

Art and Design Vocabulary Progression

Strand	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Drawing	line, thick, thin, wavy, straight, pencil, chalk, crayon, colour, sketchbook	broad, narrow, soft, fine, pattern, shape, smooth, rough	detail, still life, light, dark, pale, bright, portrait, landscape	charcoal, pastel, pen, form, tone, grade	texture, proportion, expression, weight, mark-making	observation, tonal contrast, shading, hatching, perspective, composition	cross-hatching, blending, horizon, scale, foreground, background, viewpoint, negative space, balance
Painting	sponge, colour, shape, size, smooth, rough, wet, dry, mix	primary colour, thick, thin, tone	warm colour, cool colour, secondary colour, blend, brush	tint, shade, texture, experiment, wash	layering, bold, delicate, detailed, scarlet, emerald, turquoise	opaque, foreground, background, abstract, representational, horizon	impressionist, contemporary, translucent, stippled, splattered, composition, complementary colours
Printing	print, squash, press, texture, pattern	rubbing, smudge, image, surface	reverse, pressure, repeating pattern, motif	impression, relief, monoprint, stencil	printing block, background, rotate	printing plate, overlap, reflection, water-based, oil-based	engraving, indentation, rotation, symmetrical, repetition
Collage & Textiles	glue, stick, paper, fabric, card, join, decorate	texture, pattern, cut, fold, tear	sew, needle, felt, scraps, yarn, thread	weave, collage, mixed media, applique	overlap, combine, layer, stitching	dyeing, resist, textural effects, joining	batik, enhance, accentuate, practicality, aesthetic
Sculpture & 3D	dough, model, cutter, build, construct	plasticine, rolling, texture, joining	clay, sculpture, structure, manipulate, malleable	slab, coil, decoration, form, proportion	tile, slate, ornate, symbolic, bronze, iron	balance, scale, composition, pliable, flexible, relief	realistic, hollow, solid, angle, attachment, gesture, intricate, negative space