Slingsby School Art & Design Curriculum Overview





	UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 4
Year 1	Formal elements of Art	Art and design skills	Landscapes using different media	Sculptures and collages
	Exploring three of the formal elements of art: shape, line and colour, children mix and paint with secondary colours; use circles to create abstract compositions and work collaboratively to create art inspired by water.	Learning two printing techniques, using 2D shapes to explore a variety of media, mixing different shades of one colour and discussing the work of artist Louis Wain.	Learning about composition and working with different art materials to create texture. The unit is based on the theme of 'the seaside' however there is guidance to adapt the unit to then alternative theme of 'castles'.	On the theme of the natural world, children make sculptures, collages, 3D models of creatures and a class spider sculpture, inspired by artist Louise Bourgeois.
Year 2	Formal elements of Art	Art and design skills	Human form	Sculpture and mixed media
	Exploring the formal elements of art: pattern, texture and tone; children create printed patterns using everyday objects; take rubbings using different media and learn how to make their drawings three-dimensional.	Replicating the recognisable crockery of Clarice Cliff, exploring tone through shading, developing weaving skills, manipulating clay and experimenting with brush strokes.	Exploring how bodies and faces are portrayed in art: looking at the work of artists, using their bodies to form shapes, creating collages, drawing portraits and creating a peg figure.	Creating sculpture and pop art and learning how to draw facial features to portray different emotions, all through the topic of comic superheroes inspired by the works of Roy Lichtenstein.
Year 3	Formal elements of art	Art and design skills	Prehistoric art	Craft
	Exploring two of the formal elements of art: shape and tone; children find shapes in everyday objects; use shapes as guidelines to draw accurately from observation and create form and shape using wire.	Making a variety of puppets using different materials, completing a drawing from observation, learning the difference between a tint and a shade and creating versions of a cartoon drawn by a famous illustrator.	Experimenting with charcoal, berries, leaves, homemade paints and more, children get a sense of what it was like to create art thousands of years ago and why these pieces were created.	Creating a mood board to work as a visual mind map and source of inspiration. Tie-dying, weaving and sewing to create a range of effects using fabric, culminating in a finished t-shirt to showcase these skills.

Year 4	Formal elements of art	Art and design skills	Every picture tells a story	Sculpture
	Exploring two of the formal elements of art: texture and pattern; pupils develop a range of mark-making techniques, make and use their own textured stamps for printing; draw a 'flip' pattern and recreate an ancient geometric pattern.	Creating an optical illusion print, replicating a plate in the famous willow pattern, carving sculptures out of soap, drawing a collection of still life objects, painting and mixing colours and learning about the role of a 'curator.'	Analysing works of art and creating photo collages and abstract art inspired by the works explored.	Exploring and using unusual objects to create 3D works of art. Creating drums and maracas from recycled materials and looking at different techniques, such as wax resist and collages to create different effects.
Year 5	Formal elements: Architecture	Art and design skills	Every picture tells a story	Design for a purpose
	Learning how to draw from observation, creating a print and drawing from different perspectives. Learning about the role of an architect and considering why houses look the way they do and whether there is scope to change and improve them.	Designing an invention, expanding on an observational drawing, using a poem to create a portrait, painting an enlarged section of a drawn collage and learning how to 'think' like an artist.	Analysing the intentions of artist Banksy; making ink symmetry prints inspired by psychologist Rorschach; telling a story using emojis; using drama to recreate a poignant war scene and creating art inspired by the ceramic work of Magdalene Odundo.	Designing to a specific criteria or specification, developing design ideas for a room interior, a coat of arms and product to fit a given name. Learning to draw inspiration from different sources and experimenting with a range of techniques.
Year 6	Art and design skills	Make my voice heard	Photography	Still life
	Design, drawing, craft, painting and art appreciation; working as a group to design a hat, creating zentangle patterns and subsequent prints, painting in the style of impressionist painters and exploring the piece 'Nighthawks' by Edward Hopper.	Analysing world by artists Picasso and Kollwitz, and through the mediums of graffiti, drawing, painting and sculpture, creating artworks that speak to the viewer.	Through developing their photography skills, children cover useful artistic concepts in a new context, looking at: composition, colour, light, abstract images and underlying messages.	Creating a variety of pieces influenced by different artists and using a range of mediums. Using charcoal, erasers and paint to depict a chosen composition of special objects before constructing a memory box to showcase their work.