



# St. Aidan's Church of England Primary School



## Spirituality within the Curriculum

### Art and Design

Spirituality weaves through every aspect of life at St. Aidan's, permeating our vision, culture, and daily practices. Our pupils have enquiring minds and want to learn about themselves, others and the world.

Through our ambitious and broad curriculum, children have opportunities to ignite their interests and talents. Rich spiritual opportunities exist across the art curriculum for all children.

Art provides a unique platform for our children to express their emotions, thoughts, and spiritual experiences in a creative and imaginative manner. Through various artistic mediums such as drawing, painting, and crafting, our children can explore themes of self-discovery, empathy, and a sense of wonder. Teachers encourage our children to reflect on their personal beliefs, values, and connections to nature through artistic expression. This approach fosters a nurturing environment where young individuals can begin to understand and appreciate the spiritual aspects of their lives, promoting a holistic development that goes beyond the confines of traditional academic subjects. Through art, our pupils embark on a journey of self-expression and self-discovery, laying the foundation for a lifelong connection between spirituality and creative exploration.

The art curriculum has been designed with many opportunities for spiritual development in mind.

- The work of creative artists from a variety of times and places.
- Beauty, truth and goodness.
- Expressing, interpreting and exploring deep feelings and profound beliefs.
- Artistic creativity.
- The effects of the arts on emotions and senses.
- The arts as means of expressing mood.
- Skill in creation and performance, and particularly in personal reflection upon their own creativity using various art forms.
- Personal response and preference.
- Mood, Skill, Pattern, Formulae.
- The sense of fulfilment and transcendence through performance.