



Art - Vocabulary Progression

Below are the vocabulary lists for art. These give an indication of the words that we want children to become familiar with during each key stage. They are not intended as a test list but show the kind of language staff will use and explain in lessons to broaden pupils' art vocabulary and understanding.

Subject	Drawing	Painting	Sculpture	Collage	Textiles	Printing
EYFS Coral	thick, thin, wavy, straight, pencil, stick, chalk, pastel, felt tip	mark making tools, sponges, different brushes, respond, line, colour, texture, shape, 2D, observation, imagination, scale, size, fine motor skills	experiment, clay, plasticine, dough, explore, mark making, effects, material, model, observe, imagination, tools, control, fine motor	experiment, media, understand, glue, sticking, paper, fabric, materials, effects, observe, imagination	practise, threading, stitches, understand, join, fabric, decorate	experiment, printing, media, understand, techniques
KS1 Amber	thick, thin, soft, broad, narrow, fine, pattern, line, shape, detail, bold, wavy, straight, smooth, rough, wrinkly, bumpy, tone, soft, hard, shiny, tone, light, dark, pale, deep, oval, long, curvy, bright	brush, size, scale, colour, mixing, primary colours, primary shades, tones, techniques, layering	materials, products, malleable materials, clay, natural, understand, techniques, tools, rolling, kneading, understand, safety, tools, experiment, paint, create, texture, construct, join, natural, manmade, surface	create, variety, images, media, materials, fabric, crepe paper, magazines, sort, group, different purposes, colour, texture, fold, crumple, tear, overlap	match, sort, fabric, thread, texture, length, size, shape, knotting, fraying, fringing, twisting, plaiting, cut, glue, stitching, beads, buttons, feathers, cords, colour, printing, dipping, crayon, texture, weaving	hard, soft, rollers, pallets, mono printing, roll printing, stencils, repeating patterns
LKS2 Quartz	charcoal, pencil, crayon, chalk, pastels, pens, grades, forms, shapes, third dimension, variations, tone, pattern, texture, proportion, emotion, expression	primary, secondary, mix, tints, shades, experiment, effects, texture, blocking, washes, layering, brush, texture, sand, plaster	record, observe, review, revisit, improve, mastery, design, techniques, painting, materials, create, surface patterns, textures, join, construct, modelling, shape, develop, clay, slabs, coils	tearing, overlapping, layering, textures	printing, dyeing, weaving, stitching, textures, stitching, cutting, joining	printing blocks, repeating patterns, two colour overlays
UKS2 Jet	observation, photographs, visual images, marks, tone, form, lines, patterns, shapes, wet media, tonal contrast, shading, hatching, blending, perspective, horizon, composition, scale, foreground, middle ground, background	sketchbooks, record, observe, review, revisit, improve, design, techniques, materials, mix, atmosphere, light effects, primary colours, secondary colours, wet, dry, watercolour, imagination	record, materials, observations, review, revisit, improve, design, techniques, intricate patterns, textures, malleable, clay, slabs, coils, materials, sculpture	paint, print, draw, media, collage, colour, texture	fabric, structure, threads, needles, batik, media, overlap, layer, colour, texture	printing blocks, relief, impressed, three colour overlays, pens, coloured pens, paints, media