

## ARTS POLICY.

At the Whartons we see the arts as a vital element in providing a broad and balanced curriculum for all children regardless of ability, gender and race.

The learning of arts provides a valuable educational, social and cultural experience for all our pupils.

The arts include the following:- art and design, music, drama , dance and literature.

### Aims.

- To experience a variety of artforms as a means to develop skills, confidence, critical awareness, appreciation of their work and that of others.
- To use the arts to communicate feelings, values and attitudes.
- To improve the knowledge of the arts in our society and other cultures.
- To raise the profile of the arts in order to promote enjoyment and self-expression for all children.

### Objectives.

- To provide rich experiences through working with specialists both in and out of school.
- To provide opportunities for cross curricular work.
- To provide access to continuing professional development for all staff.

### Action Plan.

The development of the arts is in the 2005-2006 School Development Plan.

	<u>Time Allocation per week.</u>	
	<u>KS1</u>	<u>KS2</u>
Art and Design	60 min	60-90 min
Music	30 min	30-60 min
Dance	2 terms of 30 min per week	Half a term of 30-40 min
Drama/Dance/Creative Writing	continuous throughout the curriculum	

### Equal Opportunities & Inclusion

Opportunities to take part in a broad range of activities are open to all pupils. This includes children with special needs and disabilities, pupils from different social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

### **Additional provision within the curriculum.**

We offer many opportunities at the Whartons for all pupils to engage in a wide range of activities: visiting theatre groups, dance groups, puppet theatres, poets, writers, music groups, circus groups, Greek and Roman days, specialist parent and student helpers, music projects.

The Christmas Production includes all children.

Arts Week: where we focus on providing a wide range of activities for all pupils.

Inside Out: a music project which will extend the curriculum, working with music professionals 2007-2008. From this point onwards it will provide permanent activities within the music curriculum.

Our Enrichment Activities booklet indicates the full range provided.

Visits to many arts based centres for both Key Stages include:

- Otley Courthouse
- Harewood House
- Bretton Hall
- Leeds Art Gallery
- West Park Music Centre
- Ilkley Literature Festival
- Temple Newsam
- Knarborough Arts Centre for the Disabled
- Abbey House
- Armley Mills.

### **Out of school provision.**

Art Club	KS1
Recorder Group	KS2
Book Club	KS2
Country Dancing	KS2
Annual Ceilidh	KS2
3D model Club	KS2

### **Assessment.**

Evidence will arise based on on-going teacher assessment, work produced in class, art displays, work sampling, teacher observations, music performances and plays.

Assessments inform planning. They are used during parent consultations and report writing.

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