Curriculum Update

Welcome to a new section of the weekly newsletter. Each week we will focus on a different area of the curriculum, sharing information about what and how we teach that subject across the school as well as any tips for how you can get involved.

This edition is all about **Art and Design** with a focus on **Sculpture**

Sculpture

Some materials are easier to sculpt with than others. Some sculpture hides a complicated structure beneath the decoration on its surface; other sculpture honestly displays how it was created. We embrace all of these at Acomb Primary!

Nuggets of cornstarch are fun to use – they allow for speedy construction and create very little mess as they require no glue. In KS1, we recently had loads of fun creating crowns for the Coronation. The children had freedom to create something unique and they rose brilliantly to the challenge.

Whether you are making a horse or a dragon's head, some sculpture needs more support. Junk modelling materials can be formed together and an artistic treatment can be applied to make the surface interesting.

These balls of newspaper and water bottles have been joined together and covered with tissue and watered down PVA to make … a dragon!

Make something yourself!

What could you make from household recycling?

Year group	Recent examples of sculpture at APS -
EYFS	Junk modelling and construction kits
Y1 and 2	Clay skill activities followed by faces and daffodils. Corn starch nugget crowns
Y3 and 4	Modroc masks, clay Medusa heads
Y5	Corn starch nugget crowns, willow lanterns using withies and tissue paper
Y6	Willow lanterns using withies and tissue paper

Clay hides nothing! It's a pure but challenging way to create that gives lots of opportunity for playing with the surface texture …and you can use it to make fantastic Medusa heads!

We don't use willow very often in school but when we do …the results are beautiful! Complex frames of bent willow were covered with intricate, tissue paper window-designs. Won't they look amazing when they are illuminated with battery tea lights or fairy lights?

These masks are built from Modroc – it's messy to use but it makes a strong structure.

Make something yourself… Andy Goldsworthy is a well-known artist who creates pieces from nature. He makes something beautiful from the things he finds. Could you create something from leaves, stones, twigs, flowers, shells, seaweed or grass?