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Knowledge and Skills – Progression Ladder

Subject: Art and Design Years: 1-6

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| YEAR GROUP | EYFS | YEAR 1 | YEAR 2 | YEAR 3 | YEAR 4 | YEAR 5 | YEAR 6 |
| Drawing | Create lines and markings with varying equipment to represent meaning; Produce lines of different thickness and tone using a pencil. To be able to draw a simple face and place features in roughly the correct place. | Use lines and marks for texture and pattern. Begin to control lines (colour inside lines). Cross hatching, scribbling, stippling and blending to create light/dark lines. To be able to draw a simple face and place features in the correct place and include more details, e,g. eyelashes, hair. | Further use lines and marks for texture and pattern. To understand that the angle and pressure applied to different medium affects the outcome, e.g. pencil, pastel, charcoal. To shade in one direction and within lines. Observational drawing: real fruit and vegetables/figurative? artists still life representation. Explore a variety of drawing starting points including close looking via observation, drawing from memory and imagination. These might include figurative, still life and landscape. | Use different hardness of pencils. Use shadows, cross hatching, shading. Lightening and darkening colours using black and white. Draw both positive and negative shapes To develop observational drawing including close observational skills. | Develop use of hatching and cross hatching to show tone and texture. Using tone, light and shade to make things appear 3D Begin to represent proportion. Accurate drawing of whole people including proportion and placement. To consider, perspective, scale and proportion and composition. To have an awareness of objects having a third dimension and perspective. • | Begin to develop proportions and occlusion. Develop the perspective techniques previously taught, as well as using tone, light and shade to make things appear 3D. Produce increasingly accurate observational drawings, including people. To consider, perspective, scale and proportion and composition. | Develop their own style of drawing through: line, tone, pattern, texture Continue to use proportion and build accuracy. Use a variety of taught techniques to represent movement. Use drawing techniques to work from a variety of sources, eras and cultures including observation, photographs and digital images. |





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| | Children name different tools, materials and begin to know some techniques e.g. printing. | To be able to hold and use a pencil effectively. To explore a variety of drawing materials including pencil, graphite, pen, chalk, soft pastel, wax and charcoal. Use pencil, charcoal, chalk, pastels. To name different drawing implements and understand the effect they have. | | To experiment with the potential of various pencils, pens and other writing implements including those from different eras and cultures e.g. quills, including weighting. | | | Draw for a sustained period of time over a number of sessions working on one piece. |
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| Painting | Recognise and name all colours used. Identify primary colours. | Recognise and begin to use the colour wheel Use colour to convey emotion. Mix paints to match tones; mixing with two colours – adding white and black for lighter/darker tones and tints. | Understand appropriate use of warm and cold colours. (poster paints). Extend knowledge of emotive colours. | Know the primary and secondary colours; Experiment with creating mood with colour Build on knowledge of warm and cold colours and use primary and secondary colours to enhance mood. | Begin to use complementary and opposing colours. | Use and know a full range of colours effectively including specifically named colours e.g. teal, ocre. | Use and know a full range of colours effectively including specifically named colours e.g. teal. |





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| Use thick and thin | Consolidate year | Develop knowledge of | Develop brush | Colour mix and | Continue to |
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| paintbrushes | 1 knowledge of | thick and thin brushes | techniques and use | apply acrylic paint | develop |
| appropriately | using thick and | by building on | of a variety of | responding to its | appropriate |
| (e.g. | thin brushes. | techniques and using | brushes – including | fast-drying quality | brush strokes |
| detail/filling). | | variety of brushes. | use of thick and | and how you can | and techniques |
| Begin to use | | Begin to use water | thin brush strokes | layer and over- | for larger flat |
| poster paints | | colours. | where appropriate. | paint. | areas of colour |
| | | | Begin to use light | Increase | and more |
| | | | and shadow in | proficiency when | detailed |
| | | | background and | painting with | foreground |
| | | | foreground. | proportions and | objects. |
| | | | Develop use of | occlusion. | Extend skills |
| | | | water colours. | Develop | using finer |
| | | | Develop making | appropriate brush | brush strokes |
| | | | texture in art work. | strokes and | skills. |
| | | | | techniques for | İ |
| | | | | larger flat areas | |
| | | | | of colour and | İ |
| | | | | more detailed | İ |
| | | | | foreground | |
| | | | | objects. | İ |
| | | | | Develop finer | İ |
| | | | | brush strokes | İ |
| | | | | when painting | İ |
| | | | | human form. | İ |
| | | | | Use over-painting | İ |
| | | | | to emphasise | I |
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| | | | | qualities of shape | j |
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| Collage | Join items using | Collect natural | Begin to make | Select a range of | Select a range | Use photographic | Develop visual |
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| • | glue sticks or | materials to | artistic choices | materials for a | of materials for | images from | and tactile |
| | tapes. | create a | from a range of | striking effect. | a striking | printed materials | qualities. |
| | | temporary | paper-based | Begin to develop | effect. | as a starting point | Experiment |
| | | collage. | materials. | coiling, over- | Develop ideas | for artwork. | with techniques |
| | | Begin to arrange | Layering of | lapping, | and apply | Understand | that use |
| | | materials in | materials and | tessellation | knowledge of | differences | contrasting |
| | | symmetrical | mix materials to | techniques. | previously | between painted | textures, |
| | | and/or | create texture. | Begin to mix | taught | portraits and | colours and |
| | | aesthetically | | contrasting | processes. | photographic | patterns. |
| | | pleasing fashion. | | textures: | Layer and | images and be | Combine |
| | | Experiment | | rough/smooth, | overwork | able to articulate | pattern, tone |
| | | combining | | plain/patterned. | materials with | this within | and shape. |
| | | different | | | different | discussion. | Add collage to a |
| | | materials. | | | media. | Transpose images | painted or |
| | | Sort and arrange | | | Select materials | using different | printed |
| | | materials | | | by colour and | media and | background. |
| | | effectively | | | texture. | techniques. | Make |
| | | | | | Create collage | | independent |
| | | | | | using fabric as a | | artistic choices |
| | | | | | base. | | based on skills |
| | | | | | | | previously |
| | | | | | | | taught by |
| | | | | | | | applying |
| | | | | | | | experience of |
| | | | | | | | different |
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| | Cut shapes using scissors and other modelling tools. | Cut shapes using scissors and other modelling tools. | Develop tearing and cutting. Continue to cut shapes using scissors and other modelling tools. | Develop cutting and sticking skills. | Continue to improve cutting and sticking skills. | Be proficient in cutting and sticking techniques. | variety of techniques to communicate ideas. Be proficient in cutting and sticking techniques. |
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| Sculpture | Cut shapes using scissors and other modelling tools. | Use tools and equipment safely and in the correct way to help deconstruct (scissors) and then construct (glue sticks) | Use equipment and media with increasing confidence. | Use equipment and media with increasing confidence. Learn to secure work to continue at a later date. | Work in a safe, organised way, caring for equipment. Secure work to continue at a later date. Learn to secure work to continue at a later date. Learn to secure work to continue at a later date. | Work in a safe, organised way, caring for equipment. Secure work to continue at a later date. Learn to secure work to continue at a later date. | Work in a safe, organised way, caring for equipment. Secure work to continue at a later date. Learn to secure work to continue at a later date. |
| | Enjoy a range of malleable media such as clay, papier mache, salt dough. Impress and create apply simple decoration. | Experiment in a variety of malleable media such as clay, papier mache, salt dough. Continue to manipulate malleable materials in a variety of ways | Explore modelling materials such as Modroc, clay and plasticine. To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products. Investigate materials and processes such | Be familiar with different modelling techniques (using clay or plasticine) Join two parts successfully. To understand how to model and develop work through a | Model over armature: newspaper frame for modroc To know how to make a slip to join two pieces of clay. Explore how combinations of materials | Gain experience in modelling over an armature: newspaper frame for Modroc. Show experience in combining pinch, slabbing and coiling to produce end pieces. | Work around armatures or over constructed foundations. Model and develop work through a combination of pinch, slab and coil. |





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| | | including rolling, pinching and kneading. Shape and model materials for a purpose, e.g. pot, tile from observation and imagination. Impress and apply simple decoration techniques: impressed, painted, applied. | as: folding, scrunching, tearing, cutting, joining, modelling, layering and constructing. To use sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination. Create distinct, strong shapes. | combination of pinch, slab and coil. Make a sculpture structurally robust to stand up independently. Produce more intricate surface patterns/textures and use them when appropriate. | such as wire, paper fabric, string and card can be transformed into sculpture. Discover how best to manipulate different materials (cut, tear, bend, fold) and fasten them together (tie, bind, stick). To know the names of tools, techniques and formal elements/ processes. | Extend understanding how combinations of materials such as wire, paper fabric, string and card can be transformed into sculpture. Make a sculpture structurally robust to stand up independently. Add details to convey expression and movement. | Use previously taught techniques to explore form and perspective. Develop skills to represent figurative human forms. |
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| Printing | Enjoy taking rubbings; leaf, brick, coin. Create simple pictures by printing from objects. Develop simple | Explore printing simple pictures with a range of hard and soft materials, e.g. cork, pen barrels, sponges. Develop control by using 'press | Explore simple print making, e.g. using plasticine, found materials or quick foam print. Begin to print clearly using rollers, ink and blocks with | Choose from a range of different materials to create printed images. Using print blocks: Make and create repeated patterns. | Demonstrate experience in fabric printing. Create block print with increasing accuracy using stencil and rollers. | Develop skills used in Year 4 to create polystyrene printing blocks to use with roller and ink. Design and create motifs to be | Demonstrate experience in a range of printmaking techniques. See and use positive and negative shapes. |





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| | patterns by using objects. • Enjoy using stencils to create a picture. | and stamp' to create prints. Use repeating and overlapping shapes. Make simple marks on rollers and printing palettes. Take simple prints ie monoprinting | increasing accuracy. To know the name of simple tools and materials for printing. Continue to explore both mono-printing and relief printing. | Use taught technique to create clear precise prints using blocks with increasing accuracy. Demonstrate experience in 3 colour printing. Create texture: using man-made objects, e,g, corrugated card. Continue to explore monoprinting and relief printing. | Expand experience in3 colour printing. Increase awareness of mono and relief printing. Create repeating patterns, including tessellations. | turned into printing blocks. Continue to gain an experience in overlaying colours. Show experience in a range of mono print techniques. | Begin to use screen printing techniques independently and accurately. Use the skill of relief block printing on dyed fabric. Draw directly onto fabric with correct amount of pressure. |
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| Textiles | Enjoy playing with and using a variety of textiles and fabrics. Decorate a piece of fabric. Show experience of simple weaving: paper, twigs. Show experience in fabric collage; layering fabric. | Begin to use weaving skills; simple over/under weaving, looping and knotting. Decorate strips of fabric using a variety of media. Use brusho dye over oil pastel to decorate fabric. | Continue to gain experience in weaving, both 3D and flat, e.g. grass through twigs. Produce coloured patterns by folding and dipping fabric in different ways. Change and modify threads and fabrics, knotting, fraying, | Use a variety of techniques, e.g printing, dyeing, weaving and stitching to create different textual effects. Develop skills with dipping and dyeing techniques. Experiment with block printing techniques on pre dyed fabric. | Use a variety of techniques, e.g printing, dyeing, weaving and stitching to create different textual effects. Develop dip dye and resist techniques. Design and create own textile print. | Use a variety of techniques, e.g. printing, dyeing, weaving and stitching to create different textual effects. Develop knotting, threading and binding techniques. Experiment with pieces of fabric to show the effects of different ideas and | Select and design linear designs into relief print blocks. Transfer designs onto different scales and surfaces. Use the skill of relief block printing on dyed fabric. Become proficient in selecting materials and processes and |





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| Show expertise in | fringing, pulling | Apply decoration Apply decoration | Combine textile | techniques to alter its | organise and |
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| Show expertise in simple stitch work. | fringing, pulling threads, twisting, plaiting. Experiment with dyes to produce different effects. Show expertise in a range of stitch work. | Apply decoration using beads, buttons, feathers and a range of sewing techniques. | Combine textile dyeing ad print making techniques. Apply decoration using a range of sewing techniques and materials. | bevelop skills and knowledge of colouring layering, construction and destruction of textile material. Become proficient in selecting materials and processes and organise and combine these in their work. | organise and combine these in their work. |