



Skills Progression
EYFS &
Years 1-6

EYFS Open-ended, child-led approach can help build skills and enjoyment in children so that by the time they enter primary education they have a mindset which will help them become confident, creative learners ready for a more thorough exploration of drawing, making, sketchbooks, painting, printmaking, photography, design and craft.

Children should be introduced to a wide a variety of materials and experiences, which are revisited over time. Confidence in handling materials, exploring techniques and realising ideas builds over time and through repeated experience. There is great benefit in revisiting, repeating, expanding and thinking around the project ideas, as the experience children bring to each activity changes over time.

Exploring colour, drawing, printing & Collage

- Explore colour as a medium beyond Paint
- Develop observation skills
- Develop mark making, drawing, printing and painting skills
- Demonstrate how different art forms can feed into each other

Exploring the power of creativity

- Enables an exploration of colour
- Promotes mark making skills
- Promotes close looking followed by experimentation
- Explores colour and mark making
- Develops 3d experience

Year 1	Purple = Substantive Knowledge		Green = Implicit Knowledge / Skills		www.accessart.org.uk	
Drawing	Sketchbooks	Printmaking	Painting	Collage	Making	Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation
Hardware de dans de la constant	Locking decrees and set of	Unadameter danish to an			Understand that sculpture	Look at the work of artis
physical activity. Spirals	sketchbook is for. Understand it is owned by the pupil for	made by transferring an image from one surface to another. Simple		Collage with painted papers exploring colour,	is the name sometimes given for artwork which exists in three dimensions.	who draw, sculptors, an painters, listening to the artists' intention behind
Explore lines made by a drawing tool, made by moving fingers, wrist,	experimentation and exploration. Spirals	Printmaking Understand relief prints		shape and composition. <u>Simple Printmaking</u>	Playful Making Understand the meaning	the work and the contexin which it was made.
elbow, shoulder and body. Work at a scale to accommodate exploration. Spirals	Make a simple elastic band sketchbook. Personalise it. Spirals	are made when we print from raised images (plates). Simple Printmaking			of "Design through Making" <u>Playful Making</u>	Understand we may all have different response terms of our thoughts a the things we make. The
	Use sketchbooks to:				Use a combination of two	we may share similaritie
Use colour (pastels, chalks) intuitively to develop spiral drawings. Spirals	Test out printmaking ideas Simple Printmaking	Use hands and feet to make simple prints, using primary colours. Simple			or more materials to make sculpture. Playful Making M	Understand all response are valid.
Pupils draw from first hand observation, observing detail using materials above plus pastel, oil	Develop experience of primary and secondary colours Spirals Simple Printmaking	Printmaking Collect textured objects and make rubbings, and press them into plasticine to create plates/prints			Use construction methods to build. <u>Playful Making M</u>	Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked").
pastel and or pencil crayon. Simple Printmaking	Practice observational drawing Spirals Simple Printmaking Explore mark making Spirals Simple Printmaking	(relief printing) exploring how we ink up the plates and transfer the image. Simple Printmaking Explore concepts like			Work in a playful, exploratory way, responding to a simple brief, using Design through Making philosophy. <u>Playful</u> Making	Present your own artwo (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoye This went well").
	Spirals Simple Printmaking	"repeat" "pattern" "sequencing". Simple Printmaking			iviaking	Some children may feel able to share their response about classma work.

Year 2	Purple = Substantive Knowledge		Green = Implicit Know	Green = Implicit Knowledge / Skills		www.accessart.org.uk	
Drawing	Sketchbooks	Printmaking	Painting	Collage	Making	Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation	
Understand that we can use	Continue to build		Understand that some	Understand that we can		Understand artists take their	
different media (sometimes combined in one drawing) to capture the nature of things we find. Explore & Draw	understanding that sketchbooks are places for personal experimentation. Understand that the way each		painters use expressive, gestural marks in their work, often resulting in abstract, expressionist painting. Expressive Painting	combine collage with other disciplines such as drawing, printmaking and making. Explore & Draw	Understand when we make sculpture by adding materials it is called Construction.Stick Transformation Project	inspiration from around them collecting and transforming. Understand that in art we car experiment and discover	
Understand that we can hold our drawing tools in a variety of ways, experimenting with pressure, grip and speed to affect line. Explore & Draw	persons' sketchbook looks is unique to them Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places		Understand that the properties of the paint that you use, and how you use it, will affect your mark making. Expressive Painting	Use the observational drawings made (see column 1 "drawing"), cutting the separate drawings out and using them to create a new artwork, thinking carefully	Use Design through Making philosophy to playfully construct towards a loose brief. Stick Transformation Project	things for ourselves. Understand we may all have different responses in terms our thoughts and the things	
Visit local environment, collect natural objects, explore composition and qualities of	inside a bought sketchbook. Explore & Draw		Understand that primary colours can be mixed together	about composition. Work into the collage with further drawing made in response to	Transform found objects into sculpture, using imagination	we make. That we may share similarities. Understand all responses are valid. All	
objects through arranging, sorting & representing. Photograph. Explore & Draw	Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places		to make secondary colours of different hues Expressive Painting	the collaged sheet. Explore &	and construction techniques including cutting, tying, sticking. Think about shape	Pathways for Year 2 Reflect upon the artists' work	
Use drawing exercises to focus an exploration of	inside a bought sketchbook. Explore & Draw		Understand the concept of still life. Expressive Painting	Collage with drawings to create invented forms. Combine with making if	(2d), form (3d), texture, colour and structure. Stick Transformation Project	and share your response verbally ("I liked").	
observational drawing (of	Work in sketchhooks to:			appropriate Explore & Draw		Present your own artwork	
objects above) combined with experimental mark making, using graphite, soft pencil, handwriting pen. Explore & Draw	Explore colour and colour mixing. Expressive Painting Make visual notes about		Explore colour mixing through gestural mark making, initially working without a subject matter to allow exploration of media. Experiment with using			(journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed This went well"). Talk about intention.	
Work with care and focus, enjoying making drawings which are unrushed. Explore	artists studied. Explore & Draw		home made tools. Expressive Painting Create an arrangement of			Share responses to classmate work, appreciating similaritie	
quality of line, texture and shape. Explore & Draw			objects or elements. Use as the focus for an abstract still life painting using gestural			and differences. Document work using still	
Create final collaged drawings (see column 5 "collage") which explore composition. Explore & Draw			marks using skills learnt above. Expressive Painting			image (photography) or by making a drawing of the wo If using photography consid lighting and focus. Some	
						children may make films thinking about viewpoint, lighting & perspective.	

Year 3	Purple = Substantive Knowledge		Green = Implicit Knowledge / Skills		www.accessart.org.uk	
Drawing	Sketchbooks	Printmaking	Painting	Collage	Making	Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation
Understand that charcoal is a drawing medium that lends itself to loose, gestural marks made on a larger scale. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal	Continue to build understanding that sketchbooks are places for personal experimentation. Understand that the way each persons' sketchbook looks is unique	Understand that screen prints are made by forcing ink over a stencil. Working with Shape & Colour	Understand that we can create imagery using natural pigments and light. Telling Stories	Understand that we can combine collage with other disciplines	Understand that many makers use other artforms as inspiration, such as literature, film, drama or music. Telling Stories	To understand that visual artists look to other artforms for inspiration. Look at the work of an artist who uses gestura marks which convey movement, illustrators ar makers who take inspiration from literature.
Understand charcoal and earth pigment were our first drawing tools as humans. Gestural Drawing	to them.	Understand that mono print can be used effectively to create	Use paint, mixing colours, to complete the sculpture inspired by literature (see	such as drawing, printmaking	Understand that when we make sculpture by moulding with our fingers	Understand artists often collaborate on projects, bringing different skills together.
with Charcoal Know that Chiaroscuro means "light/dark" and we can use the concept to explore tone in	Work in sketchbooks to: Explore the qualities of charcoal. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal	prints which use line. That screen prints can be used to create prints which use thicker lines and / or	column 6 "making"). Telling Stories	and making. Working with Shape & Colour	it is called modelling (an additive process). Telling Stories That clay and Modroc are	Deconstruct and discuss an original artwork, using the sketchbooks to make visual notes to nurture pupils own creative response to the work
drawings. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal	Make visual notes using a variety of media using the "Show Me What You See" technique when looking at	shapes. Working with Shape & Colour		Cut shapes from paper (free hand)	soft materials which finally dry/set hard. Telling Stories	Understand we may all have different respons in terms of our thoughts and the things we
Make marks using charcoal using hands as tools. Explore qualities of	other artists work to help consolidate learning and make the experience your own. Gestural	Use mono print or screen print over collaged work to make		and use as elements with which to	An armature is an interior framework which support a sculpture. Telling Stories	make. That we may share similarities. Understand all responses are valid
mark available using charcoal. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal	Drawing with Charcoal Working with Shape & Colour Telling Stories	a creative response to an original artwork Consider use of layers		combined with	Use air dry clay to model	Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked I didn't understand it reminded me of").
Make charcoal drawings which explore Chiaroscuro and which explore narrative/drama through lighting/shadow (link to drama). Gestural Drawing with Charcoal	Develop mark making skills. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Working with Shape & Colour Telling Stories through drawing and making	to develop meaning. Working with Shape & Colour		printmaking (see column 3 "printmaking") to make a creative	characters inspired by literature. Consider form, texture, character, structure. Telling Stories Make an armature to	Present your own artwork (journey and any fir outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed This went well I would have liked next time I might). Talk about intention.
Option to explore making gestural drawings with charcoal using the whole body (link to dance). Gestural Drawing with Charcoal	Brainstorm animation ideas. Working with Shape & Colour			response to an original artwork. Explore positive and	support the sculpture. Telling Stories	Work collaboratively to present outcomes to others where appropriate. Present as a team. Share responses to classmates work,
				negative shapes, line, colour and		appreciating similarities and differences. Liste to feedback about your own work and respon
				composition. Working with Shape & Colour		Document work using still image (photograph or by making a drawing of the work. If using photography consider lighting and focus. Son children may make films thinking about viewpoint, lighting & perspective.

Year 4	Purple = Substantive	Green = Implicit	www.accessart.org.uk		
	Knowledge	Knowledge / Skills			
Drawing	Sketchbooks	Painting	Making	Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation	
Understand artists can work with pattern for different reasons: Understand Surface Pattern Designers work to briefs to create patterns for products: Artists work with pattern to create paintings or other works.	Understand that artists use sketchbooks for different purposes and that each artist will find their own ways of working in a sketchbook.	Understand that still life name given to the genre of painting (or making) a collection of objects/elements. Exploring Still Life	To understand that make sculpture can be challenging. To understand its takes a combination of skills, but that we can learn through practice. That it is ok to take creative risks and ok if things go wrong as well as right.	Look at the work of illustrators and graphic artists, painters and sculptors. Understand the processes, intentions an outcomes of different artists, using visual notes in a sketchbook to hel consolidate and own the learning.	
Exploring Pattern	Use sketchbooks to:	That still life is a genre which artists have enjoyed for hundreds of years,	Sculpture & Structure	Understand artists often collaborate on	
Understand working with pattern uses lots of different concepts including repetition, sequencing, symmetry. Exploring Pattern	Practise drawing skills. Exploring Pattern Exploring Still Life	and which contemporary artists still explore today. Exploring Still Life	Develop our construction skills, creative thinking and resilience skills by making sculpture which	projects, bringing different skills together. Deconstruct and discuss an original artwork.	
Understand that patterns can be purely decorative or hold symbolic significance. They can be personal or cultural. Exploring Pattern	Make visual notes to record ideas and processes discovered through looking at other artists. Exploring Pattern Exploring Still Life Test and experiment with materials.	To explore colour (and colour mixing), line, shape, pattern and composition in creating a still life. To consider lighting, surface, foreground and background. Exploring Still Life	combines lots of materials. Use tools to help us construct and take creative risks by experimenting to see what happens. Use Design through Making philosophy and reflect at all stages to inform future making. Sculpture & Structure	using the sketchbooks to make visual notes to nurture pupils own creative response to the work. Understand we may all have different response in terms of our thoughts and the things we	
Use colour, composition, elements, line,	Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Pattern Exploring Still Life Sculpture & Structure	To use close observation and try different hues and tones to capture	Structure	make. That we may share similarities. Understand all responses are valid.	
shape to create pattern working with tessellations, repeat pattern or folding patterns. Exploring Pattern	Brainstorm pattern, colour, line and shape. Exploring Pattern Exploring Still Life	3d form in 2 dimensions. (Option to use collage from painted sheets). Exploring Still Life		Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked I didn't understand it reminded me of It links to")	
	Reflect. Exploring Pattern Exploring Still Life Sculpture & Structure	Options to work in clay, making reliefs inspired by fruit still lives, or make 3d graphic still lives using ink and foamboard. Exploring Still Life		Present your own artwork (journey and any finoutcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed This went well I would have liked next time I might I was inspired by). Talk about intention.	
				Work collaboratively to present outcomes to others where appropriate. Present as a team.	
				Share responses to classmates work, appreciating similarities and differences. Lister to feedback about your own work and respond	
				Document work using still image (photographs or by making a drawing of the work. If using photography consider lighting and focus. Som children may make films thinking about viewpoint, lighting & perspective.	

Year 5	Purple = Substantive Knowledge		Green = Implicit Knowledge / Skills	www.accessart.org.uk		
Drawing	Sketchbooks	Printmaking	Painting	Making	Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation	
Understand that designers create fonts and work with Typography. Typography & Maps Understand that some artists use graphic skills to create pictorial maps, using symbols	Use sketchbooks to: Explore mark making. Typography & Maps Mixed Media Landscapes Make visual notes to capture,		Understand that there is a tradition of artists working from land, sea or cityscapes. That artists use a variety of media to capture the energy of a place, and that artists often work outdoors to do this. Mixed Media Landscapes	Understand that architects and other artists have responsibilities towards society. Understand that artists can help shape the world for the better. Architecture: Big or Small	Look at the work of designers, artists, animators, architects. Understand the processes, intentions an outcomes of different artists, using visua notes in a sketchbook to help consolidat and own the learning.	
(personal and cultural) to map identity as well as geography. Typography & Maps Create fonts inspired by objects/elements around you.	consolidate and reflect upon the artists studied. Typography & Maps Architecture: Big.or Small		Explore how you can you paint (possibly combined with drawing) to capture your response to a place. Explore how the media you choose, combined with the marks you make and how you use your body will affect the end result. Think about colour.	Use Design through Making and scale models to create a piece of architecture which would make the world a better place. Use a combination of materials, construction methods and tools. Reflect as part of the building process so that you can understand	Understand we may all have different responses in terms of our thoughts and the things we make. That we may share similarities. Understand all responses are valid.	
Use close observational drawing with pen to inspire, and use creative skills to transform into letters. Typography & Maps Draw over maps/existing marks to explore how you can make mark making more visually powerful. Typography & Maps Combine drawing with making to create pictorial / 3 dimension maps which explore qualities of your personality or otherwise respond to a theme. Explore	design (though do not use sketchbooks to design on paper), exploring thoughts about inspiration source, materials, textures, colours, mood, lighting etc. Architecture: Big or Small Experiment with different media and different marks to capture the energy of a landscape. Explore colour, and colour mixing, working intuitively to mix hues and tints, but able to articulate the processes involved. Mixed Media Landscapes		composition and mark making. Think about light and dark, movement and energy. Mixed Media Landscapes	how your intention relates to the reality of what you are building. Architecture: Big or Small	Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked I didn't understand it reminded me of It links to"). Present your own artwork (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed This went well I would have liked next time I might I was inspired by). Talk about intention Work collaboratively to present outcome to others where appropriate. Present as team. Share responses to classmates work, appreciating similarities and differences. Listen to feedback about your own work	
line weight, rhythm, grip, mark making and shape, and explore how 2d can become 3d through manipulation of paper. Typography & Maps					and respond. Document work using still image (photography) or by making a drawing of the work. If using photography consider lighting and focus. Some children may make films thinking about viewpoint, lighting & perspective. Discuss the ways in which artists have a responsibility to themselves/society. What purpose does art serve?	

Year 6	Purple = Substantive Knowledge		Green = Implici	t Knowledge / Skills	www.accessart.org.uk	
Drawing	Sketchbooks	Printmaking	Painting	Making	Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation	
Understand that there is	Use sketchbooks to:	Understand that artists		Understand that artists use a variety of media including light	Look at the work of designers, artists, art activists	
often a close relationship		sometimes use their skills,		and sound as well as physical media to create installations.	installation artists.	
between drawing and	Practise seeing negative	vision and creativity to		Understand that installations are often immersive, enabling		
making. Understand that	and positive shapes. 2D	speak on behalf of		the viewer to enter the artwork. Brave Colour	Understand that artists use art to explore their or	
we can transform 2d	to 3D Activism	communities they			experience, and that as viewers we can use our	
drawings into 3d objects.		represent, to try to change			visual literacy skills to learn more about both the	
2D to 3D	Using the grid method to	the world for the better.		Understand that artists and designers add colour, texture,	artist and ourselves.	
	scale up an image. 2D to	Activism		meaning and richness to our life. Brave Colour		
Understand that graphic	3D				Understand we may all have different responses	
designers use	-	Understand that the			terms of our thoughts and the things we make. T	
typography and image to	Explore what your	nature of the object		Use the device of scaled model to imagine what your	we may share similarities. Understand all respons	
create packaging which	passions, hopes and fears might be. What	(artwork in gallery, graffiti on wall, zine) can be		installation might be, working in respond to a brief or "challenge" to enable a viewer to "have a physical	are valid.	
we aspire to use. 2D to 3D	makes you you? How	specific to the intention of		experience of colour." Brave Colour	Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your	
JD	can you find visual	the artist. Activism		experience of colour. Brave colour	response verbally ("I liked I didn't understand	
Understand that there	equivalents for the	the artist. Activisin		Use a variety of materials, including light and sound, to	reminded me of It links to").	
are technical processes	words in your head?	Explore what kinds of		make a model of what you would build. Think about	Terminated the or termination).	
we can use to help us	Activism	topics or themes YOU care		structure of space, how the viewer would enter, what they	Present your own artwork (journey and any final	
see, draw and scale up		about. Articulate your		would see, feel, hear. Use colour in a brave and bold way,	outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed	
our work. 2D to 3D	Explore colour: make	fears, hopes, dreams. Think		reflecting upon how this might make the viewer feel. Brave	This went well I would have liked next time I	
	colours, collect colours,	about what you could		Colour	might I was inspired by). Talk about intentior	
Explore using negative	experiment with how	create (possibly working				
and positive space to	colours work together.	collaboratively) to share			Work collaboratively to present outcomes to oth	
"see" and draw a simple	Activism Brave Colour	your voice and passion			where appropriate. Present as a team.	
element/object. 2D to		with the world. Activism				
3D	Explore combinations				Share responses to classmates work, appreciating	
The state and a second	and layering of media.	Use screenprinting and/or			similarities and differences. Listen to feedback at	
Use the grid system to scale up the image	Activism	monoprinting over collaged and painted			your own work and respond.	
above, transferring the		sheets to create your piece			Document work using still image (photography)	
image onto card. 2D to	Develop Mark Making	of activist art. Activism			by making a drawing of the work. If using	
3D	Activism 2D to 3D	o. dolly lot drt. Mediviolii			photography consider lighting and focus. Some	
	NA-1	Or create a zine using			children may make films thinking about viewpoir	
Use collage to add tonal	Make visual notes to capture, consolidate and	similar methods. Activism			lighting & perspective.	
marks to the "flat	reflect upon the artists					
image". 2D to 32D	studied. Activism 2D to					
	3D Brave Colour					