Art and Design: Progression of Vocabulary

Art and subject-specific vocabulary by discipline · Years 3 to 6

Our art strands

Creativity | Knowledge of Materials | Artist Appreciation | Evaluate and Celebrate

	Drawing		Painting and Mixed Media		Sculpture and 3D		Craft and Design	
	Art vocabulary	Subject specific	Art vocabulary	Subject specific	Art vocabulary	Subject specific	Art vocabulary	Subject specific
Year 3	Shape, Line, Texture, Composition, Abstract, Viewfinder	Geometric, Organic, Object, Arrangement, Light, Dark, Shading, Tone, Grip, Smooth, Blend, Even, Frottage, Rubbing, Surface, Pressure, Tool, Tear, Cut, Botanist, Botanical, Scientific, Magnified, Form, Scale, Frame, Gestural, Expressive	Negative image, Pigment, Positive image, Prehistoric, Proportion, Smudging, Scaled up, Tone	Charcoal, Composition, Sketch, Texture	Roll, Smooth, Flatten, Shape, Cut, Pinch pot, Thumb pot, Ceramic, Glaze, Score, Slip, Surface, Join, Sculpture, Sculptor, Plaster, Casting, Negative space, Detail and Impressing	Water, fire, earth, air, tile, square and three dimensional	Sculpture, Painting, Pattern, Shape, Colour, Composition, Scale, Design	Egyptian, Ancient, Civilisation, Papyrus, Scroll, Convey, Imagery, Technique, Process, Material, Layout, Zine, Fold, Audience, Inform
Year 4	Shading, Shadow, Tone,Three dimensional (3D), Proportion, Pattern, Composition, Collage, Hatching, Cross-hatching, Viewfinder	Contrast, Observational drawing, Gradient, Symmetry, Precision, Mixed media, Wax-resist, Highlight, Combine, Parallel, Collaborate, Collaboratively, Printmaking, Abstract, Figurative, Monoprint, Block print	Shadow, Texture, Contrasting, Patterned, Abstract, Three dimensional (3D), Technique, Mark-making, Composition	Portrait, Landscape, Tint, Shade, Vivid, Muted, Formal, Detailed, Figurative, Dabbing paint, Stippling paint, Paint wash, Pointillism, Grid	Ceramics, Two-dimensional (2D), Three-dimensional (3D), Organic shape, Sculpture, Tone, Form, Carving, Abstract, Texture, Surface, Join	Pliers, Visualisation, Template, Secure, Mesh, Found objects, Typography, Welding, Weaving, Quarry, Model, Hollow, Figurative	Rainforest, Inspiration, Imagery, Design, Designer, Texture, Develop, Pattern, Repeating, Organic, Symmetrical, Craftsperson, Industry	Colour palette, Mood board, Theme, Batik, Repeat, Craft
Year 5	Futuristic, Culture, Cold War, Space race, Stimulus, Process, Collagraphy, Repetition, Printing plate, Printmaking, Develop	Retro-futurism, Imagery, Propaganda, Purpose, Decision, Technique, Collagraph, Composition, Evaluate, Revisit	Paint wash, Collage, Texture, Composition, Printmaking, Monoprint, Mixed media, Evaluate	Background, Continuous line drawing, Portrait, Self-portrait, Carbon paper, Transfer, Multi media, Justify, Research, Represent, Atmosphere, Art medium	Mixed media, Evaluate, Scale, Scaled down, Three dimensional, Art medium, Stencil, Atmosphere	Display, Installation art, Features, Analyse, Location, Special effects, Performance art, Props, Influence, Experience, Culture, Revolution, Concept, Elements, Interact, Interactive	Composition, Design, Evaluate, Proportion, Monoprint, Organic, Observational, drawing, Form, Abstract, Viewfinder, Design brief	Architecture, Perspective, Bird's-eye view, Architectural, Monument, Architect, Legacy, Elevation, Built environment, Interpret, Pressure, Crop, Futuristic, External, Style, Annotate, Individuality, Design intention, Symbolism, Literal, Commemorate
Year 6	Mayan, Imagery, Mark making, Expressive, Character traits, Interpretation, Representative, Tone, Technique, Guerrilla, Mural, Street art, Tone, Tonal, Composition, Audience	Maya, Symbol, Symbolic, Aesthetic, Chiaroscuro, Graffiti, Commissioned, Impact	Artist, Compositions, Evaluation, Medium, Mixed media, Technique, Analyse, Justify, Abstract	Convey, Compose, Thought-provoking, Inference, Respond, Tableau, Meaning, Narrative, Interpret, Translate	Expression, Self, Identity, Symbolic, Literal, Sculpture, Composition, Tradition, Pitfall, Originality, Collection	Attribute, Assemblage, Manipulate, Relief, Juxtaposition, Embedded, Representation	Image, Composition, Arrangement, Layout, Frame, Prop, Portrait, Grid, Proportion	Photomontage, Dada, Cityscape, Macro, Photography, Monochrome, Monochromatic, Album, Digital, Saturation, Emulate, Editing, Software, Replacement, Focus, Recreate, Pose, Photorealism, Photorealistic