

Art and design

(revised scheme)

Long-term plan

Standard

Our standard EYFS (Reception), KS1 and KS2 long-term plan for **Art and design** is designed for schools that deliver the subject most weeks.

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How does Kapow Primary help our school to meet statutory guidance for Art and design?

Our scheme of work fulfils the statutory requirements outlined in the **National Curriculum (2014)**. The National Curriculum for Art and design aims to ensure that all pupils:

★ Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences

★ Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques

★ Evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design

★ Know about great artists, craft makers and designers and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms

From these aims, we have identified five strands which run throughout our scheme of work:

Generating ideas

Using sketchbooks

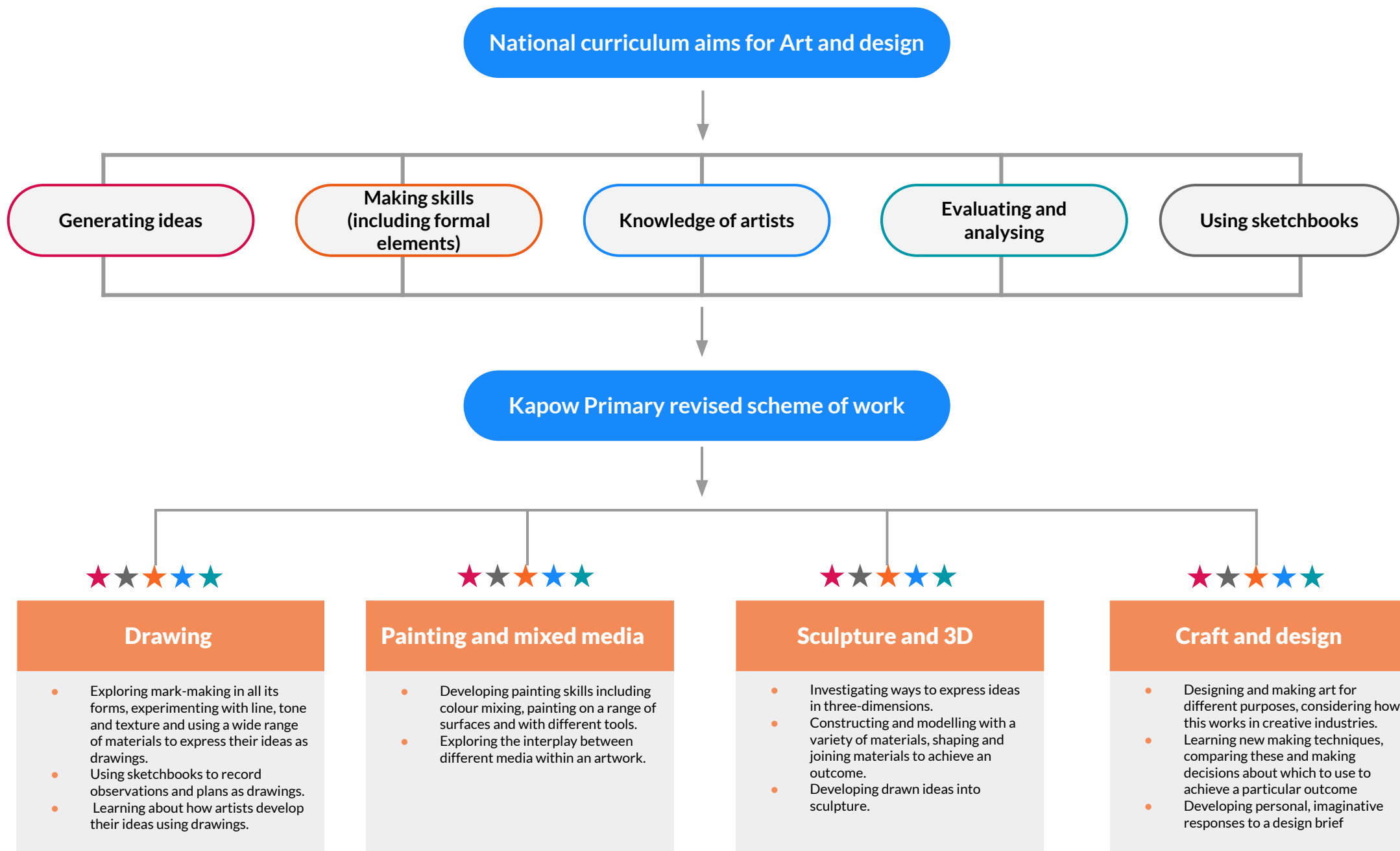
Making skills
(including formal elements)

Knowledge of artists

Evaluating and analysing

Our [National curriculum mapping](#) document shows which of Kapow Primary's units cover each of the National Curriculum Attainment targets as well as each of these five strands. National Curriculum links are also on each individual lesson plan, along with cross-curricular links to other subjects.

How is the revised Art and design scheme of work organised?



What are the benefits of the revised Art and design scheme?

A revised Art and design scheme of work was rolled out in 2022, as an alternative to our original scheme. The revised scheme includes updates to many existing lessons, along with brand new units across the core areas.

Sequential lessons

The revised Art and design scheme has units divided into four core areas, repeated in each year group. This provides teachers with greater clarity over knowledge and skills progression within the four areas. Teachers can feel confident that children are given opportunities to develop mastery by revisiting core subject knowledge and applying that knowledge practically in a range of contexts with growing complexity.

Drawing

Painting and mixed media

Sculpture and 3D

Craft and design

A broad and balanced art curriculum

The units within the revised scheme are designed so that children experience the fundamentals of art through broad and balanced units, including exploration of the work of a wide range of artists and makers. Units guide pupils in the skills required to explore, analyse and discuss art. They are encouraged to combine their knowledge of what constitutes 'art', specific artists and techniques with their own experiences to evaluate artworks and to inform their own creative practices.

Each unit works towards all of the National curriculum attainment targets. This allows pupils to develop their knowledge and skills around the formal elements in a holistic way.

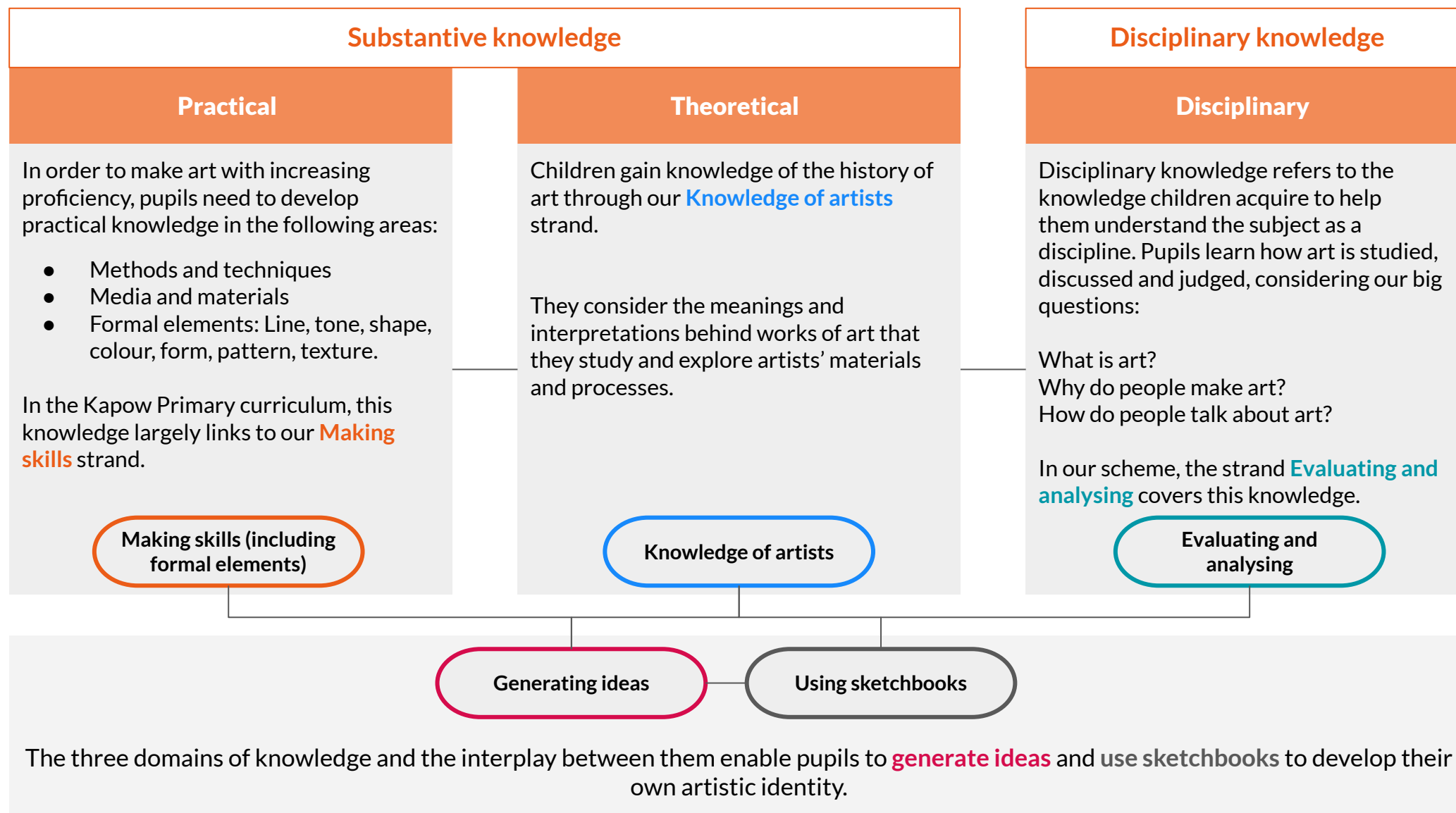
A variety of outcomes for units

The revised scheme encourages autonomy, with a greater emphasis on children developing their creativity through experimentation and individual responses. Units provide flexible options, enabling links to other topics and resulting in more creative outcomes.

Application of skills and knowledge

There is an emphasis on developing children's use of sketchbooks throughout the revised scheme to apply skills and knowledge. Lessons provide opportunities to engage with sketchbooks throughout the whole process of creating art, including practising techniques learned as well as developing and evaluating their ideas towards an outcome.

Types of knowledge in Art and design



Assessment in Art and design

Formative assessment

Every lesson begins with the 'Recap and recall' section which is intended to allow pupils retrieval practice of key knowledge relevant to the upcoming lesson. This section also provides teachers with an opportunity to make informal judgements about whether pupils have retained prior learning and are ready to move on.

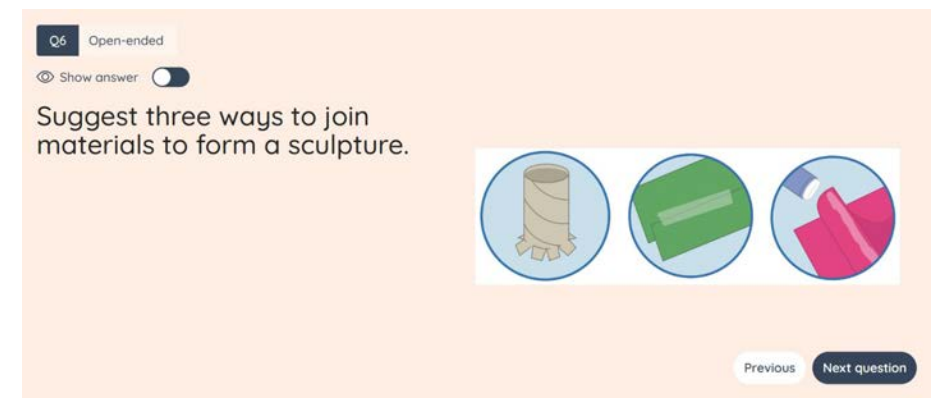
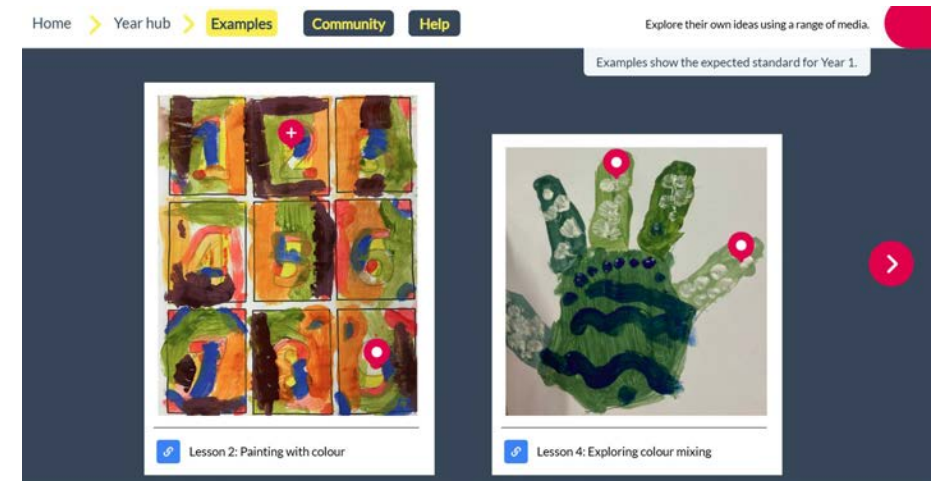
Each lesson contains the 'Assessing progress and understanding' section which helps teachers to identify those pupils who are secure in their learning or working at a greater depth in each lesson. These assessments can then be recorded on our [Art and design: Assessment spreadsheet](#) which supports the teacher in identifying gaps in learning amongst the class or for individual pupils.

For the drawing and painting and mixed media key areas there is an assessment tool. Recognising that art and design involves more than just technical ability, the tool helps evaluate children's creative expression, technique and their understanding of concepts.

Summative assessment

Each unit of work assesses children's understanding and retention of key knowledge using an assessment quiz with multiple choice questions and one open-ended question.

Assessment quizzes offer teachers valuable summative records, serving as evidence of pupil progression throughout the year and as they transition between key stages.



Oracy in Art and design

'Oracy is the ability to speak eloquently, to articulate ideas and thoughts, to influence through talking, to collaborate with peers and to express views confidently and appropriately.'

Oracy refers both to the development of speaking and listening skills and the effective use of spoken language in teaching and learning. It is to speech what literacy is to reading and writing and numeracy is to Maths.'

Speak for Change: Final report and recommendations from the Oracy All-Party Parliamentary Group Inquiry.

Learning *through* talk

At Kapow Primary, we believe it's crucial to provide pupils with opportunities for exploratory talk during their learning. This involves thinking aloud, questioning, discussing and collaboratively building ideas.

Learning *to* talk

Similarly, developing oracy skills is essential for pupils to express and articulate themselves effectively across various contexts and settings, including formal ones like public speaking, debates and interviews.

Through our Art and design curriculum, pupils have opportunities to develop their oracy skills by:

- Explaining and justifying their choices of materials, methods and techniques.
- Engaging in paired and group discussions.
- Presenting and explaining their artwork and ideas to peers and the class.
- Analysing and critiquing the work of others as well as established artists.
- Collaborating on group artwork.
- Responding to high-level questions such as 'What is art?' by articulating and defending their ideas.



Is there any flexibility in the Kapow Primary Art and design scheme?

Our Art and design scheme of work is flexible, allowing schools to adapt the planning to suit their school and to make use of cross-curricular links available. See some of our Frequently asked questions below:

Do the units need to be taught in order?

The units within each year group can be taught in any order, as the progression of knowledge and skills is across the years and key stages, not within a year group. So you can work through them in the order which most suits the rest of your curriculum time and requirements.

Can units be moved between year groups?

Units can be moved between year groups if the lesson content is adapted using the progression of skills and knowledge document. The KS1 units could be adapted to work in either Year 1 or 2 and across KS2 many units are movable to suit your children's needs.

Do the lessons within the topics need to be taught in order?

Lessons in the Art and design scheme are sequential, so should be taught in order. Each lesson builds on the previous one to provide opportunities for children to practice skills and apply their knowledge to consolidate learning.

What if we are short of curriculum time for Art and design?

We appreciate that curriculum time is short, which is why most of our units have five lessons. This allows space to finish work off at the end of a unit or supplement with a themed lesson to celebrate festivals and events, such as Mother's Day or Christmas. We also provide suggestions for which lessons can be omitted without affecting progression in our [Long-term plan - Condensed curriculum](#).

If you alternate your **Art and design** and **Design and technology** provision each half term please see our [Art and design and Design and technology Long-term plan](#).

How can we make the Kapow Primary scheme of work fit with our topic learning?

Some units have a topic theme, however any unit can be adapted to work with an existing topic in your curriculum. Often the stimulus for the work can be replaced with something more relevant to a topic. Alternative units will also be added to the scheme.

Other useful documentation

There are a number of key documents that can support you in planning your **Art and design** scheme of work and they can be found on the [Subject planning page](#). Some of these are also listed below:

- ✓ [National curriculum mapping document](#)
 - Shows how our scheme of work meets the National Curriculum requirements.
- ✓ [Progression of skills document](#)
 - Shows how understanding and application of key concepts and skills builds year on year.
- ✓ [Art and design: List of artists](#)
- ✓ [Art and design: Equipment list](#)
- ✓ [Intent, Implementation, Impact statement](#)
- ✓ [Personal development, SMSC and British values mapping](#)
- ✓ [Progression of vocabulary](#)
- ✓ [Assessment spreadsheet](#)

The units within a single year group can be taught in ANY order.
All units contain 5 lessons unless stated otherwise.

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4		
EYFS (Reception)	Drawing	Painting and mixed media	Sculpture and 3D	Craft and design		
	Marvellous marks	Paint my world	Creation station	Let's get crafty		
	Autumn craft	Christmas craft	Winter craft	Spring craft	Easter craft	Summer craft
	Autumn wreaths	Salt dough decorations	Threaded snowflakes	Suncatchers	Egg threading	Salt painting
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4		
Year 1	Drawing	Painting and mixed media	Sculpture and 3D	Craft and design		
	Make your mark	Colour splash	Paper play	Woven wonders		
Year 2	Drawing	Painting and mixed media	Sculpture and 3D	Craft and design		
	Tell a story	Life in colour	Clay houses	Map it out		

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Year 3	Drawing	Painting and mixed media	Sculpture and 3D	Craft and design
	Growing artists	Prehistoric painting	Abstract shape and space	Ancient Egyptian scrolls
Year 4	Drawing	Painting and mixed media	Sculpture and 3D	Craft and design
	Power prints	Light and dark	Mega materials	Fabric of nature
Year 5	Drawing	Painting and mixed media	Sculpture and 3D	Craft and design
	I need space	Portraits	Interactive installation	Architecture
Year 6	Drawing	Painting and mixed media	Sculpture and 3D	Craft and design
	Make my voice heard	Artist study	Making memories	Photo opportunity

	EYFS (Reception) units	EYFS (Reception) seasonal crafts	
Drawing	<u>Marvellous marks</u>	Autumn	<u>Autumn wreaths</u> Using natural items to create Autumnal wreaths.
	Exploring mark making and using the language of texture, children use wax crayons to make rubbings and chalk on different surfaces. They use felt tips to explore colour and pencils to create observational drawings of their faces.	Christmas	<u>Salt dough decorations</u> Creating and decorating Christmas tree decorations.
Painting and mixed media	<u>Paint my world</u>	Winter	<u>Threaded snowflakes</u> Using threading skills to create snowflakes with pipe cleaners and beads.
	Creating child-led paintings using fingers and natural items as tools, children learn that colours can be mixed and that paintings can be abstract or figurative. They make collages and explore different techniques for using paint when creating splatter pictures.	Spring	<u>Sun catcher</u> Collecting flower petals to create card suncatchers.
Sculpture and 3D	<u>Creation station</u>	Easter	<u>Egg threading</u> Threading coloured wool to create an egg pattern.
	Manipulating playdough and clay to make animal sculptures and their own creations, children begin to use language associated with forces: push, pull, twist etc. They create natural landscape pictures using items they have found outdoors.	Summer	<u>Salt painting</u> Creating bold paintings in salt and paint.
Craft and design	<u>Let's get crafty</u>		
	Focussing on process over product, children develop their cutting, threading, manipulation and joining skills in this unit which culminates with designing a flower for a class flower garden.		

	Year 1	Year 2
Drawing	<p>Make your mark</p> <p>Developing observational drawing skills when exploring mark-making . Children use a range of tools, investigating how texture can be created in drawings. They apply their skills to a collaborative piece using music as a stimulus and investigate artists Bridget Riley and Zaria Forman.</p>	<p>Tell a story</p> <p>Using storybook illustration as a stimulus, children develop their mark making skills to explore a wider range of tools and experiment with creating patterned surfaces to add texture and detail to drawings.</p>
Painting and mixed media	<p>Colour splash</p> <p>Exploring colour mixing through paint play, children use a range of tools and work on different surfaces. They create paintings inspired by Clarice Cliff and Jasper Johns.</p>	<p>Life in colour</p> <p>Taking inspiration from the collage work of artist Romare Bearden, children consolidate their knowledge of colour mixing and create textures in paint using different tools. They create their own painted paper in the style of Bearden and use it in a collage, linked to a theme suited to their topic or classwork.</p>
Sculpture and 3D	<p>Paper play</p> <p>Creating simple three dimensional shapes and structures using familiar materials, children develop skills in manipulating paper and card. They fold, roll and scrunch materials to make their own sculpture inspired by the 'Tree of life' screen at the Sidi Saiyyed Mosque. There are opportunities to extend learning to make a collaborative sculptural piece based on the art of Louise Bourgeois.</p>	<p>Clay houses</p> <p>Developing their ability to work with clay, children learn how to create simple thumb pots then explore the work of sculptor Rachel Whiteread and apply her ideas in a final piece that uses techniques such as cutting, shaping, joining and impressing into clay.</p>
Craft and design	<p>Woven wonders</p> <p>Learning fibre art skills such as plaiting, threading, knotting and weaving to create three-dimensional woven artworks inspired by artist Cecilia Vicuña.</p>	<p>Map it out</p> <p>Responding to a design brief, children create a piece of art that represents their local area using a map as their stimulus. They learn three techniques for working creatively with materials and at the end of the project, evaluate their design ideas, choosing the best to meet the brief.</p>

	Year 3	Year 4
Drawing	<p><u>Growing artists</u></p> <p>Using botanical drawings and scientific plant studies as inspiration, pupils explore the techniques of artists such as Georgia O'Keefe and Maud Purdy to draw natural forms, becoming aware of differences in the choice of drawing medium, scale and the way tonal shading can help create form.</p>	<p><u>Power prints</u></p> <p>Using everyday electrical items as a starting point, pupils develop an awareness of composition in drawing and combine media for effect when developing a drawing into a print.</p>
Painting and mixed media	<p><u>Prehistoric painting</u></p> <p>Investigating making their own paints, making tools and painting on different surfaces, the children explore prehistoric art.</p>	<p><u>Light and dark</u></p> <p>Developing colour mixing skills, using shades and tints to show form and create three dimensions when painting. Pupils learn about composition and plan their own still life to paint, applying chosen techniques.</p>
Sculpture and 3D	<p><u>Abstract shape and space</u></p> <p>Exploring how shapes and negative spaces can be represented by three dimensional forms. Manipulating a range of materials, children learn ways to join and create free-standing structures inspired by the work of Anthony Caro and Ruth Asawa.</p>	<p><u>Mega materials</u></p> <p>Exploring the way different materials can be shaped and joined, learning about techniques used by artists as diverse as Barbara Hepworth and Sokari Douglas-Camp and creating their own sculptures.</p>
Craft and design	<p><u>Ancient Egyptian scrolls</u></p> <p>Learning about the way colour, scale and pattern influenced ancient Egyptian art, children explore the technique of papermaking to create a papyrus-style scroll. Ideas are extended to create a modern response by designing a 'zine'.</p>	<p><u>Fabric of nature</u></p> <p>Using flora and fauna of tropical rainforests as a starting point, children develop drawings through experimentation and textile-based techniques to a design a repeating pattern suitable for fabric.</p>

	Year 5	Year 6
Drawing	<p><u>I need space!</u></p> <p>Developing ideas more independently, pupils consider the purpose of drawings as they investigate how imagery was used in the 'Space race' that began in the 1950s. They combine collage and printmaking to create a piece in their own style.</p>	<p><u>Make my voice heard</u></p> <p>On a journey from the Ancient Maya to modern-day street art, children explore how artists convey a message. They begin to understand how artists use imagery and symbols as well as drawing techniques like expressive mark making, tone and the dramatic light and dark effect called 'chiaroscuro'.</p>
Painting and mixed media	<p><u>Portraits</u></p> <p>Investigating self-portraits by a range of artists, children use photographs of themselves as a starting point for developing their own unique self-portraits in mixed-media.</p>	<p><u>Artist study</u></p> <p>Identifying an artist that interests them, children research the life, techniques and artistic intentions of that individual. Collecting ideas in sketchbooks, planning for a final piece and working collaboratively, they present what they have learnt about the artist.</p>
Sculpture and 3D	<p><u>Interactive installation</u></p> <p>Using inspiration of historical monuments and modern installations, children plan by researching and drawing, a sculpture to fit a design brief. They investigate scale, the display environment and possibilities for viewer interaction with their piece.</p>	<p><u>Making memories</u></p> <p>Creating a personal memory box using a collection of found objects and hand-sculptured forms, reflecting primary school life with symbolic and personal meaning.</p>
Craft and design	<p><u>Architecture</u></p> <p>Investigating the built environment through drawing and printmaking, learning about the work of architect Zaha Hadid and creating their own building designs, creatively presenting research on artist Hundertwasser and exploring ideas behind the symbolism of monument design.</p>	<p><u>Photo opportunity</u></p> <p>Exploring photography as a medium for expressing ideas, pupils investigate scale and composition, colour and techniques for adapting finished images. They use digital media to design and create photographic imagery for a specific design brief.</p>

**New* Drawing units - now available to teach for 2025/26*

The new units can be explored on the website and are summarised below to support planning. Existing drawing units are still accessible in the [archive](#) section of the website. Related curriculum documents will be updated to reflect the new units from August 2025. The changes strengthen progression in drawing techniques, with greater clarity on the development of mark-making, shading and spatial awareness.

Year 1	Year 2
<p>Exploring line and shape</p> <p>Exploring line and shape through a range of materials and stimuli, children develop control and creativity as they investigate the work of artists Bridget Riley and Paul Klee. Inspired by these artists, the children experiment with expressive mark-making and portrait drawing. They learn how lines can vary in appearance and form shapes and begin to recognise shapes within forms to help them draw more accurately.</p>	<p>Understanding tone and texture</p> <p>Developing drawing skills by exploring and experimenting with a range of materials, the children make marks that suggest surface texture and light and dark. They learn how to build a drawing by sketching basic shapes and adding detail, leading to a final observational piece that shows an emerging understanding of shading and texture.</p>
Year 3	Year 4
<p>Developing drawing skills</p> <p>Developing drawing skills through observation, shape and tone, the children practise drawing objects using simple shapes, building even tones with pencil and adding detail by closely observing pattern and texture. They apply these skills in imaginative plant drawings and explore how to recreate their ideas as digital artwork.</p>	<p>Exploring tone, texture and proportion</p> <p>Exploring tone, texture and proportion to create realistic and expressive drawings, the children take inspiration from artists Sarah Graham, Nicola McBride and Beatriz Milhazes. Using sweets, wrappers and bold patterns as stimuli, the children develop skills in shading, mark-making and composition to produce detailed drawings with a strong sense of form and proportion.</p>
Year 5	Year 6
<p>Depth, emotion and movement</p> <p>Exploring how drawing can express emotion, movement and depth, the children take inspiration from artists Charlie Mackesy and Elizabeth Catlett. They use expressive lines and marks to convey feeling and energy, develop shading techniques to show depth and form and investigate composition through drawing and printmaking. This leads to a final piece that combines personal ideas with artist influence.</p>	<p>Expressing ideas</p> <p>Exploring how drawing can be used to express ideas and messages, the children take inspiration from a range of street art examples. They investigate how artists use perspective, scale and proportion to create impact, then develop these skills to design and create a street art-inspired final piece about sustainability and the environment.</p>

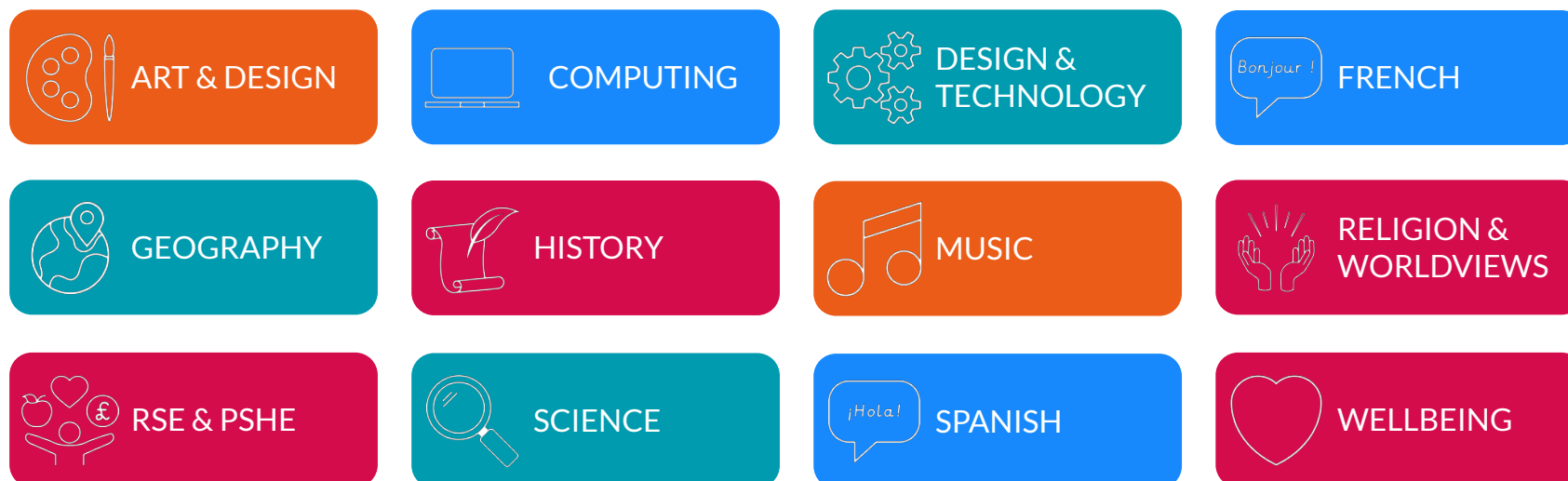
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All subjects include:

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- Integrated CPD.
- Subject leader planning resources.
- Assessment tools.
- Whole-school access.

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18.01.23	Links updated to reflect the fact that the full art scheme is now available. Unit summaries updated to reflect published content.
22.05.23	Added 'Types of knowledge' (p.6).
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