AccessArt Progression (Skills and Knowledge) for Primary Schools Years 1 to 6

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Understand drawing is a physical activity. Spirals Understand there is a relationship between drawings on paper (2d) and making (3d). That we can transform 2d drawings into 3d objects. Making Birds	Introduce what a sketchbook is for. Understand it is owned by the pupil for experimentation and exploration. Spirals	Understand prints are made by transferring an image from one surface to another. Simple Printmaking Understand relief prints are made when we print from raised images (plates). Simple Printmaking	Understand watercolour is a media which uses water and pigment. Exploring Watercolour Understand we can use a variety of brushes, holding them in a variety of ways to make watercolour marks. Exploring Watercolour	Understand collage is the art of using elements of paper to make images. Making Birds Understand we can create our own papers with which to collage. Making Birds	Understand that sculpture is the name sometimes given for artwork which exists in three dimensions. Making Birds Understand the meaning of "Design through Making" Making Birds	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. 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
Explore lines made by a drawing tool, made by moving fingers, wrist, elbow, shoulder and body. Work at a scale to accommodate exploration. Spirals Use colour (pastels, chalks) intuitively to develop spiral drawings. Spirals Pupils draw from paused film, observing detail using pencil, graphite, handwriting pen. Making Birds Pupils draw from first hand observation, observing detail using materials above plus pastel, oil pastel and or pencil crayon. Simple Printmaking	Make a simple elastic band sketchbook. Personalise it. Spirals Use sketchbooks to: Test out printmaking ideas Simple Printmaking Develop experience of primary and secondary colours Spirals Simple Printmaking Exploring Watercolour Practice observational drawing Spirals Simple Printmaking Making Birds Explore mark making Spirals Simple Printmaking Exploring Watercolour Making Birds	Use hands and feet to make simple prints, using primary colours. 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 Explore concepts like "repeat" "pattern" "sequencing". Simple Printmaking	Explore watercolour in an intuitive way to build understanding of the properties of the medium. Exploring Watercolour Paint without a fixed image of what you are painting in mind. Exploring Watercolour Respond to your painting, and try to "imagine" an image within. Exploring Watercolour Work back into your painting with paint, pen or coloured pencil to develop the imaginative imagery. Exploring Watercolour	Collage with painted papers exploring colour, shape and composition. Simple Printmaking Combine collage with making by cutting and tearing drawn imagery, manipulating it into simple 3d forms to add to sculpture. Making Birds	Use a combination of two or more materials to make sculpture. Making Birds Use construction methods to build. Making Birds Work in a playful, exploratory way, responding to a simple brief, using Design through Making philosophy. Making Birds	Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked…"). Present your own artwork (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed… This went well"). Some children may feel able to share their response about classmates work. All Pathways for Year 1

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Understand that we can use different media (sometimes combined in one drawing) to capture the nature of things we find. Explore & Draw Understand that we can hold our drawing tools in a variety of ways, experimenting with pressure, grip and speed to affect line. Explore & Draw	Continue to build understanding that sketchbooks are places for personal experimentation. Understand that the way each persons' sketchbook looks is unique to them. All Pathways for Year 2 Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places inside a bought sketchbook. Explore & Draw		Understand that primary colours can be mixed together to make secondary colours of different hues. Music & Art	Understand that we can combine collage with other disciplines such as drawing, printmaking and making. Explore & Draw	Use Design through Making philosophy to playfully construct towards a loose brief. Music & Art	Understand artists take their inspiration from around them, collecting and transforming. Understand that in art we can experiment and discover things for ourselves. 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. 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 2
Visit local environment, collect natural objects, explore composition and qualities of objects through arranging, sorting & representing. Photograph. Explore & Draw Use drawing exercises to focus an exploration of observational drawing (of objects above) combined with experimental mark making, using graphite, soft pencil, handwriting pen. Explore & Draw Work with care and focus, enjoying making drawings which are unrushed. Explore quality of line, texture and shape. Music & Art Create final collaged drawings (see column 5 "collage") which explore composition. Explore & Draw Music & Art Make drawings inspired by sound. Music & Art	Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places inside a bought sketchbook. Explore & Draw Work in sketchbooks to: Explore the qualities of different media. Explore & Draw Music & Art Make close observational drawings of small objects, drawn to scale, working slowly, developing mark making. Explore & Draw Explore colour and colour mixing. Music & Art Make visual notes about artists studied. Explore & Draw Music & Art			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 Collage with drawings to create invented forms. Combine with making if appropriate. Explore & Draw Music & Art		Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked…"). Present your own artwork (journey and any final outcome), reflect and share verbally ("I enjoyed… This went well"). Talk about intention. Share responses to classmates work, appreciating similarities and differences. 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 2

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Understand that charcoal is a drawing medium that lends itself to loose, gestural marks made on a larger scale. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Understand charcoal and earth pigment were our first drawing tools as humans. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Know that Chiaroscuro means "light/dark" and we can use the concept to explore tone in drawings. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Understand that animators make drawings that move.	Continue to build understanding that sketchbooks are places for personal experimentation. All Pathways for Year 3 Understand that the way each persons' sketchbook looks is unique to them. All Pathways for Year 3 Make a new sketchbook (Elastic Band of Hole Punch) OR make Spaces and Places inside a bought sketchbook. All Pathways for Year 3	Understand that screen prints are made by forcing ink over a stencil. Working with Shape & Colour 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	Understand that we can create imagery using natural pigments and light. Telling Stories	Understand that we can combine collage with other disciplines such as drawing, printmaking and making. Working with Shape & Colour	Understand that many makers use other artforms as inspiration, such as literature, film, drama or music. Telling Stories Understand that when we make sculpture by moulding with our fingers it is called modelling (an additive process). Telling Stories That clay and Modroc are soft materials which finally dry/set hard. Telling Stories An armature is an interior framework which support a sculpture. Telling Stories	To understand that visual artists look to other artforms for inspiration. 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. Understand artists often collaborate on projects, bringing different skills together. 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
Make marks using charcoal using hands as tools. Explore qualities of mark available using charcoal. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Make charcoal drawings which explore Chiaroscuro and which explore narrative/drama through lighting/shadow (link to drama). Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Option to explore making gestural drawings with charcoal using the whole body (link to dance). Gestural Drawing with Charcoal	Work in sketchbooks to: Explore the qualities of charcoal. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal 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 Develop mark making skills. Gestural Drawing with Charcoal Working with Shape & Colour Telling Stories Brainstorm animation ideas. Working with Shape & Colour	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	Use paint, mixing colours, to complete the sculpture inspired by literature (see column 6 "making"). Telling Stories	Cut shapes from paper (free hand) and use as elements with which to collage, combined with printmaking (see column 3 "printmaking") to make a creative response to an original artwork. Explore positive and negative shapes, line, colour and composition. Working with Shape & Colour	Use Modroc or air dry clay to model characters inspired by literature. Consider form, texture, character, structure. Telling Stories Make an armature to support the sculpture. Telling Stories	Reflect upon the artists' work, and share your response verbally ("I liked… I didn't understand… it reminded me of…"). 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. 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

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Understand that artists and illustrators interpret narrative texts and create sequenced drawings. Storytelling Through Drawing Understand artists can work with pattern for different reasons: Understand Surface Pattern Designers work to briefs to create patterns for products: Artists work with pattern to create paintings or other works. Exploring Pattern Understand working with pattern uses lots of different concepts including repetition, sequencing, symmetry. Exploring Pattern Understand that patterns can be purely decorative or hold symbolic significance. They can be personal or cultural. Exploring Pattern	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 4 Use sketchbooks to: Practise drawing skills. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Pattern Make visual notes to record ideas and processes discovered through looking at other artists. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Pattern Art of Display Test and experiment with materials. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Pattern Brainstorm pattern, colour, line and shape. Exploring Pattern Brainstorm and explore ideas relating to performance art. Art of Display Reflect. Storytelling Through Drawing Exploring Pattern Art of Display		Understand that a plinth is a device for establishing the importance or context of a sculptural object. Art of Display Understand that artists can re-present objects, in a particular context with a particular intention, to change the meaning of that object. Art of Display To understand that sometimes people themselves can be the object, as in performance art. Art of Display Explore how we can re-see the objects around us and represent them as sculptures. That we can use scale to re-examine our relationship to the things around us. Art of Display To work in collaboration to explore how we can present ourselves as art object, using a plinth as a device to attract attention to us. Art of Display To construct sculptural self portraits of ourselves on a plinth, using a variety of materials including fabric. Art of Display	Look at the work of illustrators and graphic artists, painters and sculptors. Understand the processes, intentions an outcomes of different artists, using visual notes in a sketchbook to help consolidate and own the learning. Understand artists often collaborate on projects, bringing different skills together. 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 4 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 4
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 Interpret poetry or prose and create sequenced images in either an accordian or poetry comic format. Work in a variety of media according to intention, including handwriting pen, graphite or ink. Storytelling Through Drawing Use colour, composition, elements, line, shape to create pattern working with tessellations, repeat pattern or folding patterns. Exploring Pattern 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				

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Understand that designers create fonts and work with Typography. Typography & Maps 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	Use sketchbooks to: Explore mark making. Typography & Maps Set Design Brainstorm ideas generated when reading poetry or prose. Making MonoTypes Set Design Make visual notes to capture, consolidate and reflect upon the artists studied. Typography & Maps Making MonoTypes 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. Set Design	Understand that mono types are single monoprints. Understand that artists sometimes use printmaking to create a larger artwork, e.g. an installation or an artists book. Making MonoTypes Combine mono type with painting and collage to make an "artists book" inspired by poetry or prose. Explore colour, mixing different hues, and explore composition, working with different shaped elements, before using mono print to layer lines and marks. Making MonoTypes	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. See column 3 "printmaking" to explore how print is combined with paint and collage to create a cohesive artwork. Making MonoTypes	Understand that set designers can design/make sets for theatres or for animations. Set Design Understand that designers often create scaled models to test and share ideas with others. Set Design Use Design through Making, inspired by a brief, to create a scale model "set" for a theatre production or an animation. Set Design Construct with a variety of media, using tools. Think about scale, foreground, background, lighting, texture, space, structure and intention. Set Design	Look at the work of designers, artists, animators, architects. Understand the processes, intentions an outcomes of different artists, using visual notes in a sketchbook to help consolidate and own the learning. 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 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
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 Use charcoal, graphite, pencil, pastel to create drawings of atmospheric "sets" to help inform (though not design) set design (see column 6 "making"). Set Design					

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Understand that there is often a close relationship between drawing and making. Understand that we can transform 2d drawings into 3d objects. 2D to 2D Understand that graphic designers use typography and image to create packaging which we aspire to use. 2D to 2D Understand that there are technical processes we can use to help us see, draw and scale up our work. 2D to 2D	Use sketchbooks to: Practise seeing negative and positive shapes. 2D to 2D Using the grid method to scale up an image. 2D to 2D Explore what your passions, hopes and fears might be. What makes you you? How can you find visual equivalents for the words in your head? Exploring Identity Explore colour: make colours, collect colours, experiment with how colours work together. Brave Colour Explore combinations and layering of media. Exploring Identity Develop Mark Making Activism 2D to 2D Exploring Identity Make visual notes to capture, consolidate and reflect upon the artists studied. 2D to 2D Exploring Identity Brave Colour	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. Exploring Identity	Understand that the fabrics used to make clothes have been designed by someone. That there is a relationship between td shape and pattern and 3d form and function. Explore how we can use layers (physical or digital) to explore and build portraits of ourselves which explore aspects of our background, experience, culture and personality. Exploring Identity Make independent decisions as to which materials are best to use, which kinds of marks, which methods will best help you explore. Exploring Identity	Understand that artists use a variety of media including light and sound as well as physical media to create installations. Understand that installations are often immersive, enabling the viewer to enter the artwork. Brave Colour Understand that designers & makers sometimes work towards briefs, but always brings their own experience in the project to bear. Exploring Identity Understand that artists and designers add colour, texture, meaning and richness to our life. Brave Colour Exploring Identity Use the device of scaled model to imagine what your installation might be, working in respond to a brief or "challenge" to enable a viewer to "have a physical experience of colour." Brave Colour Use a variety of materials, including light and sound, to make a model of what you would build. Think about structure of space, how the viewer would enter, what they would see, feel, hear. Use colour in a brave and bold way, reflecting upon how this might make the viewer feel. Brave Colour Covered in Science unit on Light Combine making with drawing skills to create shadow puppets using cut and constructed lines, shapes and forms from a variety of materials. Working collaboratively to perform a simple show sharing a narrative which has meaning to you. Shadow Puppets	Look at the work of designers, artists, art activists, installation artists, craftspeople and puppeteers. 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. 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 6 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 6