

KS1 Vocab Year A 2022 2023



Art Vocabulary - Drawing: Making your mark

Words	RAG	Definition
abstract		Art that does not represent images of our everyday world. It
		has colour, lines, and shapes (form), but they are not meant to
		represent objects or living things.
chalk		A soft white rock used to draw with.
charcoal		A material to draw with in the form of sticks. Made out of willow.
circle		A 2D shape with only 1 curved side and no corners.
continuous		To continue without stopping.
cross-hatch		Lines which go across and then up and down.
diagonal		A straight line joining two opposite corners rectangle, or other straight-sided shape.
dots		a small round mark
firmly		with force
form		To make something 3D.
horizontal		A line that goes from left to right.
lightly		Press/apply colour gently.
line		In art, lines can be wavy, straight, zig-zag etc.
mark making		to draw
narrative		It tells a story.
observe		To look carefully.
optical art		Art that creates an optical illusion or plays eyes/brain! tricks with your
pastel		A chalk or wax based drawing material.
printing		Marks made by pressing or stamping.
shade		A colour (or hue) which has had black added to it.
shadow		Shadows make a 2D drawing look 3D.
straight		A line which is free from bends or waves.



texture	Is how something feels or is made to look like it should feel e.g. rough, smooth, shiny, spiky.
3D shape	Solid shapes like cubes and spheres. The shape can be looked at from all angles.
2D shape	2D shapes like circles and squares. They are completely flat.
vertical	A line which goes from top to bottom.
wavy	Curving in shape.



Art Vocabulary - Craft and design: Woven wonders

Words	RAG	Definition
art		The activity of painting, drawing, and making sculpture.
artist		Someone who draws, paints, does sculpture etc.
craft		An activity involving skill in making things by hand.
knot		A fastening made by looping a piece of or something similar on itself and it.
loom		A device used to make fabric by weaving.
plait		A material made up of three or more strands.
thread		a very thin fibre
threading		To put something long and thin such as string or thread through a narrow hole or into a small space.
warp		The threads on a loom which are then or under by the weft threads.
weaving		The craft of making fabric by interlacing threads.
weft		The threads which are passed over or warp threads.



Art Vocabulary - Sculpture and 3D: Clay houses

Words	RAG	Definition
casting		A hardening liquid is poured into a mould. When it is hard, the
		mould is peeled off and the sculpture is formed.
ceramic		Made of clay and permanently hardened by heat.
cut		to chop
detail		Interesting patterns/lines/shapes etc added to the design.
flatten		To squash down.
glaze		To cover clay with a smooth, shiny coating.
impressing		Make a mark by pushing down an object into the clay and then
		taking it out.
in relief		Things stuck onto the background so they stand off the picture.
join		To securely add 2 things together.
negative space		The empty space around and between the images.
pinch pot		A pinch pot is a simple form of hand-made pottery.
plaster		A soft mixture of sand and cement which forms a smooth hard
		surface when dried.
roll		To turn the clay over to shape it into a tube.
score		To scratch hatch marks on to the parts of the clay which need to join together.
sculptor		A person who creates 3D models.
sculpture		a 3D model
shape		The building blocks that artists use to create images.
slip		Water and clay mixed together to be used as 'glue' when joining 2
-		pieces of clay together.
smooth		a flat surface with no bumps etc
surface		the top part of something
three		The objects look real and solid instead of looking like a normal
dimensional		flat picture.
thumb pot		a small pinch pot



Art Vocabulary - Painting and mixed media: Life in colour

Words	RAG	Definition
collage		A piece of art made by sticking various different materials
		such as photographs and pieces of paper or fabric on to a
		backing.
colour		The appearance an object has as a result of the way in which it reflects light.
form		To make something 3D.
detail		The small elements that add to a piece of art work.
mixing		Putting 2 or more colours together to make a new colour.
overlap		Placing parts partially over and on top of another part.
primary colour		3 colours: red, yellow and blue
secondary colour		3 colours which are made from mixing 2 primary colours.
		Red + yellow = ORANGE
		Red + blue = PURPLE
		Blue + yellow = GREEN
surface		the outer layer of something
shape		The outline of something which can be geometric (like a square
		or circle) or organic (a shape you can't describe mathematically
		which may have curved edges).
texture		the feel or appearance of a surface e.g. soft, fluffy, rough



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Art Vocabulary - Painting and mixed media: Colour splash

Words	RAG	Definition
blend		Mix with another substance so that they combine together.
concentric circles		Circles which have the same centre.
hue		a colour or shade
kaleidoscope		A toy consisting of a tube containing mirrors and pieces of
		coloured glass or paper, whose reflections produce changing
		patterns when the tube is rotated.
mix		To put together to form one substance.
pattern		a repeated decorative design
primary colour		3 colours: red, yellow and blue
print		To mark with a coloured design or pattern by transferring
		colour from one object to another through pressing down.
secondary colour		3 colours which are made from mixing 2 primary colours.
		Red + yellow = ORANGE
		Red + blue = PURPLE
		Blue + yellow = GREEN
shade		How light or dark something is.
shape		The outline of something which can be geometric (like a square
		or circle) or organic (a shape you can't describe mathematically
		which may have curved edges).
space		Space refers to objects and to the area around them. Space
		has width, depth and height.
silhouette space		The silhouette is the outline of your character or object.
texture		the feel or appearance of a surface e.g. soft, fluffy, rough
thick		A liquid that doesn't flow freely e.g. paint or a line which is wide.



Art Vocabulary - Drawing: Tell a story

Words	RAG	Definition
blending		To soften lines or gradually make a change in tone or hue.
character		A person or creature who is part of a story.
charcoal		A drawing material made from burnt wood.
concertina		Folding something backwards and forwards so it becomes smaller but can be stretched out again.
cross hatching		Drawing lines crossed over and close together.
emoji		A small digital image or icon used to express an idea or emotion.
emotion		a state of feeling
expression		Is the look on a face caused by how someone is feeling.
feel		To touch something in order to explore its quality.
feeling		an emotional state
frame		an individual drawing in a comic strip
hatching		Drawing lines which all go in the same direction close together.
illustrator		Someone who draws book illustrations such as Axel Scheffler (The Gruffalo etc).
illustrations		Showing a story using pictures.
lines		A mark made on a page which can be straight, wavy, zigzag etc.
mark- making		Mark making is a word used to describe different lines, patterns and textures.
observation		To draw or paint an object as accurately as possible.
re-tell		To tell (a story) again.



scribbling	Drawing lines in a fast and irregular way.
sketch	A drawing that is done quickly without a lot of details.
stippling	Making quick up and down hand movements to make dash and dot marks on paper.
storyboard	A set of pictures that show a story.
texture	How something feels (or looks).
thick	A wide line
thin	A narrow line ———
tone	Light or dark in a picture or drawing.
tool	Something you use to do a job.



Art Vocabulary - Sculpture and 3D: Paper play

Words	RAG	Definition
artist		Someone who draws, paints, does sculpture etc.
carving		An object or design carved from a hard material e.g. wood.
concertina		Folding something backwards and forwards so it
		becomes smaller but can be stretched out again.
curve		Not in a straight line.
cylinder		A 3-D shape with circular and curved faces.
imagine		To think/see it in your mind.
loop		A shape produced by a curve that bends round and crosses itself.
mosaic		A picture or pattern made by putting together small pieces of stone, tile or glass.
overlap		Placing parts partially over and on top of another part.
sculpture		a 3D model
spiral		To coil around. 🚭
three		A structure which has height, width and depth.
dimensional		
(3D)		
tube		a long, hollow cylinder
zig-zag		A piece of paper folded back and forth.



Art Vocabulary - Craft and design: Map it out

Words	RAG	Definition
abstract		Art that does not represent images of our everyday world. It has colour, lines, and shapes (form), but they are not meant
		to represent objects or living things.
composition		Putting different elements together in a pleasing way.
curator		a keeper of a museum or gallery
design		To plan and prepare it and decide on all the details of it.
design brief		A written description of what a new project or product should do.
evaluate		To judge the quality of something.
gallery		a room for the display or sale of works of art
imaginary		not real
inspired		To give someone an idea for a piece of art.
landmarks		An object or feature of a place that is easily seen and recognised.
mosaic		A picture or pattern made by putting together small pieces of stone, tile or glass.
overlap		Placing parts partially over and on top of another part.
pattern		a repeated decorative design
relief map		Maps in three dimensions show the physical features of the land e.g. mountains and valleys.
shape		The building blocks that artists use to create images.
stained glass		Coloured glass used to form pictures and designs, often found in churches.
texture		Is how something feels or is made to look like it should feel e.g. rough, smooth, shiny, spiky.
viewfinder		A card frame that lets you focus on a specific view.