



C of E Primary School

## **Arts Policy** **March 2011**

The Arts are a vital part of our cultural heritage. We can learn about ourselves, each other and the rest of the world, through the Arts. The Arts enable us to celebrate and express cultural diversity, bring together intellect and practice as well as explore and communicate feelings and ideas.

The Arts include:

- performing arts such as dance, drama, mime, puppetry, music and story telling
- visual arts such as ceramics, textiles and weaving
- media and multimedia such as animation, photography and video
- language such as poetry, plays, myths and legends.

### **Aim**

Our aim in teaching the arts is to provide high quality experiences so that children can develop in confidence, creativity and transferable skills, whilst gaining opportunities for enjoyment across the curriculum and leisure time together with the ability to express themselves appropriately.

### **Objectives**

To achieve this aim we will:

- provide each of the arts as part of the curriculum for all key stages
- seek to ensure high quality teaching through our own staff and outside expertise
- ensure that all staff have access to continuing professional development in the arts
- apply creative approaches to all curriculum areas and ensure that all pupils benefit from high quality teaching
- monitor regularly the quality of provision
- provide all pupils with regular opportunities to access and engage with professional artists and their work to enrich their experiences
- develop high quality resources for teaching and learning in the arts
- develop critical awareness of themselves and others
- develop understanding and appreciation of different cultures through the arts
- provide opportunities for the development of those transferable life skills that arise from successful arts education – the creative use of imagination and considered risk-taking, co-operation and tenacity

- provide opportunities for the wider community of school including staff, governors, parents and local schools with access to our arts programme through performances, concerts and exhibitions.

These objectives will be implemented through:

- the National Curriculum, The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, and the development of existing policies in P.E., Art and Design, I.C.T., English and Drama. and Music
- working with external partners
- extra-curricula activities for children.
- continuing to develop high profile showcasing of arts achievement in school to parents, pupils and visitors
- the recommendations of the Arts audit, including developing dedicated space for arts activities and resources
- regular monitoring, undertaken by the dedicated Arts Governor and the Co-ordinators of the Arts subjects.

#### Equal Opportunities, Inclusion and Special Needs and Racial Equality

This policy has been written in accordance with the above named policies.

#### Review

This Policy will be reviewed in line with our School Development Plan programme for review unless Government or LEA initiatives require it to be done earlier.