## St Barnabas CE Primary School and Kirmington St Helena's CE Primary School

# ART & DESIGN — VOCABULARY PROGRESSION MATRIX

EYFS foundation → KS1 (Stages 1–2) → Lower KS2 (Stages 3–4) → Upper KS2 (Stages 5–6)

Read across to see vocabulary grow from everyday visual words to precise artistic and critical language. Unit word banks below preserve the Cycle A/B vocabulary.

## 1 Core art vocabulary — cumulative development

| Vocabulary strand | EYFS foundation | KS1 vocabulary Stage 1 | KS1 vocabulary Stage 2 | Lower KS2 vocabulary Stage 3 | Lower KS2 vocabulary Stage 4 | Upper KS2 vocabulary Stage 5 | Upper KS2 vocabulary Stage 6 |
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| **Drawing and observation** **Cumulative word family** Revisit and extend → | line · shape · mark · draw · light · dark | observation · sketch · portrait · mark-making · line · detail | observation · sketchbook · texture · mark-making · line · outline | observation · sketchbook · tone · proportion · hatching · graphite | shadow · charcoal · pencil grade · graded tone · expressive line | perspective · proportion · shading · composition · mixed media | one-point perspective · symbolism · depth · intentional mark-making |
| **Colour and painting** **Cumulative word family** Revisit and extend → | paint · mix · brush · colour · dab | primary · secondary · mixing · warm · cool · colour | primary colours · tone · translucent · lighter · darker | complementary · tint · shade · wash · composition | contrast · colour theory · layering · balance · viewpoint | expression · atmosphere · impasto · movement · dry brush | expressive colour · colour scheme · impasto · contrast · intention |
| **Sculpture and making** **Cumulative word family** Revisit and extend → | clay · dough · pinch · squeeze · roll · join | sculpture · clay · shape · form · texture · join | structure · surface · rough · smooth · decorating | sculpture · armature · coil · slab · texture · structure | surface · form · viewpoint · balance · secure join | maquette · scale · balance · installation · form | three-dimensional · installation · site · intention · refinement |
| **Printmaking and pattern** **Cumulative word family** Revisit and extend → | print · mark · repeat · pattern | print · printing pad · stencil · surface · motif · dabbing | overprint · overlapping · layering · opaque · translucent | inking-up · monoprinting · raised · relief · impression | registration · pressure · repeat · effect · reverse | reduction printing · overlaid · incision · linear | multi-block · registration · motif · transposition · critique |
| **Textile art and materials** **Cumulative word family** Revisit and extend → | fabric · material · texture · join | weaving · warp · weft · over · under · knot | running stitch · thread · decorate · resist · wrapping | sketchbook · cotton fabric · cross stitch · dip-dye | appliqué · stitch · symmetry · textile tradition | construction · deconstruction · folding · raised surface | recycled materials · cultural context · technique · innovation |
| **Collage and digital design** **Cumulative word family** Revisit and extend → | collage · shapes · natural materials | collage · overlapping · arranging · cut · tear | composition · layout · texture · shiny · dull | digital tool · shape · fill · layer · direction | resize · arrange · position · reflect · digital draft | multimedia · image editing · vector · symbol | iteration · refinement · audience · digital context |
| **Visual elements and layout** **Cumulative word family** Revisit and extend → | line · shape · colour · pattern · texture | form · detail · light/dark · warm/cool | repetition · overlapping · surface · contrast | proportion · tone · viewpoint · composition | complementary · symmetry · reflection · optical illusion | depth · balance · scale · composition · movement | visual message · symbolism · atmosphere · spatial relationship |
| **Planning and sketchbooks** **Cumulative word family** Revisit and extend → | try · make · notice · choose | sketchbook · idea · reflect · explore | sample · plan · arrange · experiment | annotated · response · adapt · test | refine · research · sample · technique | intention · media trials · design iteration | independent research · developmental process · revision |
| **Artists and cultural understanding** **Cumulative word family** Revisit and extend → | artist · picture · sculpture | Picasso · Matisse · Kandinsky · de Saint Phalle | Morris · Ringgold · Carle · story quilt | Kollwitz · Cézanne · Moore · Hokusai | Fassett · woodblock · Kente · digital illustrator | Kahlo · van Gogh · Gormley · Warhol | El Anatsui · art movement · tradition · cultural meaning |
| **Reflection and critique** **Cumulative word family** Revisit and extend → | like · notice · explain | same · different · compare · because | similarity · difference · choice · purpose | effect · technique · observation · improvement | annotate · justify · reflect · respond | interpret · evidence · opinion · effectiveness | critique · artist statement · context · audience |