

Access Art



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

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Year 1	Purple = Substantive Knowledge		Green = Implicit Knowledge / Skills		www.accessart.org.uk	
Drawing	Sketchbooks	Printmaking	Painting	Collage	Making	Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation
Understand drawing is a physical activity. Spirals	Introduce what a sketchbook is for.	Understand prints are made by transferring an image from one surface to another. Simple Printmaking		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 relief prints are made when we print from raised images (plates). Simple Printmaking		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:			Collage with painted papers exploring colour, shape and composition. Simple Printmaking	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	Test out printmaking ideas Simple Printmaking	Use hands and feet to make simple prints, using primary colours. Simple Printmaking		Combine collage with making by cutting and tearing drawn imagery, manipulating it into simple 3d forms to add to sculpture. Making Birds	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	Develop experience of primary and secondary colours Spirals Simple Printmaking	Collect textured objects and make rubbings, and press them into plasticine to create plates/prints (relief printing) exploring how we ink up the plates and transfer the image. Simple Printmaking			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").
Pupils draw from first hand observation, observing detail using materials above plus pastel, oil pastel and or pencil crayon. Simple Printmaking	Practice observational drawing Spirals Simple Printmaking Making Birds	Explore concepts like "repeat" "pattern" "sequencing". Simple Printmaking				Some children may feel able to share their response about classmates work.
	Explore mark making Spirals Simple Printmaking Making Birds					All Pathways for Year 1

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Drawing	Sketchbooks	Printmaking	Painting	Collage	Making	Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation
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 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 when we make sculpture by adding materials it is called Construction. Stick Transformation Project	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	Understand that the way each persons' sketchbook looks is unique to them. All Pathways for Year 2 Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch)		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 Design through Making philosophy to playfully construct towards a loose brief Stick Transformation Project Transform found objects into sculpture, using imagination and construction techniques including cutting, tying, sticking. Think about shape (2d), form (3d), texture, colour and structure. Stick Transformation Project	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. 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
Visit local environment, collect natural objects, explore composition and qualities of objects through arranging, sorting & representing. Photograph. Explore & Draw	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 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	Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places inside a bought sketchbook. Explore & Draw		Understand the concept of still life. Expressive Painting			
Work in sketchbooks to: Explore the qualities of different media. Explore & Draw	Work in sketchbooks to: Explore the qualities of different media. Explore & Draw		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...").
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		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").
Create final collaged drawings (see column 5 "collage") which explore composition. Explore & Draw	Make visual notes about artists studied. Explore & Draw					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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<p>Understand that charcoal is a drawing medium that lends itself to loose, gestural marks made on a larger scale. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal</p> <p>Understand charcoal and earth pigment were our first drawing tools as humans. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal</p> <p>Know that Chiaroscuro means “light/dark” and we can use the concept to explore tone in drawings. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal</p>	<p>Continue to build understanding that sketchbooks are places for personal experimentation. All Pathways for Year 3</p> <p>Understand that the way each persons’ sketchbook looks is unique to them. All Pathways for Year 3</p> <p>Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places inside a bought sketchbook. All Pathways for Year 3</p>	<p>Understand that screen prints are made by forcing ink over a stencil. Working with Shape & Colour</p> <p>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</p>		<p>Understand that we can combine collage with other disciplines such as drawing, printmaking and making. Working with Shape & Colour</p> <p>Cut shapes from paper (free hand) and use as elements with which to collage, combined with printmaking (see column 3 “printmaking”) to</p>	<p>Understand that articulated drawings can be animated. Animated Drawings</p> <p>Cut out drawings and make simple articulations to make drawings which can be animated. Combine with digital media to make animations. Animated Drawings</p>	<p>To understand that visual artists look to other artforms for inspiration.</p> <p>Look at the work of an artist who uses gestural marks which convey movement, illustrators and makers who take inspiration from literature, painters who also use textiles and artists who animate their work.</p> <p>Understand artists often collaborate on projects, bringing different skills together.</p> <p>Deconstruct and discuss an original artwork, using the sketchbooks to make visual notes to nurture pupils own creative response to the work.</p>
<p>Understand that animators make drawings that move.</p>	<p>Work in sketchbooks to:</p> <p>Explore the qualities of charcoal Gestural Drawing with Charcoal</p> <p>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 Animated Drawings</p>	<p>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</p>		<p>make a creative response to an original artwork. Explore positive and negative shapes, line, colour and composition. Working with Shape & Colour</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 3</p>
<p>Make marks using charcoal using hands as tools. Explore qualities of mark available using charcoal. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal</p> <p>Make charcoal drawings which explore Chiaroscuro and which explore narrative/drama through lighting/shadow (link to drama). Gestural Drawing with Charcoal</p> <p>Option to explore making gestural drawings with charcoal using the whole body (link to dance). Gestural Drawing with Charcoal</p> <p>Use imaginative and observational drawing skills to make drawings of people/animals which can be animated. Consider background, foreground and subject. Animated Drawings</p>	<p>Develop mark making skills. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Working with Shape & Colour Animated Drawings</p> <p>Brainstorm animation ideas. Working with Shape & Colour Animated Drawings</p>					<p>Reflect upon the artists’ work, and share your response verbally (“I liked... I didn’t understand... it reminded me of...”).</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...”). 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 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	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	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.
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 mood. Use light and portray light/shadow. Storytelling Through Drawing	Use sketchbooks to: Practise drawing skills. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Still Life	That still life is a genre which artists have enjoyed for hundreds of years,, and which contemporary artists still explore today. Exploring Still Life	Festival Feasts	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.
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	Make visual notes to record ideas and processes discovered through looking at other artists. Storytelling Through Drawing Art of Display Exploring Still Life	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	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	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
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	Brainstorm pattern, colour, line and shape. Exploring Still Life Brainstorm and explore ideas relating to performance art. Art of Display Reflect. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Still Life Art of Display	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 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	To combine modelling with construction using mixed media and painting to create sculpture. 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 enjoyed... This went well... I would have liked... next time I might.. I was inspired by...."). Talk about intention. Work collaboratively to present outcomes to others where appropriate. Present as a team. Share responses to classmates work, appreciating similarities and differences. Listen to feedback about your own work and respond. 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

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<p>Understand that designers create fonts and work with 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 Mixed Media Landscapes</p>		<p>Understand that there is a tradition of artists working from land, sea or cityscapes. That artists use a variety of media to capture the energy of a place, and that artists often work outdoors to do this. Mixed Media Landscapes</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</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>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 visually powerful. Typography & Maps</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Make visual notes to capture, consolidate and reflect upon the artists studied. Typography & Maps Mixed Media Landscapes</p> <p>Architecture: Big or Small</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. Architecture: Big or Small</p> <p>Experiment with different media and different marks to capture the energy of a landscape. Explore colour, and colour mixing, working intuitively to mix hues and tints, but able to articulate the processes involved. Mixed Media Landscapes</p>		<p>Explore how you can you paint (possibly combined with drawing) to capture your response to a place. Explore how the media you choose, combined with the marks you make and how you use your body will affect the end result. Think about colour, composition and mark making. Think about light and dark, movement and energy. Mixed Media Landscapes</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>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>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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<p>Understand that there is often a close relationship between drawing and making. Understand that we can transform 2d drawings into 3d objects. 2D to 3D</p> <p>Understand that graphic designers use typography and image to create packaging which we aspire to use. 2D to 3D</p>	<p>Use sketchbooks to:</p> <p>Practise seeing negative and positive shapes. 2D to 3D Activism</p> <p>Using the grid method to scale up an image. 2D to 3D</p>	<p>Understand that artists sometimes use their skills, vision and creativity to speak on behalf of communities they represent, to try to change the world for the better. Activism</p>	<p>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. 2D to 3D</p>	<p>Understand that artists use a variety of media including light and sound as well as physical media to create installations. Understand that installations are often immersive, enabling the viewer to enter the artwork. Brave Colour</p> <p>Understand that designers & makers sometimes work towards briefs, but always brings their own experience in the project to bear. Exploring Identity</p>	<p>Look at the work of designers, artists, art activists, installation artists, craftspeople and puppeteers.</p> <p>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.</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 6</p>
<p>Understand that there are technical processes we can use to help us see, draw and scale up our work. 2D to 3D</p>	<p>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? Activism</p>	<p>Understand that the nature of the object (artwork in gallery, graffiti on wall, zine) can be specific to the intention of the artist. Activism</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Understand that artists and designers add colour, texture, meaning and richness to our life. Brave Colour Exploring Identity</p> <p>Use the device of scaled model to imagine what your installation might be, working in respond to a brief or “challenge” to enable a viewer to “have a physical experience of colour.” Brave Colour</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>Explore using negative and positive space to “see” and draw a simple element/object. 2D to 3D</p> <p>Use the grid system to scale up the image above, transferring the image onto card. 2D to 3D</p> <p>Use collage to add tonal marks to the “flat image”. 2D to 3D</p>	<p>Explore colour: make colours, collect colours, experiment with how colours work together. Activism Brave Colour</p> <p>Explore combinations and layering of media. Activism</p> <p>Develop Mark Making Activism 2D to 3D</p> <p>Make visual notes to capture, consolidate and reflect upon the artists studied. Activism 2D to 3D Brave Colour</p>	<p>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. Activism</p> <p>Use screenprinting and/or monoprinting over collaged and painted sheets to create your piece of activist art. Activism</p> <p>Or create a zine using similar methods. Activism</p>	<p>Make independent decisions as to which materials are best to use, which kinds of marks, which methods will best help you explore. Exploring Identity</p>	<p>Use a variety of materials, including light and sound, to make a model of what you would build. Think about structure of space, how the viewer would enter, what they would see, feel, hear. Use colour in a brave and bold way, reflecting upon how this might make the viewer feel. Brave Colour</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>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>