

Our Vision for Expressive Arts

All learners have access to Music, Art and Design, Dance and Drama. We view the Expressive Arts as dynamic enriching learning opportunities to engage and motivate learners; igniting and developing their creative, artistic and performance skills to the full.

Learning and experience in The Expressive Arts encourages the development of knowledge, skills and values. It also fosters confidence, self-expression and a growth mindset, enabling learners to express and connect in a personal way. Through exciting programmes learners are equipped to explore and be curious to cultural differences through time and place; drawing on their senses, imagination and inspiration. Whether as creators or as audience, through engaging with Expressive Arts, our learners can gain an understanding and an appreciation of cultures and societies locally and internationally.

Expressive Arts



[National Curriculum Music](#)

[National Curriculum Art and Design](#)

[Sustainable Goals](#)

Deep Learning

Citizenship, Character
Communication, Collaboration
Creativity, Critical Thinking

What does Expressive Arts look like at AFNORTH

All children from Reception to Year 6 receive weekly Music and Art lessons; Yr2 - 6. work with International Specialist Teachers and have opportunities to engage with peers in other Sections of AFNORTH; to learn and perform a musical instrument, to express themselves through singing, music and movement and through opportunities to explore art and design applying different media and medium. Emphasis is given to enabling access to all learners through the artist processes of creating, performing, responding and connecting across the curriculum.

In Art focus is through the visual arts; developing skills of shape, texture, colour, design and form (2D, 3D). By studying past, present and future artists children have opportunities to apply ideas to their own creations. children's artwork is celebrated and displayed across the school.

In Music we carefully plan experiences that are engaging, rich and stimulating; celebrating styles and musicians across genres and time. Focusing on key elements of pitch, rhythm and harmony; Children have a range of opportunities to perform, improvise, compose and appreciate music.

What do our children think?

Art is my favourite thing to do and you can be creative. Y3

I love playing the drum and the steady beat - Reception

In music, we learn about different notes and different chords. I like learning new things about music. I really enjoyed learning to play a tune on the ukulele. Year 5

Art is fun because we get to draw new things and learn how to make sculptures. We learn new paint skills. Painting with salt is cool because it made different effects on the paper. Year 4

Opportunities to Celebrate Expressive Arts

- School choir
- Band and Orff
- Guitar Club
- The creation and performance of a musical instrument
- School Musicals and performances.
- Visits to art galleries.
- Visiting artists and musicians
- Art Club