Art Curriculum Overview – 2021 / 2022

Early Years

Age Bands	Area of Learning	Art Learning Pathway	What does progression look like?
	Physical Development	Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks. Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan. Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors. Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.	Children mark make (e.g., paint, chalk, water) on vertical surfaces (walls/easels) with large shoulder movements, CHILDREN MUST BE ABLE TO CROSS THE MID-LINE OF THEIR BODIES. When children have developed the core strength and stability to support fine motor skills (move/ rotate lower arms and wrists) they can move on to using tools such as pencils, paint brushes scissors with correct grip. Children can manipulate materials with a planned outcome – weaving strips, clay, sewing with large needle and thread.
3-4 Years	Expressive Arts and Design	Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make. Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. Join different materials and explore different textures. Create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects. Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details. Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises. Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear, etc. Explore colour and colour mixing.	Children will start to express ideas and feelings through mark making — fingers in cornflour, sticks in mud, hands in paint. They will start to learn colour names 0-3 years. Children move on to plan what they want to create and have an idea of an outcome. Their drawings and paintings are representative of people objects and emotions. Drawings and paintings have elements of detail - colour, movement and line. Children draw from imagination and observation. They can improve observational drawing by looking for key features. Children are taught to explore colour mixing so they are able by Reception t match the colours they see and want to represent. Children notice features in the natural world, talking about colours, shapes, texture. Children are inspired by artist's work on visits to galleries and museums. In making progress they are able to recognise features on artist's work in their own work.
Reception	Physical Development	Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor. Develop overall body-strength, balance, coordination and agility.	

<u> Year 1</u>

Term 1

Art	Skill: Painting	
Painting	Focus Artist: Kandinsky	
	Skills and Knowledge	
<u>Media</u>	Identify the primary and secondary colours by name.	
	Mix colours to get shade and tints.	
Water colours	Start to create the tertiary colours.	
Block paint	• Try out and develop a range of materials and processes to create texture/patterns/shape/lines and recognise that they have different qualities.	
	Use paint to develop ideas, experiences, and imagination.	
	Recognise that ideas can be expressed in artwork.	
	Create simple representations of people and other simple ideas.	
	Know how to explain what they are doing.	
	Know how to recognise and describe some simple characteristics of different kinds of art and artists.	

Term 2

Art	Spring 1	Spring 2 – Art for Delight (Art to entertain or for pleasure)
Drawing	Skill: Drawing	Whole School Purposes for Art Exhibition - Mixed Media
	Focus Artist: Beatrix Potter	Pupils will apply their skills in all disciplines to the
<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge	celebration of a particular purpose for art.
	Sustain concentration and control when experimenting	
HB Pencils	with drawing tools. (In sketching/shading/creating	Mixed Media Artists for inspiration – Eric Carle, Njideka
Felt tips	texture/lines)	Akunyili, Matisse, Deborah Roberts
Colouring pencils	Recognise that ideas can be expressed in artwork.	
	Know how to recognise and describe some simple	(Including textiles and printing)
	characteristics of different kinds of art and artists.	

Art	Summer 1	Summer 2
Sculpture	Skill: Sculpture	Whole School Exhibition of Historical Artefacts
	Focus Artist: Henry Moore	

<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge	Children will apply their skills in all disciplines to the
Clay	 Use different media (clay/plaster of Paris) to design and make a product. 	creation of historical artefacts.
Plaster of Paris	 Try out a range of materials and processes and recognise that they have different qualities. 	
	Make a sculpture from a range of artists studied.	
	 Use material purposefully to achieve particular characteristics or qualities. 	
	 Sustain concentration and control when experimenting with tools and materials. 	
	Start to know the names of tools.	
	Know how to recognise and describe some simple	
	characteristics of different kinds of art and artists.	

Term 1

Art	Skill: Painting		
Painting	Focus Artist: Van Gogh		
	Skills and Knowledge		
<u>Media</u>	Know names of colours learned from year 1.		
	• Deliberately use and choose a range of techniques for colour, pattern, lines, form, space and texture (investigate tone).		
Block paint	Develop and exercise some care and control over the range of materials they use. For example, they do not accept the first		
Ready mix Paint	mark but seek to refine and improve. (Using self-discipline)		
	Use painting to create, develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.		
	Try out different activities and make sensible choices about what to do next.		
	When looking at creative work express clear preferences and give some reasons for these. (link to own painting)		

Art	Spring 1	Spring 2 – Art for Commemoration (celebrating or mourning
Drawing	Skill: Drawing	a key event or person)
	Focus Artist: AA Milne	Whole School Mixed Media Purposes for Art Exhibition
<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge	Pupils will apply their skills in all disciplines to the
	When looking at drawings express clear preferences and	celebration of a particular purpose for art.
HB pencils	give some reasons for these.	
Colouring pencils	Use drawing to record ideas and experiences.	Mixed Media Artists for Inspiration – Eric Carle, Njideka
Charcoal	Create own drawing (link own drawing to artist)	Akunyili, Matisse, Deborah Roberts
Black Fine liners	Deliberately choose to use particular techniques for a given purpose. (Darker/lighter shades, shape perspective)	(Including textiles and printing)
	etc)	

Term 3

Art	Summer 1	Summer 2
Sculpture	Skill: Sculpture	Whole School Exhibition of Historical Artefacts
Modia	Focus Artist: Takashi Murikama	Children will apply their skills in all disciplines to the creation of historical artefacts.
Media Paper Mache Recycling Ma	 they do not accept the first mark but seek to refine and improve. Know that different forms of creative works in sculpture are made by artists, craftspeople and designers, from all cultures and times. (Make and link to own sculpture) Use sculpture to develop, create work and share their ideas, experiences and imagination. 	creation of historical artefacts.
	 Talk about the materials, techniques and processes they have used, and know some vocabulary. For example, the tools names. 	

Term 1

Art	Autumn		
Painting	Skill: Painting		
	Focus Artist: Picasso		
<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge		
	Use sketchbooks to record observations of paintings, plan and shape their own ideas for painting.		
Block paint	Develop practical skills by experimenting with colour, line, shapes, form, space (Building from KS1).		
Ready Mix paint Printing/ink	Develop practical skills by experimenting with, and testing the qualities of a range of different painting materials and techniques. (printing/patterns/texture/layers).		
	Select, and use appropriately, a variety of materials/paints and techniques in order to create their own work.		
	Take time to reflect (in their sketchbooks) upon what they like and dislike about their work in order to improve it.		

Art	Spring 1	Spring 2 – Art for Worship or Ritual (Art to depict a religious
Drawing	Skill: Drawing	image or theme or made for a religious context)
	Focus Artist: Raymond Briggs	
<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge	Whole School Mixed Media Purposes for Art Exhibition
	Build from KS1 - develop practical skills by experimenting	Pupils will apply their skills in all disciplines to the
Range of HB	with and testing the qualities of a range of different	celebration of a particular purpose for art.
pencils	materials (pencil, charcoal) and techniques. (rubbings)	
Colouring pencils	Select, and use appropriately, a variety of materials and	Mixed Media Artists for Inspiration – Eric Carle, Njideka
chalk	techniques in order to create their own work.	Akunyili, Matisse, Deborah Roberts
	Take time to reflect (in their sketchbooks) upon what they	
	like and dislike about their work in order to improve it.	(Including textiles and printing)

Term 3

Art	Summer 1	Summer 2
Sculpture	Skill: Sculpture	
	Focus Artist: Alberto Giacometti	Whole School Exhibition of Historical Artefacts
<u>Media</u>	Skills and KnowledgeUse a sketchbook for different purposes, including	Children will apply their skills in all disciplines to the creation of historical artefacts.
Plaster of Paris Wire	 recording observations, planning and shaping ideas to create own sculpture. Develop practical skills by experimenting with, and testing the qualities of clay, mouldable materials. Know how to explain the ways of using some of the tools and techniques they have chosen to work with. Know about (and be able to describe) the work of some artists, craftspeople, architects and designers from history. 	

Term 1

Art	Autumn
Painting	Skill: Painting
	Focus Artist: Jackson Pollack
<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge
	Use sketchbooks and drawing, purposefully to improve own paintings.
Block paint	Investigate the nature and qualities of different paint materials.
Water colours Ready Mix paint	• Develop key ideas, techniques and working practices of a variety of artists, craftspeople, architects and designers in history that they have studied.
Print ink	• Apply the technical skills they have learned to improve the quality of their work. For example, in painting, they select and use different brushes for different purposes.
	 Regularly reflect upon their own work (in their sketchbooks) and use comparisons with the work of others (pupils and artists) to identify how to improve.

Art	Spring 1	Spring 2 - Art for Commentary (Observation or opinion,
Drawing	Skill: Drawing	social or political commentary)
	Focus Artist: Quentin Blake	
<u>Media</u>	 Skills and Knowledge Use sketchbooks and drawing, purposefully to improve. 	 Whole School Mixed Media Purposes for Art Exhibition Pupils will apply their skills in all disciplines to the
Range of HB pencils Fine and thick black	 Apply the technical skills they are learning to improve the quality of their work. For example, they select and use 	celebration of a particular purpose for art.
liners chalk	different pencils, pens, charcoal etc for different purposes.	Mixed Media Artists for Inspiration – Eric Carle, Njideka Akunyili, Matisse, Deborah Roberts
	 Regularly reflect upon their own work (in their sketchbooks) and use comparisons with the work of others (pupils and artists) to identify how to improve. 	(Including textiles and printing)

Term 3

Art	Summer 1	Summer 2
Sculpture	Skill: Sculpture	Whole School Exhibition of Historical Artefacts
	Focus Artist: Alexander Calder	Children will apply their skills in all disciplines to the
<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge	creation of historical artefacts.
	Use sketchbooks and drawing, purposefully to improve	
Cardboard	own ideas.	
Wire	 Describe some of the key ideas, techniques and working practices of a variety of artists, craftspeople, architects and designers in history that they have studied. Investigate the nature and qualities of clay. Regularly reflect upon their own work (in their sketchbooks) and use comparisons with the work of others (pupils and artists) to identify how to improve. Understand and demonstrate how the tools they have chosen to work with should be effectively and safely used. 	

Term 1

Art	Autumn	
Painting	Skill: Painting	
	Focus Artist: Hokusai	
<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge	
	• Confidently and independently use sketchbooks for a variety of purposes including: recording observations, develop ideas;	
Batik	testing materials; planning and recording information ready to make and create their painting.	
watercolours	• Confidently investigate and exploit the potential of new and unfamiliar materials (different paints/ink/dye) For example, try out several different ways of using the paint and materials in ways that that are new to them.	
	Engage in open ended research and discuss the ideas and approaches of various artists, designers and architects; taking account of their particular cultural context to develop their own ideas. Regularly reflect on their work.	

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Art	Spring 1	Spring 2
Drawing	Skill: Drawing	
	Focus Artist: Nick Sharratt	Art for Propaganda (Art with a message to influence others)
<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge	
	Confidently and independently use sketchbooks for a	Whole School Mixed Media Purposes for Art Exhibition
Fine pencils	variety of purposes including: recording observations,	Pupils will apply their skills in all disciplines to the
Pastels	develop ideas; testing materials; planning and recording	celebration of a particular purpose for art.
Black thin and thick	information for drawing (Using different pencils, pens,	
liners	charcoal, crayon etc)	Mixed Media Artists to Inspire – Eric Carle, Njideka Akunyili,
Felt tip pens	Know how to research and discuss similar drawing and	Henri Matisse, Deborah Roberts
	sketching ideas and approaches of various artists,	
	designers and architects; taking account of their particular	(Including textiles and printing)
	cultural context and intentions.	
	Understand how to describe the processes they are using	
	and how they hope to achieve high quality outcomes.	

Term 3

Art	Summer 1	Summer 2
Sculpture	Skill: Sculpture	Whole School Exhibition of Historical Artefacts
	Focus Artist: Louise Bourgois	Children will apply their skills in all disciplines to the
<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge	creation of historical artefacts.
	Engage in open ended research and exploration in the	
Wire	process of initiating and developing their own personal	
Recycling materials	ideas for sculptures.	
	Confidently investigate and exploit the potential of new	
	and unfamiliar materials (For example different ways to	
	use clay tools, add embellishments, beads, texture, create	
	patterns)	
	Know how to research/discuss the ideas and approaches	
	of various artists, designers and architects; taking account	
	of their particular cultural context and intentions.	
	Use their technical expertise to make work which	
	effectively reflects their ideas and intentions. Understand	
	how to describe the processes to achieve a high-quality	
	outcome.	

Term 1

Art	Skill: Painting
Painting	Focus Artist: David Hockney
	Skills and Knowledge
<u>Media</u>	• Investigate, research and test ideas and plans using sketchbooks and other appropriate approaches. For example, to show how their work will be produced and how the qualities of different paints/materials will be used. Compare to great artists
Ready Mix	studied.
Watercolours Pastels	• Independently take action to refine their technical and craft skills, in order to improve their mastery of materials and techniques in paint. (Use other media – ink, batik, wax to change the texture etc)
	 Independently select and effectively use, relevant processes in order to create successful and finished work. Know technical vocabulary and techniques.

Art	Spring 1	Spring 2
Drawing	Skill: Drawing	Art for Self-Expression (Art that expresses the emotional
	Focus Artist: Maurice Sendak	state of the artist)
<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge	
	Independently use sketchbooks to test ideas and create	
Felt tip pens	plans. For example, sketchbooks will show in advance	Whole School Mixed Media Purposes for Art Exhibition
Charcoal	how work will be produced/look like and how the	Pupils will apply their skills in all disciplines to the
Chalk	qualities of different pens, crayons, pencils / materials	celebration of a particular purpose for art.
Thin and thick black	will be used.	
liners	Independently take action to refine their technical and	Mixed media artists for inspiration – Eric Carle, Njideka
Pastels	craft skills in order to improve their mastery of materials	Akunyili, Matisse, Deborah Roberts.
	in drawing (pencil, charcoal, pens) and techniques.	
	Provide a reasoned evaluation of both their own and	(Including textiles and printing)
	professionals' work, which takes into account the starting	
	points, intentions and context behind the work and	
	compare to great artists.	

Term 3

Art	Summer 1	Summer 2
Sculpture	Skill: Sculpture	
	Focus Artist: Barbara Hepworth	Whole School Exhibition of Historical Artefacts
<u>Media</u>	Skills and Knowledge	Children will apply their skills in all disciplines to the
Clay	 Independently take action to refine their technical and craft skills in order to improve their mastery of materials 	creation of historical artefacts.
Clay	(in clay) and techniques needed to accomplish this.	
	Know how to describe, interpret and explain the work,	
	ideas and practices of some significant artists, designers	
	and architects, taking account of the influence of the different historical, cultural and social contexts in which	
	they worked.	
	Independently select and effectively use relevant	
	processes in order to create successful and finished work.	