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STAGE 2 · ART AND DESIGN · DRAWING, PAINTING AND SCULPTURE

Drawing, painting and sculpture

Techniques to learn, things to make, and the questions to ask of your own work when it is finished.

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Written for a parent teaching at home. No training assumed, and nothing else to buy.

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Three ways of sharing an idea

Read this, then try it on the page underneath.



THREE WAYS OF SHARING AN IDEA

Drawing, painting and sculpture are three ways of getting an idea, an experience or something imagined out of your head and into the world where somebody else can see it.

Each one suits different ideas. A drawing is quick and catches a thought before it goes. A painting carries colour and mood. A sculpture can be walked round, which makes it the only one that changes as the viewer moves.

Choosing between them is the first decision, and it is worth making on purpose rather than by habit.

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SHADOWS SHOW THE SHAPE

An object with no shading looks flat. The shading is what tells the eye it is round.

Find where the light comes from. The side facing it is lightest, the side away from it is darkest, and there is a shadow on the table on the far side from the light.

Press softly for light and harder for dark. Build the dark up in layers rather than pressing hard once, because a very dark line cannot be made lighter again.

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Where is the light coming from?

Go and look at a real thing. This is the lesson, not the warm up.



WHERE IS THE LIGHT COMING FROM?

Look at three objects in the room and work out, for each, which direction the light is coming from. Write it down.

Then check by looking at the shadow. The shadow always falls on the opposite side from the light, which means a drawing with shadows on both sides is a drawing with two suns.

SAMPLE PAGES

You have read a few pages. The pack is longer.

What you are holding is a short sample, taken from different parts of the pack so that you can see how a week is planned and what a child is actually asked to do, before you decide.

The complete pack, and the rest of the academic materials, are on our website: schemes of work for a parent teaching at home, and practice packs for the skills children get stuck on.

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