

# Artsmark Update

January 2022



# Our Artsmark Journey at Cockfield

- We began our journey in 2018 and committed to the project with our initial 'Statement of Intent' that outlined what we hoped to achieve in the arts over the next two years.
- We attended a training day in Newcastle and were given lists of contacts of organisations to get in contact with to begin our journey.
- Artsmark is similar to other awards such as Investors in People or Educate and Celebrate.

# Our Statement of Intent

- We wanted our children to experience the arts through educational visits and visitors to school.
- We wanted to improve our children's cultural capital.
- We wanted to embed the successes we were already having in creative Art & Design lessons across the curriculum by creating a new school curriculum which was based on topics but with progressive skills running throughout.
- We wanted SMSC to be at the heart of our journey.
- We wanted to involve the local community in our development and projects.

# What happened...

- A lot!
- The previous Artsmark Lead and Art & Design Subject Lead left.
- We have a new Senior Leadership Team.
- We have a new Chair of Governors and Governing Body.
- COVID-19 arrived.
- The two years turned into over 3 years.

# The Key Artsmark Projects.

- Nov 2018- Feb 2019. Working with Bowes Museum and 5 other local primary schools where Yr5/6 (approx. 37 children) took part in music, drama, rap and drawing workshops based on the life and works of local mining artist Norman Cornish. Local Artist Vicki Holbrough came to school for a Messy Art Day and hosted a parent workshop after school. Children later visited Palace Green Library in Durham to continue this work and were awarded Arts Award at Explore Level for all of their hard work.

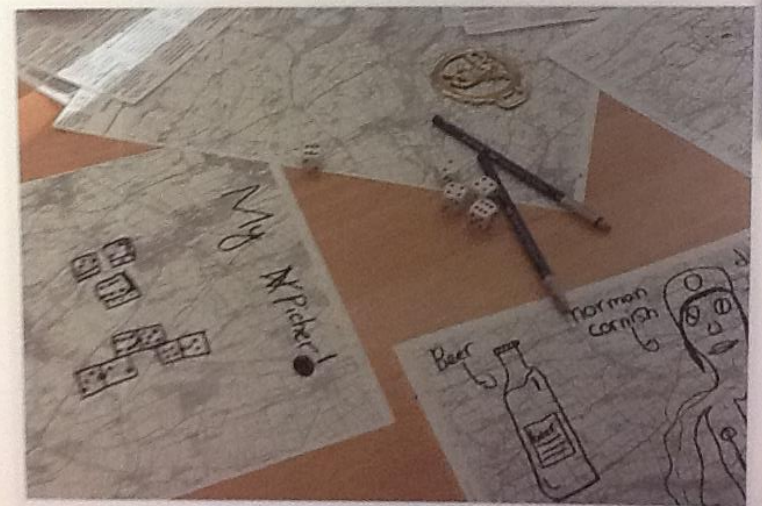










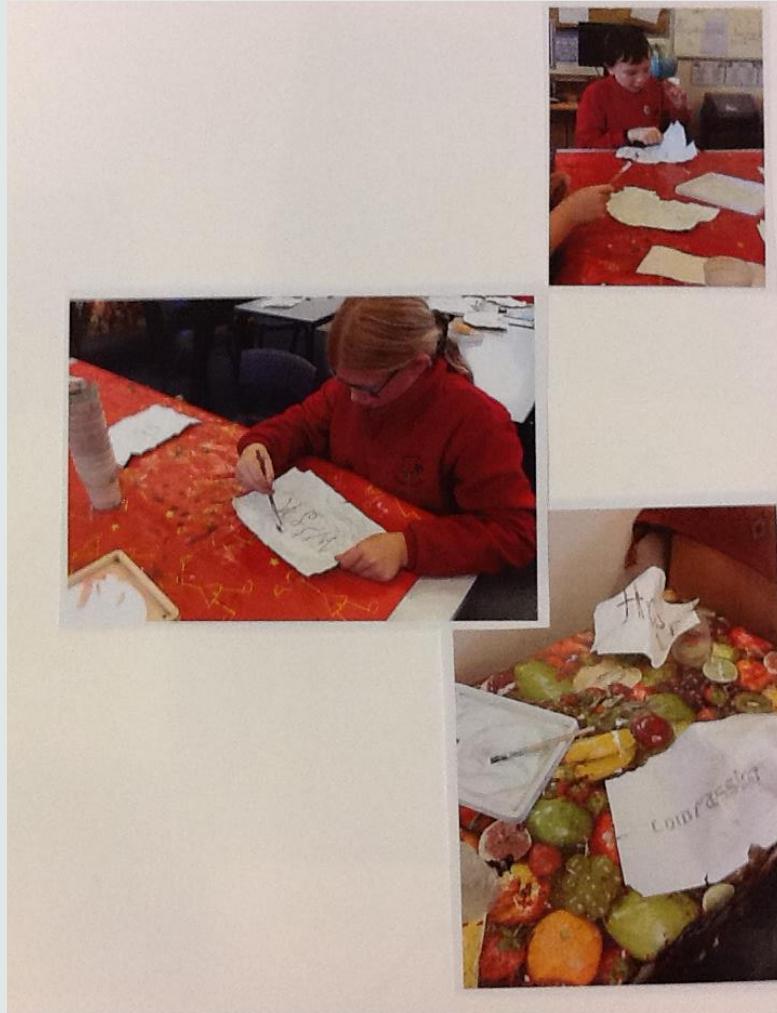




- Dec 2018. Working with a local hairdressers and Bishop Auckland Town Team to create an 'Advent Window'. (69 KS2 children)



- Jan 2020. Working with Durham County Council to mark Holocaust Memorial Day and the 75yr Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, our Y5/6 children created a collaborative sculpture of a candle which was chosen from hundreds of schools to be displayed in Durham Cathedral.





- Nov 2018 Working with our village's Christmas Lights Committee to create an outdoor art installation marking the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW1. (approx. 120 children Nursery to Y6).





- December 2021 a whole school project (approx 120 children) with the Christmas Lights Committee and LGBTQ+ organisation Educate and Celebrate.













# Did we achieve our goal?

- Yes.
- Despite the impact of COVID-19 we have taken part in lots of projects to promote the arts.
- Our new carefully designed curriculum has already shown that it is successful, engaging and inspiring.

What now?

# Statement of Impact

- This week we have submitted our Statement of Impact. Our final piece of evidence to celebrate and promote all that we have achieved in the arts at our school.
- It will go before a panel in the next few weeks and we will find out if our bid has been successful.