



*Creativity takes courage – Henri Matisse*

At Wormholt Park, we believe that every child has the right to create and express themselves with confidence and imagination.

Pupils are exposed to a wide range of artists and mediums from a young age, as we are very lucky to have a designated Art Studio and full-time teacher who works directly with pupils from Year 2 up, and supports EYFS and Year 1 with ideas and resources. Children are given opportunities to explore, communicate and express themselves creatively through different artistic styles and develop their skills over time as artists, designers and craft makers. Whether it be through researching artists, visiting different galleries, exploring historical art forms, or presenting and evaluating their ideas, children experience a cross-curricular approach so that Art is given a context. Many units taught have links to History and Geography topics so that pupils can apply the knowledge and skills taught in class and learn new ones they can implement in their future work.

In every year group, children are encouraged to experiment with colour, form, line, shape and texture in age appropriate ways. They learn to freely talk about their work and are encouraged to use art specific vocabulary to discuss both the work of their peers and of famous artists. Children are challenged to apply their prior knowledge and think critically and creatively when producing new work.

We also provide numerous opportunities for pupils to express themselves outside of lesson times through a range of after school clubs and free time for pupils to independently work on their own projects with support and guidance from the art teacher once a week. Many of our pupils are inspired to take their learning home and share their art with family and friends. This is then celebrated in school through sharing assemblies, competitions and in school Art exhibitions.