



Access Art



AccessArt Progression (Skills and Knowledge) for Primary Schools Years 1 to 6

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KS1		Purple = Substantive Knowledge		Green = Implicit Knowledge / Skills		www.accessart.org.uk
Drawing	Sketchbooks	Painting	Collage	Making		Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation
Understand drawing is a physical activity. Spirals	Introduce what a sketchbook is for.	Understand watercolour is a media which uses water and pigment. Exploring Watercolour	Understand collage is the art of using elements of paper to make images. Making Birds	Understand that sculpture is the name sometimes given for artwork which exists in three dimensions. Making Birds		Look at the work of artists who draw, sculptors, and painters, listening to the artists' intention behind the work and the context in which it was made.
Understand there is a relationship between drawings on paper (2d) and making (3d). That we can transform 2d drawings into 3d objects. Making Birds	Understand it is owned by the pupil for experimentation and exploration. Spirals	Understand we can use a variety of brushes, holding them in a variety of ways to make watercolour marks. Exploring Watercolour	Understand we can create our own papers with which to collage. Making Birds	Understand the meaning of "Design through Making" Making Birds		Understand we may all have different responses in terms of our thoughts and the things we make. That we may share similarities. Understand all responses are valid.
Explore lines made by a drawing tool, made by moving fingers, wrist, elbow, shoulder and body. Work at a scale to accommodate exploration. Spirals	Use sketchbooks to:		Combine collage with making by cutting and tearing drawn imagery, manipulating it into simple 3d forms to add to sculpture. Making Birds	Use a combination of two or more materials to make sculpture. Making Birds		All Pathways for Year 1
Use colour (pastels, chalks) intuitively to develop spiral drawings. Spirals	Develop experience of primary and secondary colours Spirals Simple Printmaking Exploring Watercolour	Explore watercolour in an intuitive way to build understanding of the properties of the medium. Exploring Watercolour		Use construction methods to build. Making Birds		Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked...").
Pupils draw from paused film, observing detail using pencil, graphite, handwriting pen. Making Birds	Practice observational drawing Spirals Making Birds	Paint without a fixed image of what you are painting in mind. Exploring Watercolour		Work in a playful, exploratory way, responding to a simple brief, using Design through Making philosophy. Making Birds		Present your own artwork (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed... This went well").
	Explore mark making Spirals Exploring Watercolour Making Birds	Respond to your painting, and try to "imagine" an image within. Exploring Watercolour				Some children may feel able to share their response about classmates work.
		Work back into your painting with paint, pen or coloured pencil to develop the imaginative imagery. Exploring Watercolour				All Pathways for Year 1

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Understand that we can use different media (sometimes combined in one drawing) to capture the nature of things we find. Explore & Draw	Continue to build understanding that sketchbooks are places for personal experimentation. Understand that the way each persons' sketchbook looks is unique to them. All Pathways for Year 2	Understand that some painters use expressive, gestural marks in their work, often resulting in abstract, expressionist painting. Expressive Painting	Understand that we can combine collage with other disciplines such as drawing, printmaking and making. Explore & Draw	Understand the role of an architect. Be an Architect Understand when we make sculpture by adding materials it is called Construction. Be an Architect		Understand artists take their inspiration from around them, collecting and transforming. Understand that in art we can experiment and discover things for ourselves.	
Understand that we can hold our drawing tools in a variety of ways, experimenting with pressure, grip and speed to affect line. Explore & Draw	Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places inside a bought sketchbook. Explore & Draw	Understand that the properties of the paint that you use, and how you use it, will affect your mark making. Expressive Painting	Use the observational drawings made (see column 1 "drawing"), cutting the separate drawings out and using them to create a new artwork, thinking carefully about composition. Work into the collage with further drawing made in response to the collaged sheet. Explore & Draw	Use the Design through Making philosophy to construct with a variety of materials to make an architectural model of a building, considering shape, form, colour, and perspective. Consider interior and exterior. Be an Architect		Look at the work of a printmaker, an architect, and artists and learn to dissect their work to help build understanding. Understand how the artists experience feeds into their work.	
Visit local environment, collect natural objects, explore composition and qualities of objects through arranging, sorting & representing. Photograph. Explore & Draw	Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places inside a bought sketchbook. Explore & Draw	Understand that primary colours can be mixed together to make secondary colours of different hues. Expressive Painting	Collage with drawings to create invented forms. Combine with making if appropriate. Explore & Draw	Use Design through Making philosophy to playfully construct towards a loose brief. Be an Architect		Understand we may all have different responses in terms of our thoughts and the things we make. That we may share similarities. Understand all responses are valid. All Pathways for Year 2	
Use drawing exercises to focus an exploration of observational drawing (of objects above) combined with experimental mark making, using graphite, soft pencil, handwriting pen. Explore & Draw Be an Architect	Work in sketchbooks to: Explore the qualities of different media. Explore & Draw Explore Through Be an Architect	Understand the concept of still life. Expressive Painting					
Work with care and focus, enjoying making drawings which are unrushed. Explore quality of line, texture and shape. Explore & Draw	Make close observational drawings of small objects, drawn to scale, working slowly, developing mark making. Explore & Draw t	Explore colour mixing through gestural mark making, initially working without a subject matter to allow exploration of media. Experiment with using home made tools. Expressive Painting				Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked...").	
Create final collaged drawings (see column 5 "collage") which explore composition. Explore & Draw	Make visual notes about artists studied. Explore & Draw Be an Architect M	Create an arrangement of objects or elements. Use as the focus for an abstract still life painting using gestural marks using skills learnt above. Expressive Painting				Present your own artwork (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed... This went well").	
						Talk about intention.	
						Share responses to classmates work, appreciating similarities and differences.	
						Document work using still image (photography) or by making a drawing of the work. If using photography consider lighting and focus. Some children may make films thinking about viewpoint, lighting & perspective. All Pathways for Year 2	

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Drawing	Sketchbooks	Printmaking	Painting	Collage	Making	Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation
Understand that charcoal is a drawing medium that lends itself to loose, gestural marks made on a larger scale. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal	Continue to build understanding that sketchbooks are places for personal experimentation. All Pathways for Year 3	Understand that screen prints are made by forcing ink over a stencil. Working with Shape & Colour	Understand that we can create imagery using natural pigments and light. Telling Stories	Understand that we can combine collage with other disciplines such as drawing, printmaking and making. Working with Shape & Colour	Understand that many makers use other artforms as inspiration, such as literature, film, drama or music. Telling Stories	To understand that visual artists look to other artforms for inspiration. Look at the work of an artist who uses gestural marks
Understand charcoal and earth pigment were our first drawing tools as humans. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Know that Chiaroscuro means "light/dark" and we can use the concept to explore tone in	Understand that the way each persons' sketchbook looks is unique to them. All Pathways for Year 3 Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places inside a bought sketchbook. All Pathways for Year 3	Understand that mono print can be used effectively to create prints which use line. That screen prints can be used to create prints which use thicker lines and / or shapes. Working with Shape & Colour	Use paint, mixing colours, to complete the sculpture inspired by literature (see column 6 "making"). Telling Stories	Cut shapes from paper (free hand) and use as elements with which to collage, combined with printmaking (see column 3 "printmaking") to make a creative response to an original artwork. Explore positive and negative shapes, line, colour and composition. Working with Shape & Colour	Understand that when we make sculpture by moulding with our fingers it is called modelling (an additive process). Telling Stories That clay and Modroc are soft materials which finally dry/set hard. Telling Stories An armature is an interior framework which support a sculpture. Telling Stories Understand that articulated drawings can be animated. Animated Drawings	which convey movement, illustrators and makers who take inspiration from literature, painters who also use textiles and artists who animate their work. Understand artists often collaborate on projects, bringing different skills together. Deconstruct and discuss an original artwork, using the sketchbooks to make visual notes to nurture pupils own creative response to the work.
drawings. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal	Work in sketchbooks to: Explore the qualities of charcoal. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Make visual notes using a variety of media using the "Show Me What You See" technique when looking at other artists work to help consolidate learning and make the experience your own. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Working with Shape & Colour Telling Stories	Use mono print or screen print over collaged work to make a creative response to an original artwork. Consider use of layers to develop meaning Working with Shape & Colour				
Understand that animators make drawings that move.						
Make marks using charcoal using hands as tools. Explore qualities of mark available using charcoal. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Make charcoal drawings which explore Chiaroscuro and which explore narrative/drama through lighting/shadow (link to drama). Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Option to explore making gestural drawings with charcoal using the whole body (link to dance). Gestural Drawing with Charcoal	Develop mark making skills. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Working with Shape & Colour Telling Stories Brainstorm animation ideas. Working with Shape & Colour				Use Modroc or air dry clay to model characters inspired by literature. Consider form, texture, character, structure. Telling Stories Make an armature to support the sculpture Telling Stories	Understand we may all have different responses in terms of our thoughts and the things we make. That we may share similarities. Understand all responses are valid. All Pathways for Year 3
					Cut out drawings and make simple articulations to make drawings which can be animated. Combine with digital media to make animations. Animated Drawings	Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked... I didn't understand... it reminded me of..."). Present your own artwork (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed... This went well... I would have liked... next time I might...). Talk about intention.

						<p>Work collaboratively to present outcomes to others where appropriate. Present as a team.</p> <p>Share responses to classmates work, appreciating similarities and differences. Listen to feedback about your own work and respond.</p> <p>Document work using still image (photography) or by making a drawing of the work. If using photography consider lighting and focus. Some children may make films thinking about viewpoint, lighting & perspective. All Pathways for Year 3</p>
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Understand that artists and illustrators interpret narrative texts and create sequenced drawings. Storytelling Through Drawing	Understand that artists use sketchbooks for different purposes and that each artist will find their own ways of working in a sketchbook. All Pathways for Year 4	Understand that still life name given to the genre of painting (or making) a collection of objects/elements. Exploring Still Life	Understand that a plinth is a device for establishing the importance or context of a sculptural object. Art of Display	Look at the work of illustrators and graphic artists, painters and sculptors. Understand the processes, intentions an outcomes of different artists, using visual notes in a sketchbook to help consolidate and own the learning.	
Understand artists can work with pattern for different reasons: Understand Surface Pattern Designers work to briefs to create patterns for products: Artists work with pattern to create paintings or other works Exploring Pattern	Use sketchbooks to: Practise drawing skills. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Pattern Exploring Still Life Festival Feasts	That still life is a genre which artists have enjoyed for hundreds of years,, and which contemporary artists still explore today. Exploring Still Life	Understand that artists can re-present objects, in a particular context with a particular intention, to change the meaning of that object. Art of Display	Understand artists often collaborate on projects, bringing different skills together.	
Understand working with pattern uses lots of different concepts including repetition, sequencing, symmetry. Exploring Pattern	Make visual notes to record ideas and processes discovered through looking at other artists. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Pattern Exploring Still Life Festival Feasts	To explore colour (and colour mixing), line, shape, pattern and composition in creating a still life. To consider lighting, surface, foreground and background. Exploring Still Life	To understand that sometimes people themselves can be the object, as in performance art. Art of Display	Deconstruct and discuss an original artwork, using the sketchbooks to make visual notes to nurture pupils own creative response to the work.	
Understand that patterns can be purely decorative or hold symbolic significance. They can be personal or cultural. Exploring Pattern	Test and experiment with materials. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Pattern Exploring Still Life Festival Feasts	To use close observation and try different hues and tones to capture 3d form in 2 dimensions (Option to use collage from painted sheets) Exploring Still Life	To understand that make sculpture can be challenging. To understand its takes a combination of skills, but that we can learn through practice. That it is ok to take creative risks and ok if things go wrong as well as right. Festival Feasts	Understand we may all have different responses in terms of our thoughts and the things we make. That we may share similarities. Understand all responses are valid. All Pathways for Year 4	
Create owned narratives by arranging toys in staged scenes, using these as subject matter to explore creation of drawings using charcoal and chalk which convey drama and	Brainstorm pattern, colour, line and shape. Exploring Pattern Exploring Still Life Festival Feasts	Options to work in clay, making reliefs inspired by fruit still lives, or make 3d graphic still lives using ink and foamboard. Exploring Still Life	Develop our construction skills, creative thinking and resilience skills by making sculpture which combines lots of materials. Use tools to help us construct and take creative risks by experimenting to see what happens. Use Design through Making philosophy and reflect at all stages to inform future making. Festival Feasts	Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked... I didn't understand... it reminded me of... It links to..."). Present your own artwork (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I	

<p>mood. Use light and portray light/shadow. Storytelling Through Drawing</p> <p>Interpret poetry or prose and create sequenced images in either an accordion or poetry comic format. Work in a variety of media according to intention, including handwriting pen, graphite or ink. Storytelling Through Drawing</p> <p>Use colour, composition, elements, line, shape to create pattern working with tessellations, repeat pattern or folding patterns. Exploring Pattern</p> <p>Use a variety of drawing media including charcoal, graphite, wax resist and watercolour to make observational and experimental drawings. To feel able to take creative risks in pursuit of creating drawings with energy and feeling. Storytelling Through Drawing</p>	<p>Reflect. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Pattern Exploring Still Life Festival Feasts</p>	<p>To explore painting on different surfaces, e.g. fabric, and combine paint with 3d making. Festival Feasts</p> <p>To make work as part of a community/class and understand how everyone can contribute towards a larger artwork. Festival Feasts</p>	<p>To combine modelling with construction using mixed media and painting to create sculpture. Festival Feasts</p>	<p>enjoyed... This went well... I would have liked... next time I might.. I was inspired by....). Talk about intention.</p> <p>Work collaboratively to present outcomes to others where appropriate. Present as a team.</p> <p>Share responses to classmates work, appreciating similarities and differences. Listen to feedback about your own work and respond.</p> <p>Document work using still image (photography) or by making a drawing of the work. If using photography consider lighting and focus. Some children may make films thinking about viewpoint, lighting & perspective. All Pathways for Year 4</p>
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<p>Understand that designers create fonts and work with Typography. Typography & Maps</p> <p>Understand that some artists use graphic skills to create pictorial maps, using symbols (personal and cultural) to map identity as well as geography. Typography & Maps</p>	<p>Use sketchbooks to:</p> <p>Explore mark making. Typography & Maps Fashion Design</p> <p>Make visual notes to capture, consolidate and reflect upon the artists studied. Typography & Maps Architecture: Big or Small Fashion Design</p>	<p>Mix colour intuitively to create painted sheets. Use pattern to decorate, working with more paint or ink. Transform these 2d patterned sheets into 3d forms or collaged elements to explore fashion design (see column 6 "making"). Fashion Design</p>	<p>Understand that architects and other artists have responsibilities towards society. Understand that artists can help shape the world for the better. Architecture: Big or Small Fashion Design</p> <p>Use Design through Making and scale models to create a piece of architecture which would make the world a better place. Use a combination of materials, construction methods and tools. Reflect as part of the building process so that you can understand how your intention relates to the reality of what you are building. Architecture: Big or Small</p> <p>Option to work in 3d to devise fashion constructed from patterned papers. Fashion Design</p>		<p>Look at the work of designers, artists, animators, architects.</p> <p>Understand the processes, intentions and outcomes of different artists, using visual notes in a sketchbook to help consolidate and own the learning.</p> <p>Understand we may all have different responses in terms of our thoughts and the things we make. That we may share similarities. Understand all responses are valid. All Pathways for Year 5</p> <p>Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked... I didn't understand... it reminded me of... It links to...").</p> <p>Present your own artwork (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed... This went well... I would have liked... next time I might.. I was inspired by....). Talk about intention.</p>
<p>Create fonts inspired by objects/elements around you. Use close observational drawing with pen to inspire, and use creative skills to transform into letters. Typography & Maps</p> <p>Draw over maps/existing marks to explore how you can make mark making more</p>	<p>Explore ideas relating to design (though do not use sketchbooks to design on paper), exploring thoughts about inspiration source, materials, textures, colours, mood, lighting etc. Set Design Architecture: Big or Small Fashion Design</p>				

visually powerful. Typography & Maps Combine drawing with making to create pictorial / 3 dimension maps which explore qualities of your personality or otherwise respond to a theme. Explore line weight, rhythm, grip, mark making and shape, and explore how 2d can become 3d through manipulation of paper. Typography & Maps	Experiment with colour mixing and pattern, working towards creating paper “fabrics” for fashion design. Fashion Design				<p>Work collaboratively to present outcomes to others where appropriate. Present as a team.</p> <p>Share responses to classmates work, appreciating similarities and differences. Listen to feedback about your own work and respond.</p> <p>Document work using still image (photography) or by making a drawing of the work. If using photography consider lighting and focus. Some children may make films thinking about viewpoint, lighting & perspective.</p> <p>Discuss the ways in which artists have a responsibility to themselves/society. What purpose does art serve? All Pathways for Year 5</p>
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Understand that there is often a close relationship between drawing and making. Understand that we can transform 2d drawings into 3d objects. 2D to 2D	Use sketchbooks to: Practise seeing negative and positive shapes. 2D to 2D Using the grid method to scale up an image. 2D to 2D	Explore what kinds of topics or themes YOU care about. Articulate your fears, hopes, dreams. Think about what you could create (possibly working collaboratively) to share your voice and passion with the world. Exploring Identity	Understand that the fabrics used to make clothes have been designed by someone. That there is a relationship between 2d shape and pattern and 3d form and function. Explore how we can use layers (physical or digital) to explore and build portraits of ourselves which explore aspects of our background, experience, culture and personality. Exploring Identity Make independent decisions as to which materials are best to use, which kinds of marks, which methods will best help you explore. Exploring Identity	Understand that designers & makers sometimes work towards briefs, but always bring their own experience in the project to bear. Exploring Identity Take a Seat Understand that artists and designers add colour, texture, meaning and richness to our life. Exploring Identity Take a Seat Understand that artists reinvent. Understand that as artists, we can take the work of others and re-form it to suit us. That we can be inspired by the past and make things for the future. Take a Seat	Look at the work of designers, artists, art activists, installation artists, craftspeople and puppeteers. Understand that artists use art to explore their own experience, and that as viewers we can use our visual literacy skills to learn more about both the artist and ourselves. Understand we may all have different responses in terms of our thoughts and the things we make. That we may share similarities. Understand all responses are valid. All Pathways for Year 6
Understand that graphic designers use typography and image to create packaging which we aspire to use. 2D to 2D Understand that there are technical processes we can use to help us see, draw and scale up our work. 2D to 2D	Explore what your passions, hopes and fears might be. What makes you you? How can you find visual equivalents for the words in your head? Exploring Identity Explore combinations and layering of media. Exploring Identity Develop Mark Making Exploring Identity			Use a variety of materials to design (through making) and construct a scaled piece of furniture. Bring your personality and character to the piece. Let your nature inform the choice of materials and shapes you use. Take a Seat	Reflect upon the artists’ work, and share your response verbally (“I liked... I didn’t understand... it reminded me of... It links to...”).
Explore using negative and positive space to “see” and draw a simple	Make visual notes to capture, consolidate and reflect upon the				Present your own artwork (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally (“I enjoyed... This went well... I

<p>element/object. 2D to 2D</p> <p>Use the grid system to scale up the image above, transferring the image onto card. 2D to 2D</p> <p>Use collage to add tonal marks to the “flat image”. 2D to 2D</p>	<p>artists studied. 2D to 2D Exploring Identity Take a Seat</p>				<p>would have liked... next time I might.. I was inspired by....). Talk about intention.</p> <p>Work collaboratively to present outcomes to others where appropriate. Present as a team.</p> <p>Share responses to classmates work, appreciating similarities and differences. Listen to feedback about your own work and respond.</p> <p>Document work using still image (photography) or by making a drawing of the work. If using photography consider lighting and focus. Some children may make films thinking about viewpoint, lighting & perspective. All Pathways for Year 6</p>
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