



Artsmark and Arts Award at The Grange Primary School

What is the Artsmark Award?

Artsmark was created to ensure that every child should have the opportunity to create, compose, and perform as well as to visit, participate in and review extraordinary work. At The Grange Primary School, we are dedicated to developing arts and culture for all children and as such, embarked on the Artsmark journey. The two year process enabled us to showcase the arts provision in school and staff and pupils alike will be recognised and awarded with an Artsmark accreditation.

The Grange Primary School was awarded the Artsmark Gold Award in July 2018. The award panel had the following comments to make about our dedication to the Arts:

"The panel recognise your strong commitment and enthusiasm to the arts. Your CPD programme focusing on the use of peer critique in art to improve consistency across the school was noted as a strength as were the use of arts to support those pupils who might be struggling in some areas of the curriculum."

As current holders, we strive to maintain the Artsmark Gold Award through the intent, implementation and impact monitoring of the Arts throughout school.

What are the benefits of Artsmark?

Through working with the arts, children build confidence and communication, resilience and drive that will help them grow into happy, articulate, successful young people. The arts help to support the development of children's awareness of arts careers and thus, raise aspirations. Children also develop a respect and understanding of other cultures through the arts.

What is the Arts Award?

The Arts Award is a separate award to the Artsmark, which is awarded to individual children for their work within the arts. It inspires young people to grow their arts and leadership talents: it is creative, valuable and accessible. Since Summer 2017, through the arts extra-curricular prospects offered at The Grange Primary School, children have had the opportunity to achieve an Arts Award at the 'Discover' Level. From Spring 2019, all pupils in Year 4 will take part in the Arts Award. Pupil Voice and the Arts Curriculum Children are central to the arts curriculum in school. Subject representatives lead the subjects with their teacher subject lead. Subject representatives and children gifted and talented within the arts, participate in specially developed arts days tailored to their interests and strengths.

For more information on both the Artsmark and the Arts Award please visit the appropriate website: www.artsaward.org.uk and www.artsmark.org.uk