

## **Integrating SMSC in the Art & Design Curriculum**

Art and Design provides many opportunities to embed SMSC across the curriculum and here at Childwall we make a conscious effort to ensure that our children benefit from this whenever and wherever possible.

We encourage the children to explore their own spirituality in Art, always looking to understand their own interpretation of a given subject as a God given gift of creativity which is completely unique to them as an individual. Looking at the work of well - known artists enables them to experience awe and wonder at the gifts of others which can help motivate and stimulate them in their own work.

Our children understand that perseverance, one of the Christian values celebrated in school, is necessary to achieve the very best work of which they are capable. Independent thinking and understanding the emotional aspects of Art in all its forms allows the children to engage with the deeper, most spiritual part of themselves.

The ethos in school lends itself entirely to the development of a moral responsibility for their actions and this is evidenced in their approach to peer evaluation of art work in all year groups. Respect for the feelings of others combined with a need for constructive and honest criticism which will enhance the development of individual work is an area in which our children excel. School encourages the children to explore their own feelings in Art and Design and to reach a deeper understanding of the benefits of peer evaluation in a positive and safe environment. This in turn prepares them for the wider world in which they will find themselves as they progress through life and encourages a respect for the opinions of others without recourse to dispute or resentment.

The social responsibility we have to each other is clearly demonstrated in the many ways in which our children collaborate when working on some of the larger Art projects in school. This gives a practical meaning to the Christian values of trust, compassion and service, values which we encourage and respect as a school community.

Art and Design is an area in which the children are able to study the works and contextual themes of other cultures around the world. This leads to a greater understanding of different ways of life and a respect for those cultures which may be very different from their own. The fusion of art work which is inspired by other cultures and aspects which are inherent in their own culture, creates a diverse and enriching blend of visual appreciation which provides unique stimulation for the work of future artists.