





Progression of Skill in Art and Design

Year	Focus	Drawing & Mark-Making	Colour & Painting	Texture & Materials	Observation	Evaluation & Expression
Year 1	Exploration and basic skill development	 Experiment with lines, shapes, and simple patterns	 Explore primary colours  Simple colour mixing	 Handle a variety of materials (paper, fabric, clay)	 Draw from memory and imagination  Notice simple shapes in objects	 Talk about own work and others' work using basic vocabulary
Year 2	Refinement of basic techniques and understanding of elements of art	 Use different lines to express ideas  Start shading with pencils	 Mix secondary colours  Begin to understand warm and cool colours	 Experiment with patterns and textures in 2D and 3D	 Draw from observation of real objects  Attempt proportion and scale	 Begin to describe likes/dislikes in own and others' work
Year 3	Building skills and experimenting with different media	 Introduce tone  Create light and dark using pencils and crayons	 Explore colour blending and layering techniques	 Use a variety of media (charcoal, pastels, collage) to create texture	 Study simple forms in nature and objects  Start basic perspective	 Compare and discuss different artists' approaches  Explain choices in own work
Year 4	Developing control, composition, and technique	 Use line, tone, and texture to show depth and form	 Explore complementary colours  Experiment with washes and layering	 Combine materials in mixed-media work  Develop surface patterns	 Draw from observation with increasing accuracy  Understand proportion	 Begin to give constructive feedback  Reflect on process and outcomes
Year 5	Refinement, personal style, and introduction to formal art concepts	 Use perspective, scale, and proportion to create more realistic drawings	 Develop use of colour theory  Experiment with mood and atmosphere	 Explore relief and sculptural techniques  Combine 2D and 3D approaches	 Observe from secondary sources (photos, digital media) as well as real life	 Analyse and compare own work with professional artists  Justify artistic choices
Year 6	Mastery, creativity, and critical thinking in art	 Confidently apply line, tone, texture, and perspective to convey meaning	 Use colour expressively  Develop personal colour palettes and styles	 Create intricate mixed-media work  Manipulate materials for effect	 Confidently combine observation, imagination, and research in projects	 Critically evaluate own and others' work