Vocabulary Progression in Art

AREA OF ART	EYFS	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
DRAWING	shape – circle, triangle,	drawing book	line	highlight
	rectangle, square, big, small etc.	sketch	shape	shadow
	line – thick, thin, long, short,	practise	pattern	tools and media – ink, pipettes
	straight, curvy etc.	experiment	texture	organic shape
	pattern	explore	form	geometric shape
	texture – rough, smooth,	line – bold,	tone	composition
	slippery, shiny, bumpy etc.	shape 2D, 3D	cross hatching	form
	colour – colour names.	pattern	blend	perspective
	mark making	texture and related words	scale	focal point
	tools and media - pencils, chalk,	colour	surface	illustration
	felt pens, crayons	tools and media – oil pastel,	develop ideas	tone – grading of pencils (fine,
	large	biro, charcoal		hard, black)
	small			graphite
	imagine			record
	observe/look at			annotate
PAINTING	light/lighter/lightest	Primary – red, yellow, blue	Warm colours – red, orange,	hue – pure colour as found on
	dark/darker/darkest	Secondary – green, orange,	yellow	colour wheel
	colour names	purple	Cool colours – blue, green	value – light colour has high
	media and tools – paintbrushes,	tone	purple	value, dark colour has low value
	sponges, rollers, fingers,	mix	Complementary colours –	vocabulary linked to type of
	explore	explore	red/green, yellow/purple,	colour e.g. sapphire, emerald,
	experiment	colour wheel	blue/orange	turquoise.
		control	tone	neutral colours – black white,
		palette	shade	brown, grey
		paintbrushes – thick, thin, start	tint	acrylic
		to refer to different sizing	bold	
		practise	vibrant	
		watercolour	muted	
		background	dull	
		outline	mood	
		drawing book	stroke	
			landscape	
			portrait	
			paintbrushes –refer to different	
			sizing	

TEXTILES	fabric	texture	natural fibres	natural fibres – cotton, wool,
	texture -soft, smooth, furry,	surface	synthetic fibres/man-made	silk
	bumpy, rough etc.	needle	fibres	synthetic fibres – nylon
	feel	eye	ply	polyester
	thread	fabric	thread	plain weave
	needle	cloth	cross stitch	satin weave
	stitch	overlap	back stitch	twill weave
	decorate	layer	running stitch	montage
	weave -under, over	arrange	fabric	assemblage
	collage	rearrange	construction	overstitch
	glue	fabric pens/crayons	deconstruction	blanket stitch
	stick	apply	twisting	selvedge
	tear	buttons	fraying	design
	cut	beads	knotting	felt
	cat	collage	plaiting	
		conage	yarn	
			weaving	
			loom	
			warp	
			weft	
			template	
			embellishment	
			sequin	
			texture vocabulary – coarse,	
			fine, glossy, matt	
			dye	
			tie dye	
			colourfast	
			natural dye	
PRINT	rubbing	found objects	print plate	monoprints
	print -makes a copy	natural objects	regular	relief plates
	stencil	impressed print	irregular	block print
	pattern	printed images	circular	impressed prints
	picture	patterns	radial	polystyrene tiles
	finger, hand, foot	random	mandalas	etch
	iniger, nand, root	repeat	relief prints	multiple colours
		string	texture	turn
		tyre	print for purpose	rotate
		roller		emboss
		TONET		enibuss

SCULPTURE	construction	clay	malleable	coil
	solid	pinch	clay	slab
	join	roll	join	sculptural forms
	positional vocabulary such as on	knead	slip	annotate
	top, next to.	impress	score	armature
	3 dimensional	shape	pressure	papier mache
	put together	form	techniques	mod roc
	take apart	model	adapt	carve
	malleable materials – roll, pinch,	apply	alter	wire
	flatten, cut, cutter, knead	recycled	source	twist
	tools and media – materials,	construct	sculpt	shape
	glue, tape, stick	imagination	base	bend
		observation	extend	loop
		change		improve
		-		revisit
DRAWING BOOKS	draw	practise	explore	annotate
	sketch	try out	experiment	feelings
	record	review	improve	techniques
		like	make notes	adapt
		dislike	sources	compare
			of information	style
			adapt	influence
			adapt	message
				feedback
				refine
				research
				rescaren
COLOUR WHEEL FOR ART WALL	Colour mats – red, blue, yellow,	Colour wheel showing primary	Colour wheel showing primary	Colour wheel showing primary,
DISPLAYS	green, purple, orange, black	colours then moving on to	and secondary colours.	secondary and tertiary colours.
	white, brown, pink, grey	primary and secondary colours.	Colour wheel showing warm	Colour wheel showing shades
	white, brown, plink, grey		and cool colours	and tints of colours.
			Colour wheel showing	
			complementary colours.	
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