



Access Art Progression Map (Skills and Knowledge) for Primary Schools Years 1 to 6

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Year 1 & 2 Cycle B	Purple = Substantive Knowledge	Green = Implicit Knowledge / Skills	www.accessart.org.uk		
Drawing	Sketchbooks	Printmaking	Collage	Making	Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation
Understand drawing is a physical activity. Spirals	Introduce what a sketchbook is for. Understand it is owned by the pupil 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. Continuous Provision Activities	Understand that sculpture is the name sometimes given for artwork which exists in three dimensions. Playful Making	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.
Explore lines made by a drawing tool, made by moving fingers, wrist, elbow, shoulder and body . Work at a scale to accommodate exploration. Spirals	experimentation and exploration. Spirals	Understand relief prints are made when we print from raised images (plates). Simple Printmaking	Collage with painted papers exploring colour, shape and composition. Simple Printmaking	Understand the meaning of "Design through Making" Playful Making	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.
Use colour (pastels, chalks) intuitively to develop spiral drawings. Spirals	Make a simple elastic band sketchbook. Personalise it. Spirals	Understand mono prints or mono types are prints made by drawing through an inked surface, transferring the marks on to another sheet. Explore Through Monoprint		Use a combination of two or more materials to make sculpture. Playful Making	All Pathways for Year 1/2
Pupils draw from first hand observation, observing detail using materials above plus pastel, oil pastel and or pencil crayon. Simple Printmaking	Use sketchbooks to: Test out printmaking ideas Simple Printmaking	Use hands and feet to make simple prints, using primary colours. Simple Printmaking		Use construction methods to build. Playful Making	Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked...").
	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. Playful Making	Present your own artwork (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed... This went well").
	Practice observational drawing Spirals Simple Printmaking	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	Transfer the skills learnt in drawing and sketchbooks to mono print by making monoprints using carbon copy paper (and or oil pastel prints), exploring the qualities of line. Explore Through Monoprint			All Pathways for Year 1/2

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<p>Understand that we can use different media (sometimes combined in one drawing) to capture the nature of things we find. Explore & Draw</p> <p>Understand that we can hold our drawing tools in a variety of ways, experimenting with pressure, grip and speed to affect line. Explore & Draw</p>	<p>Continue to build understanding that sketchbooks are places for personal experimentation.</p> <p>Understand that the way each persons' sketchbook looks is unique to them. All Pathways for Year 2</p> <p>Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch)</p>	<p>Understand that some painters use expressive, gestural marks in their work, often resulting in abstract, expressionist painting. Expressive Painting</p> <p>Understand that the properties of the paint that you use, and how you use it, will affect your mark making. Expressive Painting</p> <p>Understand that primary colours can be mixed together to make secondary colours of different hues. Expressive Painting</p> <p>Understand the concept of still life. Expressive Painting</p>	<p>Understand that we can combine collage with other disciplines such as drawing, printmaking and making. Explore & Draw</p> <p>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</p> <p>Collage with drawings to create invented forms. Combine with making if appropriate. Explore & Draw</p>	<p>Understand the role of an architect. Be an Architect</p> <p>Understand when we make sculpture by adding materials it is called Construction. Be an Architect</p> <p>Use the Design through Making philosophy to construct with a variety of materials to make an architectural model of a building, considering shape, form, colour, and perspective. Consider interior and exterior. Be an Architect</p> <p>Use Design through Making philosophy to playfully construct towards a loose brief. Be an Architect</p> <p>Transform found objects into</p>	<p>Understand artists take their inspiration from around them, collecting and transforming.</p> <p>Understand that in art we can experiment and discover things for ourselves.</p> <p>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.</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 1/2</p>
<p>Visit local environment, collect natural objects, explore composition and qualities of objects through arranging, sorting & representing. Photograph. Explore & Draw</p> <p>Use drawing exercises to focus an exploration of</p>	<p>OR make Spaces and Places inside a bought sketchbook. Explore & Draw</p> <p>Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places inside a bought sketchbook. Explore & Draw</p>	<p>Understand watercolour is a media which uses water and pigment. Exploring Watercolour/Expressive Painting</p> <p>Understand we can use a variety of brushes, holding them in a variety of ways to make watercolour marks. Exploring Watercolour/Expressive Painting</p>	<p>Collage with drawings to create invented forms. Combine with making if appropriate. Explore & Draw</p>	<p>Use the Design through Making philosophy to construct with a variety of materials to make an architectural model of a building, considering shape, form, colour, and perspective. Consider interior and exterior. Be an Architect</p> <p>Use Design through Making philosophy to playfully construct towards a loose brief. Be an Architect</p> <p>Transform found objects into</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 1/2</p>
<p>observational drawing (of objects above) combined with experimental mark making, using graphite, soft pencil, handwriting pen. Explore & Draw Be an Architect</p> <p>Work with care and focus, enjoying making drawings which are unrushed. Explore quality of line, texture and shape. Explore & Draw</p>	<p>Work in sketchbooks to:</p> <p>Explore the qualities of different media. Explore & Draw Be an Architect</p> <p>Make close observational drawings of small objects, drawn to scale, working slowly, developing mark making. Explore & Draw</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p>		<p>sculpture, using imagination and construction techniques including cutting, tying, sticking. Think about shape (2d), form (3d), texture, colour and structure. Outdoor Learning</p>	<p>Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked...").</p> <p>Present your own artwork (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed... This went well").</p> <p>Talk about intention.</p>
<p>Create final collaged drawings (see column 5 "collage") which explore composition. Explore & Draw</p>	<p>Explore colour and colour mixing. Expressive Painting</p> <p>Make visual notes about artists studied. Explore & Draw Be an Architect</p>	<p>Explore watercolour in an intuitive way to build understanding of the properties of the medium. Exploring Watercolour/Expressive Painting</p> <p>Paint without a fixed image of what you are painting in mind. Exploring Watercolour/Expressive Painting</p>			<p>Share responses to classmates work, appreciating similarities and differences.</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 1/2</p>

Year 3 & 4 Cycle B	Purple = Substantive Knowledge		Green = Implicit Knowledge / Skills		www.accessart.org.uk	
Drawing	Sketchbooks	Printmaking	Painting	Collage	Making	Purpose/Visual Literacy/Articulation
<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 3/4</p> <p>Understand that the way each persons’ sketchbook looks is unique to them. All Pathways for Year 3/4</p> <p>Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places inside a bought sketchbook. All Pathways for Year 3/4</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 create imagery using natural pigments and light. Telling Stories through making</p> <p>Understand that paint acts differently on different surfaces.</p> <p>Understand the concept of still life and landscape painting.</p>	<p>Understand that we can combine collage with other disciplines such as drawing, printmaking and making. Working with Shape & Colour</p>	<p>Understand that many makers use other artforms as inspiration, such as literature, film, drama or music. Telling Stories through making</p> <p>Understand that when we make sculpture by moulding with our fingers it is called modelling (an additive process). Telling Stories through making</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>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>Use paint, mixing colours, to complete the sculpture inspired by literature (see column 6 “making”). Telling Stories through making</p> <p>Continue to develop colour mixing skills.</p>	<p>Cut shapes from paper (free hand) and use as elements with which to collage, combined with printmaking (see column 3</p>	<p>That clay and Modroc are soft materials which finally dry/set hard. Telling Stories through making</p> <p>An armature is an interior framework which support a sculpture. Telling Stories through making</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 3/4</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>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 Telling Stories through making</p> <p>Develop mark making skills. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Working with Shape & Colour Telling Stories through making</p> <p>Brainstorm animation ideas. Working with Shape & Colour</p>			<p>“printmaking”) to make a creative response to an original artwork. Explore positive and negative shapes, line, colour and composition. Working with Shape & Colour</p>	<p>Use Modroc or air dry clay to model characters inspired by literature. Consider form, texture, character, structure. Telling Stories through making</p> <p>Make an armature to support the sculpture. Telling Stories through making</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 3/4</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 3/4	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. Sculpture & Structure	Look at the work of illustrators and graphic artists, painters and sculptors. Understand the processes, intentions an outcome 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 Sculpture & Structure	That still life is a genre which artists have enjoyed for hundreds of years, and which contemporary artists still explore today. 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	Understand artists often collaborate on projects, bringing different skills together.
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 Exploring Still Life Sculpture & Structure	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	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. Sculpture & Structure	Deconstruct and discuss an original artwork, using the sketchbooks to make visual notes to nurture pupils own creative response to the 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 3/4
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	Test and experiment with materials. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Still Life Sculpture & Structure Brainstorm pattern, colour, line and shape. Exploring Still Life Reflect. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Still Life Sculpture & Structure	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		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 3/4

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Understand that designers create fonts and work with Typography. Typography & Maps	Use sketchbooks to: Explore mark making. Typography & Maps Mixed Media Landscapes	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	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	Look at the work of designers, artists, animators, architects. Understand the processes, intentions and outcomes of different artists, using visual notes in a sketchbook to help consolidate and own the learning.
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	Make visual notes to capture, consolidate and reflect upon the artists studied. Typography & Maps Mixed Media Landscapes Architecture: Big or Small	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	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	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 5/6
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 Draw over maps/existing marks to explore how you can make mark making more visually powerful. Typography & Maps 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	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 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 Experiment with colour mixing and pattern.	Mix colour intuitively. Make independent decisions as to which paints are best to use, which kinds of marks, which methods will best help you explore. Mixed Media Landscapes	Small	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. Discuss the ways in which artists have a responsibility to themselves/society. What purpose does art serve? All Pathways for Year 5/6

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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>Explore what your passions, hopes and fears might be. What makes you you? How can you find visual</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 nature of the object (artwork in gallery, graffiti on wall, zine) can be specific to the intention of the artist. Activism</p> <p>Understand that mono types are single monoprints. Understand that artists sometimes use printmaking to create a larger artwork, e.g. an installation or an artist's book. Activism</p>	<p>Understand that designers & makers sometimes work towards briefs, but always brings their own experience in the project to bear. Take a Seat</p> <p>Understand that artists and designers add colour, texture, meaning and richness to our life. Take a Seat</p> <p>Understand that artists reinvent. Understand that as artists, we can take the work of others and re-form it to suit us. That we can be inspired by the past and make things for the future. Take a Seat</p> <p><i>Use a variety of materials to design (through making) and construct a scaled piece of furniture. Bring your personality and character to the piece. Let your nature inform the choice of materials and shapes you use. Take a Seat</i></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 5/6</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>equivalents for the words in your head? Activism</p> <p>Explore colour: make colours, collect colours, experiment with how colours work together. Activism</p> <p>Explore combinations and layering of media Activism</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><i>Use screenprinting and/or monoprinting over collaged and painted sheets to create your piece of activist art. Activism</i></p> <p>Or create a zine using similar methods. Activism</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>Explore using negative and positive space to "see" and draw a simple element/object. 2D to 3D</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 Take a Seat</p>	<p>Combine mono type with painting and collage. Activism</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>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>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 5/6</p>