

Painting progression – skills and vocabulary.



| Year | Key Skills | Vocabulary |
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| EYFS | Naming colours. Experiment with using primary colours. Explores how colours can be changed. Explores what happens when colours are mixed together. Use painting tools and techniques to explore colour. Explore using paint on different surfaces and in different ways e.g. coloured, sized and shaped paper. | Paint Brush Pot Easel Colour (names), Apron Powder Mix Shade Stroke, Primary colours |
| Y1 | Identify primary colours by name. Mix, use and apply secondary colours. Use a variety of tools and techniques including different brush sizes. Develop ability to control the types of marks made. Work on different scales (large brush on large paper) Experiment with tools and techniques. Create tints with paint by adding white. Create tones with paint by adding black. Use a range of brushes to create different effects. (Blocking in colour, washes, , splashing, thickened paint creating textural effects). | Primary Secondary Shades Tones Scales Tints Cold Colours Warm Colours |
| Y2 | Name different types of paint and their properties. Mix and match colours to artefacts and objects. Experience painting with smaller brushes, developing control. Explore what happens when secondary colours are mixed. Build confidence in mixing colour shades and tones. Darken colours without using black. Make as many tones of one colour as possible using white. Experiment with tools and techniques (layering, mixing media, scraping through). Use a range of brushes to create different effects. (Blocking in colour, washes, , splashing, thickened paint creating textural effects). | Primary Secondary Warm colours Layer Print Texture Control Shape Position Reflection Shape |

| Y3 | Know tertiary colours. Make colour wheels Use a developed colour vocabulary. Use a range of brushes to create different effects. (Blocking in colour, washes, dotting, scratching, splashing, thickened paint creating textural effects). Understand how to create a background using a wash. Use light and dark within painting. Explore complimentary colours. Mix colour, shades and tones with increasing confidence. | Smudging Blending Shape 3 Dimensional Shadow Shading |
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| ¥4 | Mix tertiary colours. Make and match colours with increasing accuracy. Experiment with styles used by artists. Use light and dark within painting. Show understanding of complimentary colours. Begin to choose appropriate media to work with. Start to develop a painting from a drawing. Experiment with water colour techniques. | Tertiary Shade Reflection Light Tone Colour vocabulary (Eg lime green, emerald green) |
| Y5 | Use tertiary colours in paintings. Demonstrate a secure knowledge about primary and secondary, warm and cold, complementary and contrasting colours. Mix and match colours to create atmosphere and light effects. Mix colour, shades and tones with confidence building on previous knowledge. Start to develop own style of painting using tonal contrast and mixed media. Develop water colour techniques. | Atmosphere Light effects Tonal contrast Composition Depth Perspective |
| Y6 | Work in a sustained and independent way to develop their own style of painting. Carry out preliminary studies, test media and materials and mix appropriate colours. Work from a variety of sources. Show an awareness of how paintings are created (composition). Develop a painting from a drawing. Purposely control the types of marks made. Understand which works well in their work and why. Introduce acrylic paint. | Depth Mood Atmosphere Perspective Horizon Effects Textures Tones |