



# Creativity at Barnfields Primary School

We like our children to engage and express their ideas in a variety of creative forms. Our curriculum enables this as we believe in providing them with opportunities to be imaginative and to use experiences and observations to make connections in their learning. Children are able to use their critical thinking skills to create new and meaningful forms of ideas where they can take risks, be independent and flexible. Children thrive by advancing their knowledge and understanding through a wide range of creative, physical and expressive activities, nurturing their skills and talents while broadening their horizons and enriching their experiences of life.

## EYFS

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is arguably the most important part of a child's journey through education. It is during this time where the foundations for life-long learning and behaviour are established. Our curriculum in EYFS at Barnfields Primary School is based on the principles of Alistair Bryce-Clegg. Children are immediately engaged in the learning process as teaching is based on the **interests of the children**, and learning spaces are created to enhance the children's exploration and understanding of the world. **Abstract learning opportunities** are provided to the children, giving them the chance to explore an environment that harnesses **invention and discovery**.

## KS1

As children enter the KS1 phase, they continue to build on their creativity through an effective, play-based learning environment. They develop further choice and begin to **make more meaningful connections** within and across subjects by recalling previous knowledge and experiences. This approach is reviewed and adapted every half term as the children mature, ensuring that all learning opportunities enable them to not only progress, but to also thrive! As children enter Year 2, they build confidence in their ability to **develop questions, explore, experiment and express** themselves through a variety of forms.

## LKS2

In LKS2, children continue to build upon their creative skills. Our curriculum further develops the children's sense of **curiosity and imagination** through engaging topics and lesson sequences. They make **connections to previous learning**, building upon this to develop their knowledge and skills. Learning opportunities are planned to ensure that children develop a greater understanding of the world around them, prompting them to **think more critically and deeply, posing questions** that they want to explore.

## UKS2

In UKS2, children have a greater sense of creativity. They **explain and justify** choices that they make and can articulate how to improve their learning. They express themselves through research projects, making **deep and meaningful connections** through themes and how different matter is interpreted. They also begin to explore a greater sense of freedom by creating their own success criteria and sharing learning outcomes in their own way. Each topic poses key learning questions, enabling them to **think creatively** by looking at situations/opinions from a fresh perspective.