

Art Unit Planner Year: 4 Title: Roman Mosaics

Unit Overview	Roman Britain – Mosaics In this unit, children look at a variety of different Roman mosaic styles, before planning and creating their own individual mosaic tile. These will be put together to create one large mosaic piece. EY – Art – collage with a variety of materials, creating art with beans Y2 – Art – tapestry (collaborative piece) Y3 – Science – Rocks and Soils Y4 – History – Roman Britain	
Prior Learning/ Links		
Unit Title:	Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge
Roman Britain		
What can you learn about the Romans from this mosaic? We can learn about their way of life- what transport looked like, what fashion, what weapons they used etc.? What patterns can you find? What patterns can you use? How has this design been created?	 Children can describe a Mosaic as a decorative piece of art made from assembling hundreds of small pieces of coloured glass/ stone or other material. That in Roman times local materials were often used to create mosaics. That different rock types produced different colours mosaics. Roman mosaics were popular in public buildings and homes. They help to tell us about the Roman way of life. Children can describe a repeating pattern. Children can explain how to plan and create their own design in the Roman style. Children can talk about what equipment is needed to create a mosaic design. Children know that often small piece were made and put together to create a larger piece of art. Children can evaluate their individual final piece using substantive and disciplinary language. 	Art History: Name of Artist/DOB+D Era/ time period of Art (use specific names e.g. renaissance) Medium Materials they used Inspiration Developing Ideas: Plan out future work in a sketch book – experimenting with ideas and different media. To use the sketchbook to develop and try out ideas. Annotate ideas and create notes to indicate intentions. Drawing: Draw for a sustained period of time. Painting: 3-D: Learn to understand perspective, and objects having a 3 rd dimension. Use natural, recycled and man – made products to create sculptures. Demonstrate awareness of sculptures in the environment. Print making: Texture, pattern, colour, line and tone:
		Create texture and pattern with a wide range of media.



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Vocabulary	Trips/ Visits/Useful Websites/ Resources	 Create texture and pattern with drawing tools. Responding to Art: Explore the work of a range of artists and craftspeople. Describe similarities and differences between their work and practices. Respond to art from different cultures and other periods of time. Key Misconceptions:
Substantive: mosaic, standstone, Purbeck marble, limestone, grout, tile, repeating pattern, setting. Disciplinary: design, pattern, tools, materials.	Model making a pattern: http://www.gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/mosaic/mkmosaic.htm- https://www.learningplayground.co.uk/mosaic/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/mosaics_gallery.shtml - This site has a gallery of Roman mosaic images; http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/mosaic/info.htm#some - This site has some great images with interesting associated facts; http://www.rammtimetrail.org.uk/Roman-Mosaic - This web page has an interactive, animated question-answer activity which is fun and informative; http://primaryfacts.com/3577/roman-mosaics-facts-and-information - This is a good information page; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_mosaic - Wikipedia page on Roman mosaics.	Scale – made pattern too big/ small and then not able to transfer this to actual mosaic. Tiles can overlap.