

## Art and Design

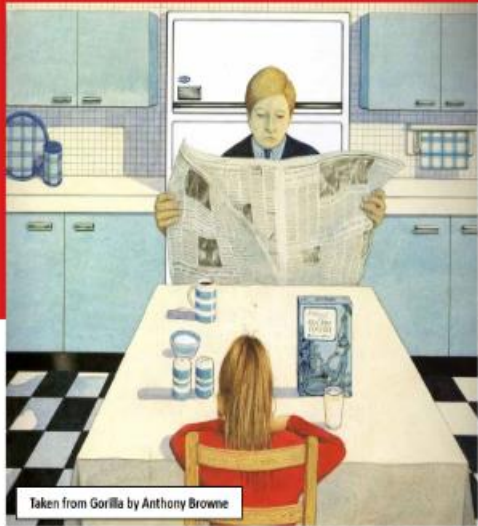
At Bushmead, every child is an Artist and is encouraged to stimulate and develop their ability to think creatively and imaginatively.

*'Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.'* Albert Einstein.

Art provides visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a unique way of understanding and responding to the world. Throughout our school we use Art and Design to give pupils the opportunities to learn the skills, concepts and knowledge necessary for them to express themselves creatively, using a variety of different mediums and foster cross curriculum links wherever possible.

Each year, children build on prior knowledge, where key skills in drawing, painting and sculpture are practised, consolidated and enhanced. Reception and Key Stage One also focus on developing scissor control and precision in their cutting skills.

We endeavour to instil an appreciation of art as we study a variety of Artist throughout each year. Pupils look closely at an Artist's work, studying the details whilst also learning to express views in an articulate, clear manor, developing an understanding that not all views may be the same. We encourage children to engage and challenge what they see through careful questioning.



Taken from Gorilla by Anthony Browne

- Explain** What does the word 'ignored' mean?
- Retrieve** How many items are on the kitchen table?
- Interpret** What sort of man do you think Hannah's father is?
- Choice** Why has Anthony Browne chosen blue for the kitchen?

- Describe the lines in this artwork.
- Close your eyes and describe the artwork from memory. Why did you remember what you remembered? Why did you forget what you forgot?
- If this painting had sound effects, what might you hear?
- What emotions do you feel when looking at this? Why?

Art is interwoven within many subjects and can ignite interest and intrigue in the children we teach. We select Art and Artists that show the breadth of art and its narrative through history. Art is shown in juxtaposition to one another to emphasis the similarities and difference, connection, meaning and interpretation.

Art is an area where children are encouraged to experiment with their ideas and express their individuality. Children are encouraged to visually perform their thinking through the Art that they create. Complex skills are broken down and isolated to build on technical control and proficiency.