Progression in Disciplinary Knowledge



	What is art?	What do artists do?	What inspires artists?
EYFS		Coming Soon	
¥1	 Art doesn't have to be representational. It can be abstract or non-figurative. Art can be 2-dimensional, e.g., a drawing on paper or 3-dimensional e.g., a model made out of clay. Art is a way for humans to make sense of the world around them, either by documenting it, reinterpreting it or celebrating it visually. 	 A sketchbook is a special book that artists use. Artists experiment, explore and play. Artists draw with lots of different media e.g., pencils, pens, charcoal and chalk. Artists use colour in different ways to represent ideas and meanings. 	 Artists can be inspired by the freedom of expression they had as children, or by children's drawings. Artists can be inspired by the natural world and have been making art based on the natural world for almost as long as humans have existed.
Y2	 Art can be for a specific purpose, such as designing a building or illustrating a story. The purpose of art differs in different cultures. 	 Artists paint representations of the world around them. Artists use new and evolving technology to create different ways of making art. Artists use traditional and ancient methods of creating art. Most artwork is individual and is made by an artist working on their own. Other artwork is collaborative and is made by a group of artists. 	 Artists can be inspired by architecture and the man-made world. Artists can be inspired by the fragmented or broken and notice details that others wouldn't usually see.
Y3	 Art is ancient. Humans have expressed themselves artistically throughout our existence. 	 Artists document the world around them, using whatever tools and materials they can create. 	 Artists can be inspired by the natural world. Artists can be inspired by ancient art created by our ancestors.
¥4	 Sometimes art has hidden messages, or symbols. Art can celebrate identity through representation of objects. 	 Artists create compositions based on objects that are meaningful to them. Artists include images in their artwork that might have more than one meaning. 	 Artists can be inspired by objects or possessions. Artists can be inspired by the materials they are using to create art.
Y5	 Art has been used to tell stories when the majority of people couldn't read. 	 Artists use symbols and images that have meaning to the viewer to tell stories visually. 	 Stories from classical mythology, literature and religious texts all inspire artists. Artists can be inspired by cultures which are not their own and reinterpret traditional artwork from those cultures to create their work.
Y6	 Art has different meanings in different cultures. Sometimes these cultures are represented simultaneously in an artwork to highlight or celebrate the differences. 	 Artists use their own cultural understanding in their artwork. Artists explore the past and its impact on the present. Artists bring difficult or contentious issues to light and provoke debate and discussion through their work. 	 Artists are inspired by their own and other cultures. Artists are inspired by the past and its impact on the present. Artists are inspired by injustice, and they use their work to challenge it.

