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Art and Design Curriculum

Progression of Skills & Knowledge, using Kapow.

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How is the Art and design scheme of work organised?

Progression of Skills & knowledge

Generating ideas

Year 1/2

Skills

- Explore their own ideas using a range of media.
- Begin to generate ideas from a wider range of stimuli, exploring different media and techniques.

Year 3/4

Skills

- 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.

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Progression of Skills & knowledge

Generating ideas

Year 5/6

Skills

- 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.

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Progression of Skills & knowledge

Using sketchbooks

Year 1/2

Skills

- Use sketchbooks to explore ideas.
- Experiment in sketchbooks, using drawing to record ideas.
- Use sketchbooks to help make decisions about what to try out next.

Year 3/4

Skills

- 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 purposefully to improve understanding, develop ideas and plan for an outcome.

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Progression of Skills & knowledge

Using sketchbooks

Year 5/6

Skills

- 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.

National curriculum - end of KS2

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Progression of Skills & knowledge

Making skills

Year 1/2

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.
- Develop observational skills to look closely and reflect surface texture.
- Further demonstrate increased control with a greater range of media.
- Make choices about which materials and techniques to use to create an effect.
- Use hands and tools with confidence when cutting, shaping and joining paper, card and malleable materials.
- 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 Colour

- Know that the primary colours are red, yellow and blue.
- Know primary colours can be mixed to make secondary colours: ● Red + yellow = orange ● Yellow + blue = green ● Blue + red = purple
- Different amounts of paint and water can be used to mix hues of secondary colours.
- Colours can be mixed to 'match' real life objects or to create things from your imagination.

Form

- Paper can change from 2D to 3D by folding, rolling and scrunching it.
- That three dimensional art is called sculpture.
- Pieces of clay can be joined using the 'scratch and slip' technique.
- A clay surface can be decorated by pressing into it or by joining pieces on.

Shape

- A range of common shapes so they can identify and use them in their artwork.
- Paper can be shaped by cutting and folding it.
- Collage materials can be shaped to represent shapes in an image.
- Shapes can be organic (natural) and irregular.
- Patterns can be made using shapes.
- Objects can be recreated by identifying and combining basic shapes.

Line

- Using different tools or using the same tool in different ways can create different types of lines.
- Lines can be used to fill shapes, to make outlines and to add detail or pattern.

Pattern

- That a pattern is a design in which shapes, colours or lines are repeated.
- Lines can create patterns like zig zags and wavy lines.
- Patterns can be used to create texture.

Texture

- Different tools, and how they are used, create different types of marks.
- Know that texture means 'what something feels like'.
- Different marks can be used to represent the textures of objects.
- Collage materials can be chosen to represent real-life textures.
- Collage materials can be overlapped and overlaid to add texture.
- Painting tools can create varied textures in paint.

Tone

- That there are many different shades (or 'hues') of the same colour.
- Changing the amount of the primary colours mixed affects the shade of the secondary colour produced.
- Changing pressure when drawing can create light and dark tones.
- Different amounts of paint and water can be used to mix hues of secondary colours.

Space

- They can arrange parts of a familiar subject so their artwork looks recognisable.
- 'Composition' means how things are arranged on the page.
- Thinking about the relative size of different parts helps their artwork look balanced and recognisable.

Drawing

- To know how to draw different lines by varying the control and pressure, e.g. straight, wavy, zig zags, broken, lighter, darker, etc.
- To know how to notice 2D shapes within objects and how they can be used to form the 'bones' of a drawing.
- To know how to draw and combine geometric shapes.
- To know how to identify known shapes (in different sizes and orientations*) in objects, scenes or images they wish to draw.
- To know how to apply more pressure when drawing or colouring to create a darker tone.
- To know how to create an area with a single, consistent tone when colouring/shading.
- To know how to demonstrate a growing spatial awareness to represent the position and size of objects, e.g. grounded trees.
- To know how to use and describe more complex lines and marks that might begin to reflect texture, e.g. overlapping, varying speed and varying pressure.
- To know how to recognise that shapes and marks can be refined rather than accepting the first attempt.
- To know how to compose more complex drawings by combining shapes.
- To know how to use shading to show light and dark areas.
- To know how to use the same tool to colour/shade different tones by adjusting pressure.
- To know how to develop spatial order by recognising objects in proportional relationship to each other, e.g. flowers are smaller than people.

Painting and mixed-media

- To know how to combine primary coloured materials to make secondary colours.
- To know how to mix secondary colours in paint.
- To know how to choose suitable sized paint brushes.

- To know how to clean a paintbrush to change colours.
- To know how to print with objects, applying a suitable layer of paint to the printing surface.
- To know how to overlap paint to mix new colours.
- To know how use blowing to create a paint effect.
- To know how to make a paint colour darker or lighter (creating shades) in different ways eg. adding water, adding a lighter colour.
- To know how to mix a variety of shades of a secondary colour.
- To know how to make choices about amounts of paint to use when mixing a particular colour.
- To know how to match colours seen around them.
- To know how to create texture using different painting tools.
- To know how to make textured paper to use in a collage.
- To know how to choose and shape collage materials eg cutting, tearing.
- To know how to compose a collage, arranging and overlapping pieces for contrast and effect.
- To know how to add painted detail to a collage to enhance/improve it.

Sculpture and 3D

- To know how to roll and fold paper.
- To know how to cut shapes from paper and card.
- To know how to cut and glue paper to make 3D structures.
- To know how to decide the best way to glue something.
- To know how to create a variety of shapes in paper, eg spiral, zig-zag.
- To know how to make larger structures using newspaper rolls.
- To know how to smooth and flatten clay.
- To know how to roll clay into a cylinder or ball.
- To know how to make different surface marks in clay.
- To know how to make a clay pinch pot.
- To know how to mix clay slip using clay and water.

- To know how to join two clay pieces using slip.
- To know how to make a relief clay sculpture.
- To know how to use hands in different ways as a tool to manipulate clay.
- To know how to use clay tools to score clay.

Craft and design

- To know what materials can be cut, knotted, threaded or plaited.
- To know how to wrap objects/shapes with wool.
- To know how to measure a length.
- To know how to tie a knot, thread and plait.
- To know how to make a box loom.
- To know how to join using knots.
- To know how to weave with paper on a paper loom.
- To know how to weave using a combination of materials.
- To know how to draw a map to illustrate a journey.
- To know how to separate wool fibres ready to make felt.
- To know how to lay wool fibres in opposite directions to make felt.
- To know how to roll and squeeze the felt to make the fibres stick together.
- To know how to add details to felt by twisting small amounts of wool.
- To know how to choose which parts of their drawn map to represent in their 'stained glass'.
- To know how to overlap cellophane/tissue to create new colours.
- To know how to draw a design onto a printing polystyrene tile without pushing the pencil right through the surface.
- To know how to apply paint or ink using a printing roller.
- To know how to smooth a printing tile evenly to transfer an image.
- To know how to try out a variety of ideas for adapting prints into 2D or 3D artworks.

Skills

- Confidently use a range of materials and tools, selecting and using these appropriately with more independence.
- Use hands and tools confidently to cut, shape and join materials for a purpose.
- Develop direct observation, for example by using tonal shading and starting to apply an understanding of shape to communicate form and proportion.
- 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.
- Use growing knowledge of different materials, combining media for effect.
- Use more complex techniques to shape and join materials, such as carving and modelling wire.
- Apply observational skills, showing a greater awareness of composition and demonstrating the beginnings of an individual style.

Knowledge Colour

- Using light and dark colours next to each other creates contrast.
- Paint colours can be mixed using natural substances, and that prehistoric peoples used these paints.
- Adding black to a colour creates a shade.
- Adding white to a colour creates a tint.

Form

- Three dimensional forms are either organic (natural) or geometric (mathematical shapes, like a cube).
- Organic forms can be abstract.
- Using lighter and darker tones of a colour help to create 3D effects and show the form of an object.
- Simple 3D forms can be made by creating layers, by folding and rolling materials.

Shape

- Negative shapes show the space around and between objects.
- Artists can focus on shapes when making abstract art.
- How to use basic shapes to form more complex shapes and patterns.

Line

- Combining more complex lines and marks can represent texture, tones and patterns.
- Lines can be lighter or darker, or thicker or thinner to illustrate the form and tone of an object

Pattern

- Pattern can be man-made (like a printed wallpaper) or natural (like a giraffe's skin).
- Patterns can be used to add detail to an artwork.
- Patterns can be irregular and change in unexpected ways.

Texture

- Texture in an artwork can be real (what the surface actually feels like) or a surface can be made to appear textured.
- Complex marks can represent the textures and qualities of different surfaces.

Tone

- That 'tone' in art means 'light and dark'.
- Some basic rules for shading when drawing, eg shade in one direction, blending tones smoothly and with no gaps.
- Shading creates different tones in artwork by changing the applied pressure.
- Shading helps drawn objects look more realistic by giving them form (dimension).
- Using lighter and darker tones of a colour can create a 3D effect and show the form of an object.
- Tone can create contrast between light and dark, adding shadows and highlights to an artwork.

Space

- Careful observation helps them decide how to place objects and shapes to create a clear composition.
- Objects can appear in the foreground or background and size can be used to show distance.

Drawing

- Use and apply more complex lines and marks to represent texture, tone, pattern, etc, and describe their qualities, e.g. thick and thin.
- Recognise more organic shapes within objects.
- Attempt to draw 3D forms using line and shape.
- Place tonal shading by experimenting and recognising how it can help to show that a shape has form.
- Sketch out an idea or composition using short, fast, light strokes and 2D shapes.

- Use lines and marks to represent texture, pattern and light in a creative and expressive way, e.g. using bold, quick lines to depict rough texture or swirling marks to represent swaying grass.
- Represent geometric 3D shapes more accurately and begin to include organic forms.
- Use a more diverse range of marks to convey a subject's form.
- Combine lines and marks to create light and dark areas of a drawing.
- The impact of light on form (e.g. where it hits 3D objects and where shadows form). Start to depict an object's form with tonal shading, highlighting the presence and absence of light.
- Create a gradation effect, smoothly transitioning from light tones, to mid tones, to dark tones
- Sketch to plan the placement of their composition elements for visual effect.
- Draw more accurately in relative size/proportion.
- Recognise whether something is in the foreground or background of a composition and how size can show distance.

Painting and mixed-media

- Use simple shapes to scale up a drawing to make it bigger.
- Make a cave wall surface.
- Paint on a rough surface.
- Make a negative and positive image.
- Create a textured background using charcoal and chalk.
- Use natural objects to make tools to paint with.
- Make natural paints using natural materials.
- Create different textures using different parts of a brush.
- Use colour mixing to make natural colours.
- Mix a tint and a shade by adding black or white.
- Use tints and shades of a colour to create a 3D effect when painting.
- Apply paint using different techniques eg. stippling, dabbing, washing.

- Choose suitable painting tools.
- Arrange objects to create a still life composition.
- Plan a painting by drawing first.
- Organise painting equipment independently, making choices about tools and materials.

Sculpture and 3D

- Join 2D shapes to make a 3D form.
- Join larger pieces of materials, exploring what gives 3D shapes stability.
- Shape card in different ways eg. rolling, folding and choose the best way to recreate a drawn idea.
- Identify and draw negative spaces.
- Plan a sculpture by drawing.
- Choose materials to scale up an idea.
- Create different joins in card eg. slot, tabs, wrapping.
- Add surface detail to a sculpture using colour or texture.
- Display sculpture.
- How different tools can be used to create different sculptural effects and add details and are suited for different purposes, eg. spoon, paper clips for soap, pliers for wire.
- Use their arm to draw 3D objects on a large scale.
- Sculpt soap from a drawn design.
- Smooth the surface of soap using water when carving.
- Join wire to make shapes by twisting and looping pieces together.
- Create a neat line in wire by cutting and twisting the end onto the main piece.
- Use a range of materials to make 3D artwork eg. manipulate light to make shadow sculpture, use recycled materials to make 3D artwork.
- Try out different ways to display a 3D piece and choose the most effective.

Craft and design

- That layering materials in opposite directions make the handmade paper stronger.
- Use a sketchbook to research a subject using different techniques and materials to present ideas.
- Construct a new paper material using paper, water and glue
- Use symbols to reflect both literal and figurative ideas.
- Produce and select an effective final design.
- Make a scroll.
- Make a zine.
- Use a zine to present information.
- That a mood board is a visual collection which aims to convey a general feeling or idea.
- That batik is a traditional fabric decoration technique that uses hot wax.
- Select imagery and use as inspiration for a design project.
- To know how to make a mood board.
- Recognise a theme and develop colour palettes using selected imagery and drawings.
- Draw small sections of one image to focus on colours and texture.
- Develop observational drawings into shapes and pattern for design.
- Transfer a design using a tracing method.
- Make a repeating pattern tile using cut and torn paper shapes.
- Use glue as an alternative batik technique to create patterns on fabric.
- Use materials, like glue, in different ways depending on the desired effect.
- Paint on fabric.
- Wash fabric to remove glue to finish a decorative fabric piece.

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Progression of Skills & knowledge

Making skills

Year 5/6

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, eg 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 appropriately 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 Colour

- Artists use colour to create an atmosphere or to represent feelings in an artwork, for example by using warm or cool colours.
- Colours can be symbolic and have meanings that vary according to your culture or background, eg red for danger or for celebration.

Form

- The size and scale of three-dimensional artwork changes the effect of the piece.
- The surface textures created by different materials can help suggest form in two-dimensional art work.

Shape

- Shapes can be used to place the key elements in a composition and help to create compositions with depth.
- Elements such as perspective, depth and abstraction can change how shapes appear in a composition.

Line

- Lines can be used by artists to control what the viewer looks at within a composition, eg by using diagonal lines to draw your eye into the centre of a drawing.
- Lines and marks can be expressive and show movement or emotion.
- Different line qualities can convey meaning, e.g. sweeping lines can suggest flowing motion, sharp lines can suggest speed.

- How line is used beyond drawing and can be applied to other art forms.

Pattern

- Artists create pattern to add expressive detail to art works, for example Chila Kumari Singh Burman using small everyday objects to add detail to sculptures.
- Pattern can be created in many different ways, eg in the rhythm of brushstrokes in a painting (like the work of van Gogh) or in repeated shapes within a composition.

Texture

- Different marks can be used to suggest real-world textures and movement.
- Applying thick layers of paint to a surface is called impasto, and is used by artists such as Claude Monet to describe texture.

Tone

- Tone can help show the foreground and background in an artwork.
- 'Blending' means transitioning between tones smoothly.
- Variations in tone can enhance composition and create spatial illusion.

Space

- Creating a foreground, middleground and background creates depth, making artwork look like it has space and distance.
- An art installation is often a room or environment in which the viewer 'experiences' the art all around them.
- Scaling is a technique for enlarging or reducing an image while keeping the proportions the same.
- Using a vanishing point on a horizon can create a sense of distance in their artwork.

Drawing

- Use lines and marks in a creative way that might look more expressive and gestural, e.g. showing the essence of movement or emotion.

- Capture the essence of a subject through lines and marks rather than precise form, e.g. communicating emotion or emphasising certain elements of a composition.
- Describe the quality of lines, including identifying the movement conveyed by different lines, e.g. sweeping lines to suggest a flowing motion, sharp to suggest speed.
- Identify qualities and techniques that resonate and begin to develop personal style and preferences.
- Refine tonal shading to show greater graduations in tone.
- Blend to smooth transitions in tone.
- Use shading techniques such as cross hatching, to create texture as well as depth.
- Use sketching to experiment with ideas, layout and shading.
- Consider balance and symmetry / asymmetry in compositions.
- Start using size to develop a foreground, midground and background in compositions.
- Explore the expressive qualities of line as part of their iterative process.
- Consider the desired line quality in their artwork and thoughtfully choose materials and techniques to best achieve this effect.
- Further develop shading techniques by creatively selecting and combining tools and techniques to align with their artistic intentions.
- Find a point in the distance to draw from (one-point perspective).
- Scale drawings up or down while aiming to keep proportion.

Painting and mixed-media

- Develop a drawing into a painting.
- Create a drawing using text as lines and tone.
- Experiment with materials and create different backgrounds to draw onto.
- Use a photograph as a starting point for a mixed-media artwork.
- Take an interesting portrait photograph, exploring different angles.

- Adapt an image to create a new one.
- Combine materials to create an effect.
- Choose colours to represent an idea or atmosphere.
- Develop a final composition from sketchbook ideas.
- Use sketchbooks to research and present information.
- Develop ideas into a plan for a final piece.
- Make a personal response to the artwork of another artist.
- Use different methods to analyse artwork such as drama, discussion and questioning.

Sculpture and 3D

- Make an explosion drawing in the style of Cai Guo-Qiang, exploring the effect of different materials.
- Try out ideas on a small scale to assess their effect.
- Use everyday objects to form a sculpture.
- Transform and manipulate ordinary objects into sculpture by wrapping, colouring, covering and joining them.
- Plan an installation proposal, making choices about light, sound and display.
- Try out ideas for making a sculpture interactive.
- Translate a 2D image into a 3D form.
- Manipulate cardboard to create 3D forms (tearing, cutting, folding, bending, ripping).
- Manipulate cardboard to create different textures.
- Make a cardboard relief sculpture.
- Make visual notes to generate ideas for a final piece.
- Translate ideas into sculptural forms.

Craft and design

- The steps to make a monoprint.
- When a roller is sufficiently inked.
- Make an observational drawing of a house.
- Use shapes and measuring as methods to draw accurate proportions.

- Select a small section of a drawing to use as a print design.
- Develop drawings further to use as a design for print.
- Design a building that fits a specific brief.
- Draw an idea in the style of an architect that is annotated to explain key features.
- Draw from different views, such as a front or side elevation.
- Use sketchbooks to research and present information about an artist.
- Interpret an idea in into a design for a structure.
- How different materials can be used to produce photorealistic artwork.
- That macro photography is showing a subject as larger than it is in real life.
- Create a photomontage.
- Create artwork for a design brief.
- Use a camera or tablet for photography.
- Identify the parts of a camera.
- Take a macro photo, choosing an interesting composition.
- Manipulate a photograph using photo editing tools.
- Use drama and props to recreate imagery.
- Take a portrait photograph.
- Use a grid method to copy a photograph into a drawing.

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Progression of Skills & knowledge

Knowledge of artists

Year 1/2	
Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe similarities and differences between practices in Art and design, eg between painting and sculpture, and link these to their own work.• Understand how artists choose materials based on their properties in order to achieve certain effects.• Talk about art they have seen using some appropriate subject vocabulary.• 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.• Apply their own understanding of art materials learnt from artist work to begin purposefully choosing materials for a specific effect.	Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some artists are influenced by things happening around them.• Sometimes artists concentrate on how they are making something rather than what they make.• Artists living in different places at different times can be inspired by similar ideas or stories.• Artists can use everyday materials that have been thrown away to make art.• Artists choose materials that suit what they want to make.• Some artists create art to make people aware of good and bad things happening in the world around them.• Art can be figurative or abstract.• Illustrators use drawn lines to show how characters feel.• Artists try out different combinations of collage materials to create the effect they want.• Artists can use the same material (felt) to make 2D or 3D artworks.• Artists and designers can create work to match a set of requirements; a 'brief' or 'commission'.
Year 3/4	
Skills	Knowledge

- 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.
- Understand the limitations of tools and materials and be able to experiment within more than one medium and with tools to create textural effects.
- Consider how to display art work, understanding how artists consider their viewer and the impact on them.
- Use subject vocabulary confidently to describe and compare creative works.
- Understand how artists use art to convey messages through the choices they make.
- Work as a professional designer does, by collating ideas to generate a theme.

- Art from the past can give us clues about what it was like to live at that time.
- The meanings we take from art made in the past are influenced by our own ideas.
- Artists have different materials available to them depending on when they live in history.
- Artists can make their own tools.
- Artists experiment with different tools and materials to create texture.
- Artists can work in more than one medium
- Artists make decisions about how their work will be displayed.
- Art can communicate powerful statements about right and wrong.
- Designers can make beautiful things to try and improve people's everyday lives.
- How and where art is displayed has an effect on how people interpret it.
- Artists can choose particular materials to communicate a message.
- Artists choose what to include in a composition, considering both what looks good together and any message they want to communicate.
- Designers collect visual ideas from a wide range of sources, sometimes collecting these as a mood board.
- Artists and designers sometimes choose techniques based on the time and money available to them.
- Artists use drawing to plan ideas for work in different media.

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Progression of Skills & knowledge

Knowledge of artists

Year 5/6

Skills

- 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 .
- Understand how art forms such as photography and sculpture continually develop over time as artists seek to break new boundaries.

Knowledge

- Artists are influenced by what is going on around them; for example culture, politics and technology.
- Artists 'borrow' ideas and imagery from other times and cultures to create new artworks.
- How an artwork is interpreted will depend on the life experiences of the person looking at it.
- Artists use self-portraits to represent important things about themselves.
- Artists create works that make us question our beliefs.
- Visual designs can represent big ideas like harmony with nature or peace.
- Artists can choose their medium to create a particular effect on the viewer.
- Artists can combine materials; for example digital imagery with paint or print.
- Art can be interactive; the viewer becomes part of it, experiencing the artwork with more than one of the senses.
- Artists can use symbols in their artwork to convey meaning.
- Sometimes artists add extra meaning to what they create by working in places where they don't have permission to work.
- Art can be a form of protest.

- Artists use art to tell stories about things that are important to them; looking at artworks from the past can reveal thoughts and opinions from that time.
- Art sometimes creates difficult feelings when we look at it.
- Artists can use materials to respond to a feeling or idea in an abstract way.
- Artists take risks to try out ideas; this can lead to new techniques being developed.
- Artists can make work by collecting and combining ready-made objects to create 'assemblage'.
- Artforms are always evolving as materials and techniques change over time.

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Progression of Skills & knowledge

Evaluating and analysing

Year 1/2	
Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art is made in different ways.• Art is made by all different kinds of people.• An artist is someone who creates.• Craft is making something creative and useful.• People use art to tell stories.• People make art about things that are important to them.• People make art to share their feelings.• People make art for fun.• People make art to decorate a space.• People make art to help others understand something.
Year 3/4	
Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• Begin to carry out a problem-solving process and make changes to improve their work.	Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Artists make art in more than one way.• There are no rules about what art must be.• Art can be purely decorative or it can have a purpose.• People use art to tell stories and communicate.• People can make art to express their views or beliefs.• People make art for fun, and to make the world a nicer place to be.• People use art to help explain or teach things.

- 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.

- People make art to explore big ideas, like death or nature.
- People can have their own opinions about art, and sometimes disagree.
- One artwork can have several meanings.
- Artists make choices about what, how and where they create art.
- Art can be all different sizes.
- Art can be displayed inside or outside.
- Art is interpreted differently depending on how it is displayed.
- Artworks can fit more than one genre.
- Art can be created to make money; being an artist is a job for some people.
- Art, craft and design affects the lives of people who see or use something that has been created.
- Artists make work to explore right and wrong and to communicate their own beliefs.
- Art is influenced by the time and place it was made, and this affects how people interpret it.
- Artists may hide messages or meaning in their work.
- Artists evaluate what they make and talking about art is one way to do this.

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Progression of Skills & knowledge

Evaluating and analysing

Year 5/6

Skills

- Discuss the processes used by themselves and by other artists, and describe the particular outcome achieved.
- Consider how effectively pieces of art express emotion and encourage the viewer to question their own ideas.
- 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.
- Explain how art can be created to cause reaction and impact and be able to consider why an artist chooses to use art in this way.
- Independently use their knowledge of tools, materials and processes to try alternative solutions and make improvements to their work.

Knowledge

- Sometimes people disagree about whether something can be called 'art'.
- Art doesn't always last for a long time; it can be temporary.
- Art, craft and design can be functional and affect human environments and experiences.
- People make art to express emotion.
- People make art to encourage others to question their ideas or beliefs.
- People make art to portray ideas about identity.
- People make art to fit in with popular ideas or fashions.
- People can explore and discuss art in different ways, for example, by visiting galleries, by discussing it, by writing about it, by using it as inspiration for their own work or by sharing ideas online.
- Some artists become well-known or famous and people tend to talk more about their work because it is familiar.
- Talking about plans for artwork, or evaluating finished work, can help improve what artists create.
- Comparing artworks can help people understand them better.
- Art doesn't have to be a literal representation of something, it can sometimes be imagined and abstract.
- Art can represent abstract concepts, like memories and experiences.

- Art can be a digital art form, like photography.
- Sometimes people make art to express their views and opinions, which can be political or topical.
- Sometime people make art to create reactions.
- People use art as a means to reflect on their unique characteristics.
- Art can change through new and emerging technologies that challenge people to discuss and appreciate art in a new way.
- People can have varying ideas about the value of art.
- Art can be analysed and interpreted in lots of ways and can be different for everyone.
- Everyone has a unique way of experiencing art.

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