

Art & Design

At Meadows First School, we believe in providing the children with rich opportunities for exploring the Visual Arts. We believe strongly that Art stimulates children's creativity and imagination by providing visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a uniquely personal way of interacting with and responding to the world.

Through the study of art children develop their understanding of colour, form, texture, pattern and their ability to use materials and processes to communicate ideas and feelings.

Art & Design is taught as part of the themes that the children cover in their year groups.



Reception explored colour and textile design in their theme of 'countries around the world'. They made this beautiful backdrop using tie dye techniques.



Children will explore their own ideas along with those of artists, craftspeople and designers.



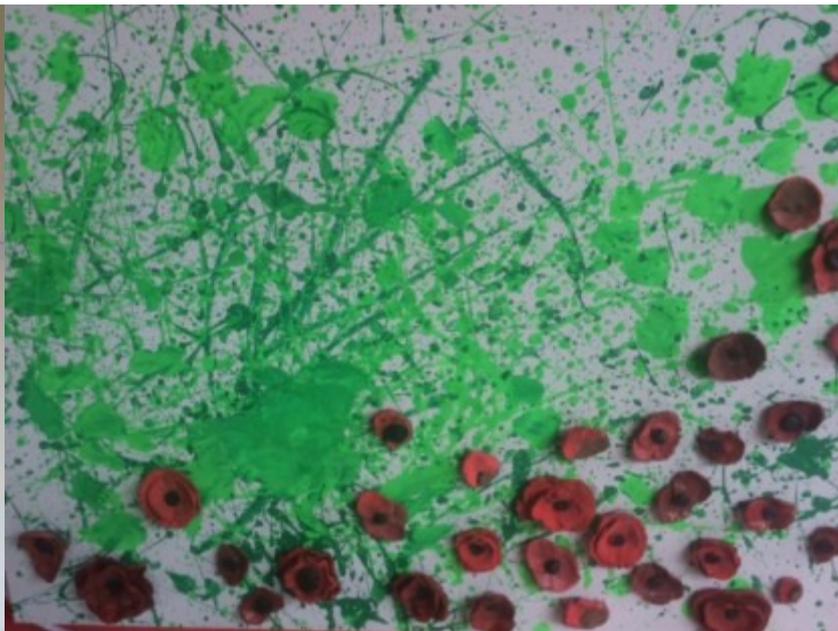
Each year we celebrate various artistic events and seek opportunities for the children to work alongside professional artists. The children recently worked alongside metal sculptor, Kate Ridsdale, to create our wonderful willow dragon. The children had a vote and have called him 'BLAZE'

The children have the opportunity to explore, develop and investigate their ideas as well as evaluate their work and the work of others. The curriculum is rich with opportunities to explore art alongside the themes covered in

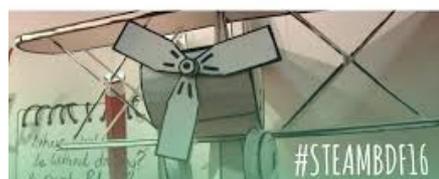
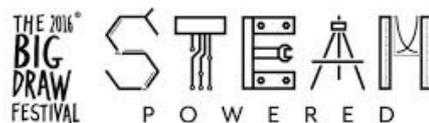
each year group. For example, Year 4 made Saxon brooches and embroidered fabulous textile books.



We also plan in an Arts week every year, where classes go 'off timetable' to explore different aspects of art. They work both inside and outside the classroom. Art Lead, Mrs Dwyer works with all of the classes during this week. Last year we produced some amazing work that was exhibited in the Worcester Cathedral during 'Voices and Visions' week.



Every year, we hold a 'BIG DRAW' event, where families are invited to come into school and work with their children in class. Every morning big sheets of paper are put out for the whole school to join and draw. This year, it was based on the theme of 'STEAM'.





We also work very closely with the 'ARTRIX', our local theatre and visual arts company to produce some amazing art work. We have made hangings for our school corridor and we have produced a pirate dance and made masks.

This year, we made lanterns and joined in with the 'Festival of Light' in Bromsgrove.



Come and take a look at all of our art work in school!