



Generating ideas							
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Talk about their	Explore their own	Begin to generate	Generate ideas	Generate ideas	Develop ideas more	Draw upon their	
ideas and explore different ways to record them.	ideas using a range of media.	ideas from a wider range of stimuli, exploring different	from a range of stimuli and carry out simple research	from a range of stimuli, using research and	independently from their own research.	experience of creative work and their research to	
		media and techniques.	and evaluation as part of the making	evaluation of techniques to	Explore and record	develop their own starting points for	
			process.	develop their ideas and plan more purposefully for an	their plans, ideas and evaluations to develop their ideas	creative outcomes.	
				outcome.	towards an outcome.		





	Drawing							
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Use a range of	Use a range of	Further develop	Confidently use of a	Apply observational	To use a broader	Draw expressively		
drawing materials	drawing materials	mark-making within	range of materials,	skills, showing a	range of stimulus to	in their own		
such as pencils,	such as	a	selecting and using	greater awareness	draw from, such as	personal style and		
chalk, felt tips and	pencils, chalk,	greater range of	these appropriately	of composition and	architecture,	in response to their		
wax crayons.	charcoal, pastels,	media,	with more	demonstrating the	culture and	choice of stimulus,		
	felt tips and	demonstrating	independence.	beginnings of an	photography.	showing the ability		
Work on a range of	pens.	increased control.		individual style.		to develop a		
materials of			Draw with		Begin to develop	drawing		
different	Develop	Develop	expression and	Use growing	drawn ideas as part	independently.		
textures (eg.	observational skills	observational skills	begin to	knowledge of	of an exploratory			
playground, bark).	to look closely	to look closely	experiment with	different drawing	journey.	Apply new drawing		
	and reflect surface	and reflect surface	gestural and quick	materials,		techniques to		
Begin to develop	texture through	texture through	sketching.	combining media	Apply known	improve their		
observational skills	mark-making.	mark-making.		for effect.	techniques with a	mastery of		
by using mirrors to			Developing drawing		range of media,	materials and		
include the main	To explore mark	Experiment with	through further	Demonstrate	selecting these	techniques.		
features	making using a	drawing on	direct	greater control over	independently in			
of faces in their	range of tools;	different	observation, using	drawing tools to	response to a	Push the		
drawings.	being able to create	surfaces, and begin	tonal shading and	show	stimulus.	boundaries of mark-		
	a diverse and	to explore tone	starting to apply an	awareness of		making to explore		
Experiment with	purposeful range of	using a	understanding of	proportion and	Draw in a more	new surfaces, e.g.		
mark making in an	marks through	variety of pencil	shape	continuing to	sustained way,	drawing on clay,		
exploratory way.	experimentation	grade (HB, 2B, 4B)	to communicate	develop use of tone	revisiting a drawing	layering media and		
	building skills and	to show	form and	and more intricate	over time and	incorporating digital		
	vocabulary.	form, drawing	proportion.	mark making.	applying their	drawing techniques.		
		light/dark lines,			understanding of			
	Use sketchbooks to	patterns and	Use sketchbooks for	Use sketchbooks	tone, texture, line,	Using a systematic		
	explore ideas in an	shapes.	a wider range of	purposefully to	colour and form.	and independent		
	open-ended way.			improve		approach, research,		
				understanding,		test and develop		





	Experiment in	purposes, for	develop ideas and	Confidently use	ideas and plans	l
	sketchbooks, using	example recording	plan for an	sketchbooks for	using sketchbooks.	ı
	drawing to record	things	outcome.	purposes including		l
	ideas. Use	using drawing and		recording		l
	sketchbooks to help	annotations,		observations and		ı
	make decisions	planning		research, testing		l
	about what to try	and taking next		materials		ı
	out next.	steps in a making		and working		ı
		process.		towards an		l
				outcome more		l
				independently		l





	Painting and mixed media							
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Explore paint	Experiment with	<b>B</b> egin to develop	Select and use a	Explore the way paint	Apply paint with	Manipulate paint and		
including different	paint, using a wide	some control when	variety of painting	can be used in	control in different	painting techniques		
application methods	variety	painting, applying	techniques, including	different ways to	ways to achieve	to suit a purpose,		
(fingers, splatter,	of tools (e.g. brushes,	knowledge of colour	applying their	create a variety of	different effects,	making choices based		
natural materials,	sponges, fingers) to	and how different	drawing skills, using	effects, eg creating a	experimenting with	on their experiences.		
paintbrushes.)	apply paint to a range	media behave eg	their knowledge of	range of marks and	techniques used by			
	of different surfaces.	adding water to thin	colour mixing and	textures in paint.	other artists and	Work in a sustained		
Use different forms of		paint.	making choices about		applying ideas to	way over several		
'paint' such as mud	Begin to explore		suitable tools for a	Develop greater skill	their own artworks eg	sessions to complete		
and puddles, creating	colour mixing.	Create a range of	task eg choosing a	and control when	making choices about	a piece.		
a range of artwork		secondary colours by	fine	using paint to depict	painting surfaces or			
both abstract and	Play with	using different	paintbrush for making	forms, eg beginning	mixing paint	Analyse and describe		
figurative.	combinations of	amounts of each	detailed marks.	to use tone by mixing	with other materials.	the elements of other		
	materials to create	starting colour or		tints and shades of		artists' work, e.g. the		
Use mixed-media	simple collage effects.	adding water.	Mix colours with	colours to create 3D	Develop a painting	effect of colour or		
scraps to create child-			greater accuracy and	effects.	from a drawing or	composition.		
led	Select materials	Make choices about	begin to consider		other initial stimulus.			
artwork with no	based on their	which materials to	how colours can be	Work selectively,		Consider materials,		
specific outcome.	properties, eg	use	used	choosing and	Explore how collage	scale and techniques		
	shiny, soft.	for collage based on	expressively.	adapting collage	can extend original	when creating		
		colour, texture, shape		materials to create	ideas.	collage and other		
		and pattern.	Modify chosen	contrast and		mixed media pieces.		
			collage materials in a	considering overall	Combine a wider			
		Experiment with	range	composition.	range of media, eg	Create collage in		
		overlapping and	of ways eg by cutting,		photography and	response to a		
		layering materials to	tearing, re-sizing or		digital art effects.	stimulus.		
		create interesting	overlapping. In					
		effects.	sketchbooks, use			Work collaboratively		
			collage as a means of			on a larger scale		
			collecting ideas.					





	Sculpture and 3D							
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Push, pull and twist	Use their hands to	Develop	Able to plan and	Explore how	Investigate how	Uses personal plans		
a range of	manipulate a range	understanding of	think through the	different materials	scale, display	and ideas to design		
modelling	of modelling	sculpture to	making process to	can be shaped and	location and	and construct		
materials to affect	materials, including	construct and	create 3D forms	joined,	interactive	more complex		
the shape.	paper and	model simple	using a range of	using more complex	elements impact 3D	sculptures and 3D		
	card.	forms.	materials.	techniques such as	art.	forms.		
Create child-led 3D	Explore how to join	Use hands and tools	Shape materials for	carving and	Plan a 3D artwork	Combine materials		
forms from natural	and fix materials in	with confidence	a purpose,	modelling wire.	to communicate a	and techniques		
materials.	place.	when	positioning	Show an	concept, developing	appropriately to fit		
	Create 3D forms to	cutting, shaping and	and joining	understanding of	an idea in 2D into	with ideas.		
Join materials in	make things from	joining paper, card	materials in new	appropriate finish	three-dimensions.	Confidently		
different ways e.g.	their imagination or	and	ways (tie, bind,	and present	Persevere when	problem-solve, edit		
using	recreate things they	malleable materials.	stick, fold).	work to a good	constructions are	and refine to create		
sticky tape to attach	have	Develop basic skills	Experiment with	standard.	challenging and	desired effects and		
materials, making	seen.	for shaping and	combining found	Respond to a	work	end results		
simple joins when		joining	objects	stimulus and begin	to problem solve			
modelling with		clay, including	and recyclable	to make choices	more			
playdough.		exploring surface	material to create	about	independently.			
		texture.	sculpture.	materials and				
				techniques used to				
				work in 3D.				





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Design something	Able to select	Respond to a simple	Learn a new making	Learn new making	Design and make	Develop personal,
and stick to the plan	colours, shapes and	design brief with a	technique and	techniques,	art for different	imaginative
when making.	materials	range of ideas.	apply it as part of	comparing these	purposes and begin	responses to a
	to suit ideas and		their own	and making	to consider how this	design brief,
Cut, thread, join	purposes.	Apply skills in	project.	decisions about	works in creative	using sketchbooks
and manipulate		cutting, arranging		which method to	industries e.g. in	and independent
materials with	Design and make	and joining	Investigate the	use to achieve a	architecture,	research.
instruction and	something that is	a range of materials	history of a craft	particular outcome.	magazines, logos,	
support, focusing	imagined or	to include card, felt	technique		digital media and	Justify choices
on process over	invented.	and	and share that	Design and make	interior design.	made during a
outcome.		cellophane.	knowledge in a	art for different		design process,
	Begin to develop		personal way.	purposes and begin	Extend ideas for	explaining
	skills such as	Follow a plan for a		to consider how this	designs through	how the work of
	measuring	making process,	Design and make	works in creative	sketchbook use and	creative
	materials, cutting,	modifying and	creative work for	industries.	research, justifying	practitioners have
	and adding	correcting things	different purposes,		choices made	influence their final
	decoration.	and	evaluating the		during the design	outcome.
		knowing when to	success		process.	
		seek advice.	of the techniques			
			used.			





Knowledge of Artists								
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Enjoy looking at and	Describe similarities	Talk about art they	Use subject	Use subject	Research and	Describe, interpret		
talking about art.	and differences	have seen using	vocabulary to	vocabulary	discuss the ideas	and evaluate the		
	between practices	some appropriate	describe and	confidently to	and approaches of	work, ideas and		
	in Art and design,	subject vocabulary.	compare creative	describe and	artists	processes used by		
	eg		works.	compare creative	across a variety of	artists across a		
	between painting	Be able to make		works.	disciplines, being	variety of		
	and sculpture, and	links between	Use their own		able to describe	disciplines,		
	link	pieces of art.	experiences to	Use their own	how	being able to		
	these to their own		explain how art	experiences of	the cultural and	describe how the		
	work		works may have	techniques and	historical context	cultural and		
			been made	making	may have	historical context		
				processes to explain	influenced	may have		
				how art works may	their creative work.	influenced their		
				have been made.		creative work.		





Evaluating and Analysing								
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Talk about their	Describe and	Explain their ideas	Confidently explain	Build a more	Discuss the	Give reasoned		
artwork, stating	compare features	and opinions about	their ideas and	complex vocabulary	processes used by	evaluations of their		
what they feel they	of their own and	their own and	opinions about their	when discussing	themselves and by	own and others		
did well.	other's art work.	other's art work,	own and other's art	their own and	other artists, and	work		
		giving reasons.	work, giving	others' art.	describe the	which takes		
			reasons.		particular outcome	account of context		
		Begin to talk about		Evaluate their work	achieved.	and intention.		
		how they could	Use sketchbooks as	more regularly and		Independently use		
		improve	part of the	independently	Use their	their knowledge of		
		their own work.	problem-solving	during the planning	knowledge of tools,	tools, materials and		
			process and make	and making	materials and	processes to try		
			changes to improve	process.	processes to try	alternative		
			their work		alternative	solutions and make		
					solutions and make	improvements to		
					improvements to	their work.		
					their work.			