

Creative Arts at Hermitage

Hermitage prides itself on delivering a creative curriculum across all subjects and where possible, will deliver lessons in practical and creative ways, drawing inspiration from the outdoor learning environment and the arts.

In terms of music, pupils are lucky enough to be tutored in an instrument by a professional musician from the Foundation Stage right up until Year 6. They begin their musical journey learning African drumming before progressing to glockenspiels and finally, steel pans.



KS1 and KS2 children take part in weekly singing assemblies, where they learn songs from around the world. Those students who particularly enjoy singing, can join the 30-strong school choir which rehearses weekly. Foundation classes imbed singing into their daily activities.

Music and performance is celebrated three times a year with a Festival of Music to showcase what has been learnt that term. Parents, teachers and pupils look forward to this event.

Art is taught weekly by class teachers and is enjoyed by all. Classes are named after prominent architects and a week was spent building and designing models at the beginning of the year. We have had artists in residence and often work with the Whitechapel Art Gallery on projects.

Drama is integrated into most literacy lessons and children see regular professional performances such as the Christmas pantomime or even a trip to the West End (which inspired year 6 to perform 'The Lion King' themselves last year!). In the summer term, there are plans for a Shakespeare Festival, which will allow pupils to devise and perform pieces based on Shakespeare plays.



Children are taught dance in P.E. lessons and by outside agencies. There are opportunities for those who are particularly interested to join after-school clubs such as Zumba or Street Dance.

Hermitage values creativity and endeavours to nurture budding artists/musicians/performers and to inspire others with the opportunities on offer.