

Whole school theme

Progression of skills

		Year 1	Year 2
		Yearly theme change	Yearly theme change
Skills	Generating ideas	Explore their own ideas using a range of media.	Begin to generate ideas from a wider range of stimuli, exploring different media and techniques.
	Using sketchbooks	Use sketchbooks to explore ideas.	Experiment in sketchbooks, using drawing to record ideas.
	Making skills	Develop some control when using a wide range of tools to draw, paint and create crafts and sculptures. Make choices about which materials to use to create an effect. Explore and analyse a wider variety of ways to join and fix materials in place.	Further demonstrate increased control with mixing secondary colours and tones. Make choices about which techniques to use to create an effect. Develop observational skills to look closely and aim to reflect some of the formal elements of art (colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space) in their work.
	Knowledge of artists	Understand how artists choose materials based on their properties in order to achieve certain effects. Describe similarities and differences between practices in Art and design, eg between painting and sculpture, and link these to their own work.	Talk about art they have seen using some appropriate subject vocabulary. Apply their own understanding of art materials learnt from artist work to begin purposefully choosing materials for a specific effect. Create work from a brief, understanding that artists are sometimes commissioned to create art. Create and critique both figurative and abstract art, recognising some of the techniques used.
	Evaluating and analysing	Describe and compare features of their own and others' artwork. Evaluate art with an understanding of how art can be varied and made in different ways and by different people.	Explain their ideas and opinions about their own and others' artwork, beginning to recognise the stories and messages within in and showing an understanding of why they may have made it. Begin to talk about how they could improve their own work. Talk about how art is made.

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		Year 3	Year 4
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Skills	Generating ideas	Generate ideas from a range of stimuli and carry out simple research and evaluation as part of the making process.	Generate ideas from a range of stimuli, using research and evaluation of techniques to develop their ideas and plan more purposefully for an outcome.
	Using sketchbooks	Use sketchbooks for a wider range of purposes, for example recording things using drawing and annotations, planning and taking next steps in a making process.	Use sketchbooks for a wider range of purposes, for example, recording things using drawing and annotations, planning and taking the next steps in a making process.
	Making skills	Develop direct observation, for example by using tonal shading and starting to apply an understanding of shape to communicate form and proportion. Use hands and tools confidently to cut, shape and join materials for a purpose. Confidently use a range of materials and tools, selecting and using these appropriately with more independence.	Demonstrate greater skill and control when drawing and painting to depict forms, such as showing an awareness of proportion and being able to create 3D effects. Apply observational skills, showing a greater awareness of composition and demonstrating the beginnings of an individual style. Use growing knowledge of different materials, combining media for effect.
	Knowledge of artists	Discuss how artists produced art in the past and understand the influence and impact of their methods and styles on art today, using their own experiences and historical evidence.	Use subject vocabulary confidently to describe and compare creative works. Understand how artists use art to convey messages through the choices they make.
	Evaluating and analysing	Understand the limitations of tools and materials and be able to experiment within more than one medium and with tools to create textural effects. Confidently explain their ideas and opinions about their own and others' artwork, with an understanding of the breadth of what art can be and that there are many ways to make art. Discuss and begin to interpret meaning and purpose of artwork, understanding how artists can use art to communicate.	Use more complex vocabulary when discussing their own and others' art. Discuss art, considering how it can affect the lives of the viewers or users of the piece. Evaluate their work more regularly and independently during the planning and making process.

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		Year 5	Year 6
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Skills	Generating ideas	Develop ideas more independently from their own research. Explore and record their plans, ideas and evaluations to develop their ideas towards an outcome.	Draw upon their experience of creative work and their research to develop their own starting points for creative outcomes.
	Using sketchbooks	Confidently use sketchbooks for purposes including recording observations and research, testing materials and working towards an outcome more independently.	Using a systematic and independent approach, research, test and develop ideas and plans using sketchbooks.
	Making skills	Work with a range of media with control in different ways to achieve different effects, including experimenting with the techniques used by other artists. Combine a wider range of media, e.g. photography and digital art effects. Create in a more sustained way, revisiting artwork over time and applying their understanding of tone, texture, line, colour and form.	Create expressively in their own personal style and in response to their choice of stimulus, showing the ability to develop artwork independently. Combine materials and techniques appropriate to fit with ideas. Work in a sustained way over several sessions to complete a piece, including working collaboratively on a larger scale and incorporating the formal elements of art.
	Knowledge of artists	Research and discuss the ideas and approaches of artists across a variety of disciplines, being able to describe how the cultural and historical context may have influenced their creative work. Discuss how artists create work with the intent to create an impact on the viewer. Consider what choices can be made in their own work to impact their viewer.	Describe, interpret and evaluate the work, ideas and processes used by artists across a variety of disciplines, being able to describe how the cultural and historical context may have influenced their creative work. Recognise how artists use materials to respond to feelings and memory and choose materials, imagery, shape and form to create personal pieces.
	Evaluating and analysing	Discuss the processes used by themselves and by other artists, and describe the particular outcome achieved. Use their knowledge of tools, materials and processes to try alternative solutions and make improvements to their work.	Give reasoned evaluations of their own and others' work, which takes account of context and intention. Discuss how art is sometimes used to communicate social, political, or environmental views.