



A message from Mrs Buckley, our Art and Design and Technology Lead

We are invested at Darlinghurst in enriching children's learning experience at school and have designated art and Design and technology lessons taught by myself every week. I have a great desire to nurture and enhance creative ability as well as encourage hidden abilities within the subject area, and have a classroom dedicated to these lessons, where as well guided lessons being taught work is displayed and celebrated.

Design and Purpose

Within our school we have many creative children from nursery to year 6 who all have the chance to engage in art and DT based sessions. The children have a love of this creative expression at Darlinghurst and we aim to teach and enhance the skills they need to create, enquire and explore the arts. All Art/DT is linked to the Edison curriculum and their topic work, which further embeds their learning in class.

Difference

Here at Darlinghurst the children have the opportunity to develop and try new mediums linked to the arts, many of which they are experiencing for the first time, such as clay, origami, beading, printing, paints, oil pastels and much more. They learn to critique and examine artists and their artwork and attempt to emulate these styles as well as expanding their creative abilities in their own designated space. The children look forward to their weekly sessions and take great pride in sketch booking and experimenting with the materials in the Art Room.

'Achieving Excellence Together'

Art and design reflections

Autumn 2021

The beginning of term we started with lots of science and nature based Art/DT as part of the recovery programme.

Year 6 – We looked at the topic, Do we make the most of what's on our doorstep? We sketched bugs and plants, practised still life art, made good use of colouring pencils and watercolour pencils, as well as emulating the style of artists linked to Black History.

Year 5 – We investigated and practised drawing the heart and the brain linked to, What happens inside us? We also did some amazing oil pastel art linked to Black History.

Year 4 – We linked our art work to, Are bugs important? We practised drawing and carefully adding tone and colour to sketches of bugs and plants as well as recreating the graffiti style of Hip Hop artists linked to black history.

Year 3 – We looked at, What makes us like other animals? We did step by step tutorials drawing animals, made animal masks and made, character Halloween pumpkins as well as graffiti art linked to black history.

Year 2- We looked at Why is water Precious? The children made origami boats and used paint techniques after studying Monet's water Lillies. We also made character style pumpkins, linked to Harvest Festival.

Year 1- We looked at the topic of Journeys and made boats, submarine sketches with the bottom of the sea in mind, drew fishes, made maps and painted sea scapes.

Spring 2021

In the Spring with the Key worker children we planned lessons covering the Edison curriculum as well as adding festivals like The Chinese New Year where we made lanterns and decorated them. We investigated patterns in the ice outside in our school environment and recreated patterns. Linked to the weather.

Useful websites

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/art/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8tnvcw>

Art and Design Gallery

