

## **“Every child is an artist” Pablo Picasso**

Picasso wonderfully describes all children as artists and here at Dartford Primary Academy we too share his thinking.

Last year we had our very first 'Artists Gallery Showcase' which enabled our budding artists to display their work for family and friends to view. It was wonderful to see the children use a wide variety of materials in different ways to create their striking artwork.

At Dartford Primary Academy we often embed art in other curriculum subject areas such as history, geography and literacy. We believe that Art offers opportunities for the children to explore, express, appreciate and communicate their feelings whilst gaining experiences of the wider world. Through experiencing Art, children develop their creativity, self-esteem and confidence.

Once a pupil begins their learning journey with us at Dartford Primary Academy they are encouraged:

- \*To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products.
- \*To use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.
- \*To develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.
- \*To be familiar with the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers.
- \*To describe the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines and linking this to their own work.

\*To create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas.

\*To practise and improve their mastery of art and design techniques.