



## EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS



# Inspire to Aspire

Music, Drama, Art and Dance

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**At Stradbroke Primary School, we are very proud of our confident, enthusiastic and self-motivated children. We believe that supporting the curriculum with a diverse range of exciting and engaging opportunities and offering high quality extra-curricular activities, we provide them with a firm foundation for life-long learning, enquiring minds, the spirit to 'have a go' and the determination to succeed.**

When given a choice of tasks, most will choose the more difficult, persevere and take satisfaction from their eventual success.... Ofsted July 2014

## Through our 'ARTS WINDOW'

We will

- Explore all art forms including Music, Drama, Art and Dance
- Embrace diversity
- Inspire children to aspire to achieve their best across all areas of the curriculum
- Provide opportunities to explore, experiment, discover, share, Value, Celebrate and reflect
- Nurture curiosity, making it safe and exciting to ask questions
- Encourage a child-led process which builds on previous learning
- Offer experiences outside the curriculum that will let us see the world from different perspectives

**Music** The music curriculum is led by our specialist music teachers who work closely, not only with children, but with adults in school to raise self-esteem and confidence with areas such as singing. Children have the opportunity to learn as part of our brass group, ukulele playing is learned and we have a wide range of percussion instruments. Children love singing and teachers successfully use learned strategies across other subjects. Assemblies, concerts and performances which include music are of high quality.

***Pupils enjoy the good teaching of a broad range of subjects and produce particularly high-quality work in dance, art and music. Ofsted July 2014***

Lunchtime and after school clubs cover the learning of guitar, drums and choir.

### **Drama**

Drama is given a high priority and through delivery of lessons, supporting visitors, educational visits and performances, children have access to working with professionals and children from other schools. This can mean experiencing what it is like to perform on stage at the Globe Theatre in London, putting together an act for a talent show, or performing a puppet show as part of a Mayan history topic. We have worked with the Theatre Royal, Norwich, Samantha Dann the children's author and delved into the depths of history with 'Inquisquest'. We dress for the occasion and experience times gone by! Tudor Banquets and Battles, Victorian School Days and

the story of The Gingerbread Man and the Snow Queen have all been witnessed in our school.

Recently, our involvement in The Shakespeare Schools Festival, sees Year 4 and 5 staging their own version of Macbeth on the stage at The Theatre Royal, Bury St. Edmunds.

## **Art**

What is Art? We asked the children... 'It's about being able to express your own thoughts and ideas in lots of different ways' answered a 7 year old. 'You can paint, sing or draw it', said another. We say, look around our school and see how Art supports learning across the curriculum. See it, hear it, do it....learn it!

We ensure displays of children's work are current and relevant to their learning. We value their achievements and want them to be proud of them. Whether it be learning sketching techniques, using art to understand concepts of maths, or our dazzling discoveries art work in science. Art enables everyone to have ago, in their own way and in their own time.

Children support each other through being Art Leaders at clubs and staff use skills to teach subjects that they are strong in.

Come and see our Remarkable Rainforest and Amazing Antarctic!

## **Dance**

We actively ensure that our staff have skills which are diverse and complement each other. All children have the benefit of experienced dance teaching in our school, whether through the curriculum or as part of an extra-curricular activity. Miss Legood has inspired us all stepping through Tudor times, and now the promise of Rock and Roll and the Charleston as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations to name but a few!

Dance disciplines enhance learning, encourage listening and develop communication skills. You will see these in action during performances such as our 2014 'Shakespeare Rocks' production, where every child was part of the team. Alert, motivated, working together with a common aim....

***To be the Best they could Be***

***At Stradbroke CEVC Primary we are very proud to have achieved***

***Artsmark Gold***

