

Core Vocabulary Progression: Art



Below are the core vocabulary lists for Art

They give examples of the subject specific vocabulary that children will use and become familiar with during each key stage, reflecting their increasing knowledge, breadth and depth of experience and can be used across a range of topic areas. They are not intended to be used to test pupils but give an indication of the language and terms used by staff in lessons and across units of learning to broaden vocabulary and understanding.

EYFS	YEARS 1&2	YEARS 3&4	YEARS 5&6
Painting: mix, blend, light,	Painting: secondary, primary, light, dark,	Painting: abstract, natural, bold,	Painting: traditional, representational, imaginary,
dark pointillism, palette	thick, thin tone, shade, bright, gradual,	delicate, detailed, watery, strong,	modern, abstract, impressionist, layered, opaque,
	pale, tint , brush stroke	wash ,background, foreground,	translucent, intense, composition, tertiary
Collage: scrunch, texture,		stippled, horizon, reflection	
tear, create	Collage:, shape, texture, media, combine		Collage: embellish, manipulate, embroider, replicate,
	,torn, material	Collage: stamp, montage, mosaic,	mood board, tactile
Sculpture: roll, squeeze,		geometric, coiling, overlapping,	
pat, knead, attach, fold	Sculpture: sculpture, assemble,	tessellation	Sculpture: proportion, balance, scale, transform,
	construct, model, bend, attach, form,		composition, structure, flexible, hollow, spherical,
Drawing: draw, sketch,	impress, mould, carve	Sculpture: viewpoint, decoration,	prototype, ceramic, stability, malleable
blend, observe, detail,		two-dimensional, three-dimensional,	
shade, thick, thin, wavy,	Drawing: thick, thin, soft, broad, narrow,	form, texture, ornate, perspective,	Drawing: viewpoint, distance, direction, angle,
straight, self- portrait,	fine, pattern, line, shape, detail, observe,	circular, solid, structure	perspective, alter, modify, natural form, vista,
pastels	depth, visual, fade, bold, horizontal,		panorama, subject, caricature, expression, personality,
	vertical, smudge	Drawing: frame, position, boundary,	dynamic, gradient, surrealism
Printing: pattern,		label, line, symbol, practical,	
repeating, print	Printing: print, press, stamp rub, repeat,	improve, direction, appearance,	Printing: monotype, overlap, etching, engraving,
	rotate, symmetrical	tone, texture, style, perspective,	indentation, pressure, aesthetic, repetition
Textiles: texture, join,		blend, expression	
weave, thread, smooth,	Textiles: fabric, stitch, dip dye, thickness,		Textiles: fray, tactile, batik, back stitch, cross stitch
soft, bumpy, shiny	coarse	Printing: imprint, impression, mould,	
		absorb, linear, manipulate,	Digital Media : cut, paste, merge, scale, text box, style
Digital Media: program,	Digital Media: mouse, program, enlarge,	continuous, irregular	,scanned
image, keys	design, effect		
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greats explore	Explore, develop, reflect, create	threading, stitching, weave, quilt, pad, gather	
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		Digital Media: cut, paste, scale,	
		layer, integrate	
		Take Inspiration from the greats	
		Techniques. replicate	
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