Art Vocabulary

The vocabulary is cumulative and will be revisited. The words listed are introduced in that year group.

The visual elements - colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space will be continually referenced.



Skill	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Drawing	line	landscape, portrait, line, still-life, thick, thin, soft, broad, narrow, fine, pattern, shape, detail, charcoal, colouring pencil, drawing pencil, felt tip pen, marker	comparison hatching, cross-hatching, stippling, random lines	figure, pose, proportion, organic shape, geometric shape, texture, overlap, realistic, abstract	drawing techniques, observations, distance, atmosphere, perspective, movement, variation, three dimensions.	viewpoint, direction, angle, bird's eye view, alter, modify, Interior, exterior, natural form, vista, panorama, image, subject, expression, personality, focal point, depth, proportion,	smooth shading and blending, creating highlights, circling,
Painting	colour	colour, primary (colour), light, dark, thick, thin, big space big brush, small space, small brush	colour wash, blend, mixed media, sunrise, sunset, panoramic, horizon, layering, hue	natural, bold, delicate, detailed, colour descriptors e.g. scarlet, crimson, emerald, turquoise, watery, intense, strong, opaque, translucent,	tint, composition, tone, shade	abstract, traditional, representational, imaginary, modern, impressionist, stippled, splattered, dabbed, scraped, dotted, stroked, textured, flat, layered, opaque	complementary colours, graded wash, dry brush technique, flat wash, hard edge graded wash- a wash in which the value gradually changes from dark to light, lifting paint
Collage	texture			texture, form, relief, decorative, techniques, adhesive, construction mixed media, image			
Printing	pattern				positive and negative, space, mono-print, relief print, incise, engrave, brayer, reverse, simple stylised, design motifs print, rubbing, smudge, image, reverse, shapes, surface pressure, repeat, rotate, stamp		multiple, reduction print
3D	form shape		structure, assemble, construct, model, fold, bend, attach, shape, form, texture, mould, roll, twist, press, malleable			engraving, pattern, form, shape, surface impressing, models coils, slab, cross hatching, score, slip, relief, in the round, mobile, additive, subtractive, abstract, figurative, maquette, statue, sculpture	

Textiles	texture	texture, fabric , colour, pattern, shape, texture, glue stick, scissors, sew, needle, felt, hessian, scraps, wool, yarn, thread, fur, tweed, silk, satin, net, weave			
Photography	space			focus, lens, format, ISO, aperture, composition, documentary photography, digital print, self-portrait, lens, zooming mechanism, flash, viewfinder, light exposure, aperture, shutter speed, rule of thirds	