



Art and Design

Substantive and Disciplinary Knowledge

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Substantive knowledge in art is based on the knowledge of the 7 elements of art. Although not directly taught at primary level, the children will also develop an awareness of the 7 principles of art. These are:

7 elements of art	7 principles of art
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• line• shape• colour• form• value• texture• space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• balance• contrast• emphasis• pattern• rhythm• variety• unity

The children will work through a range of disciplines: drawing, painting, printing, texture, collage, 3D work and digital art in order to explore the 7 elements. The substantive knowledge within these elements is progressive from Reception to year 6 and builds essential knowledge vocabulary. Substantive knowledge is also the knowledge of known artists/designers, their style and period of art. Purposeful and natural links to other elements of art and design/artists and designers as well as other subject areas are identified in order to connect essential knowledge.

Disciplinary knowledge in art is the interpretation of the elements, how they can be used and combined in order to create a specific and desired effect. It is also the critical evaluation of artists work; evaluating style and technique and having the ability to appraise a piece of work.