 4

In Year 4, pupils explore a variety of ideas and continue to collect visual and other information to help them develop their work. They have the opportunity to explore a variety of media, including water colours, sketching, mosaics, crayons, pastels and acrylics. Using the artist Vincent Van Gogh as an inspiration for their studies, they look at various aspects of his work and apply this to different processes. The girls also use painting software to create different images and compositions. In technology, the girls design and make a chair structure suitable for a specific character, a textile money container or handbag and a torch for a specific purpose.

YEAR 5

Pupils in Year 5 explore, in greater depth, a variety of ideas and collect visual and other information to help them develop their work. They use a variety of methods and approaches to communicate these ideas, having the opportunity to explore pencil sketching, water colours, acrylics, textiles, collage, crayons, pastels and clay. They also use painting software to create different images and compositions, and the internet to find out more about the lives and works of famous artists and designers. In technology, the girls learn to measure, mark out, cut and shape a range of materials using appropriate tools and they look at how simple mechanisms can be used to produce different types of movement.