



Meet Our Subject Lead

Hayley Howells has been the subject lead for Art and Design since Autumn 2023.

She believes children at Oswald Road should be given the opportunities and encouragement to foster a lifelong love of Art. She enjoys working alongside our Specialist Art teacher Jocelin Bennett to ensure a creative and comprehensive Art curriculum is delivered.

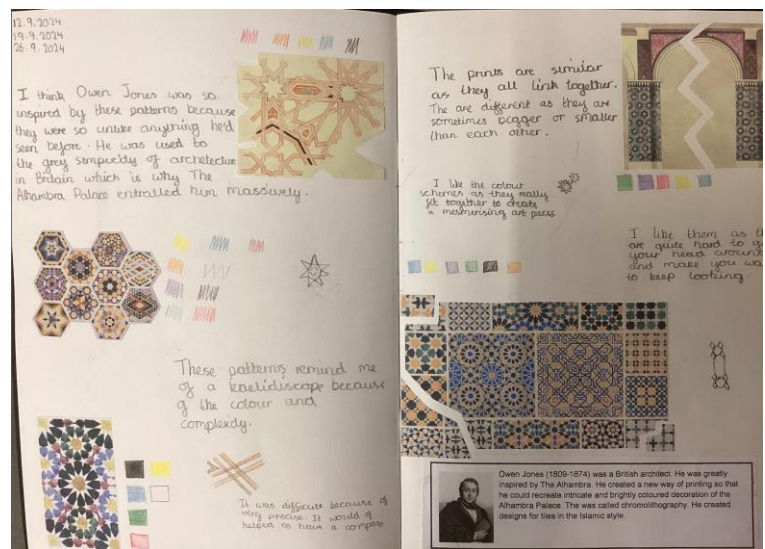
Meet Our Art Teacher

Jocelin Bennett has been a teacher at Oswald Road since 2019 and took on the role of Art Teacher in January 2024. Jocelin has a degree in Graphic Design and continues to work in this area, freelancing when not at school. Jocelin has a great passion for Art and Design. She loves teaching skills and sharing knowledge of artists with the children.

Art and Design at Oswald Road Primary School

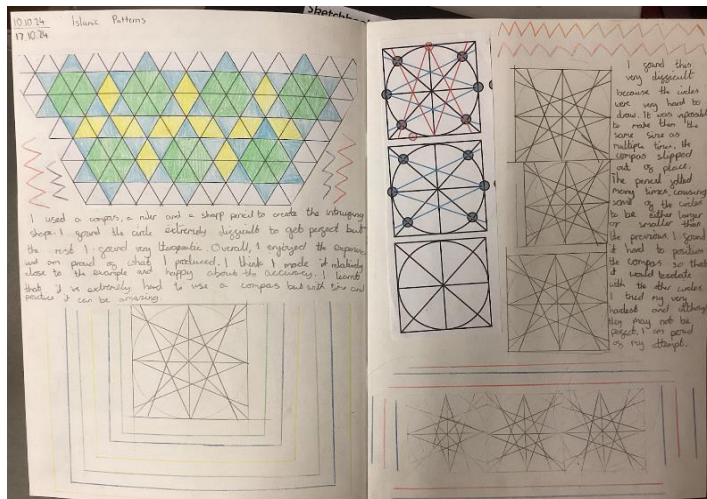
At Oswald Road, Art and Design is an integral part of the curriculum. In the Early Years, children are given a wide range of experiences in guided adult-led sessions and child initiated opportunities as part of continuous provision. In Years 1 to 6, Art is taught on a weekly basis by our specialist teacher, Jocelin Bennett in our wonderful Art room which is the perfect place to inspire and get those creative juices flowing.

Our Art curriculum is rooted within the wider curriculum and links to the History or Geography topics the children are currently studying. This gives greater purpose to the artwork the children produce. It also allows the children to transfer and apply their knowledge of these areas, deepen their understanding and help them develop their understanding of the world around them and their place within it. In line with Oswald Road's vision for the classroom, school and wider community of celebrating diversity, we want children to experience a wide variety of art and artists. The children have the opportunity to learn about great artists from many different backgrounds around the world and from different points of history. Diversity is key. We include a vast range of artists from William Morris to Banksy.

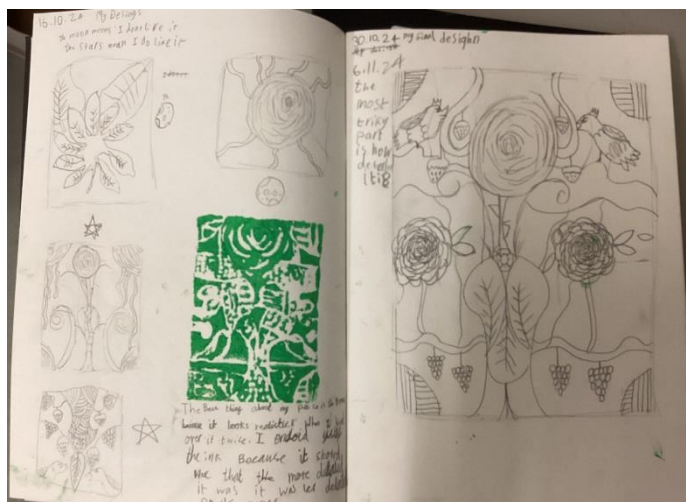


The curriculum is creative and progressive enabling the children to develop their skills over time. Each unit of work has the key concept of drawing as a foundation and allows the children explore the key elements of art and design; colour, line, shape, tone, texture and pattern. The unit will then focus on one or more of the other key concepts; painting, printing and sculpture. The units are structured to allow children the opportunity to revisit and further develop their skills and expertise in these key concepts.

Children from Years 1 to 6 use sketchbooks to develop their ideas and record their responses through a unit of work. They show the children's thinking and responses to a stimulus. These move with the children through school so that progression can be clearly measured and so that children can refer back to prior learning. Final pieces of work are celebrated and displayed throughout the school on our gallery walls and in future months, may even be available to purchase - watch this space!



We believe vocabulary is an important part of every Art lesson and it is taught explicitly. The relevant vocabulary for the unit of work is displayed on the working wall in the Art room and this is referred to frequently.



We aim to help the children to 'talk like an artist', to discuss their work articulately and to think critically when discussing their own work and that of others. The children are encouraged to evaluate their work in their sketchbooks setting out what worked well and what they would do differently next time. We believe this helps develop the children's resilience and improves

problem solving skills; helping the children to experiment, discover how and why things go wrong and how to fix them.



Art holds an almost unique place in the curriculum as an area where there are no wrong answers and individual ideas are valued. We believe this offers an opportunity to relax and think differently. We know from pupil voice that many of our children value Art lessons as a time to look after their mental health. We see supporting and developing happy, resilient learners as another specific purpose of Art teaching.

We will be inviting you to art lessons with your child in future months so you can learn more about our Art at Oswald Road. Messages will be sent out with further details in due course.