

Year 3 Art & Design

Painting

Key Vocabulary

Abstract – art that does not represent reality, using shapes, colours and marks.

Technique – the skills/way in which an artist paints.

Texture – the way in which something feels
(smooth, rough, slimy, bumpy).

Stroke – the way in which the paint is applied by the brush.

Sweep – a movement of great range with the paintbrush.

Drag – a way of moving the paint across the page.

Scrub – applying paint using a scrubbing motion with the brush.

Daub – to smear or spread the paint.

Dab – to dab paint on, often using a sponge.

Drip – letting the paint fall or splash onto the paper/ canvas.

Stipple – painting using small dots.

Fan, splatter, blow – techniques for applying the paint using a form of wind.

Flat – a level surface in a horizontal position.

Graduated – increasing by height in steps or degrees.

Sticky Knowledge

Name and use a variety of brush strokes when painting—sweep, drag, scrub, daub, dab, drip, stipple, fan, splatter, blow.

Use a range of brushes and other objects to create different effects (blending, shapes, patterns, lines).

Create different textures and effects by adding sand, glue, salt, wax and sawdust to paint.

Create different backgrounds using a wash and using brushes of different thicknesses.

Create different washes, such as flat washes and graduated washes.

Jackson Pollock was a famous abstract artist. He particularly liked to pour or splash normal house paint on canvases. He often used to dance as he painted, using the force of the movement to apply the paint.

Pitmen Painters, produced hundreds of paintings showing what life was like both above and below ground for their mining communities. The group started to paint to express themselves and focused on their lives as miners.

Famous Person

Famous Artwork



Jackson Pollock (1912-1956)

Jackson Pollock was an American painter and a major influence in abstract art. He was famous for his technique of pouring or splashing paint onto a horizontal surface. He called it the 'drip technique'.

