Progression of Key Artistic Skills and Knowledge in KS1 (Y1-2)

Art lessons should allow pupils to:

- Explore artists and artworks.
- Experiment with materials.
- Review and improve own work.

Cycle B Summer Nature

Artistic Skills
Use drawing and painting to explore landscapes, space and colour.
Experiment with watercolour/poster paint; explore nature photography and framing.

Artistic Knowledge
Explore landscapes, foreground/background and perspective; use watercolour/poster paint.
Study Van Gogh's Starry Night; paint a night sky and add a building silhouette. Explore nature photography and study Art Wolfe.

Cycle B Spring Warm colours

Artistic Skills
Mix primary and secondary colours and explore warm colours.
Experiment with paint and tools; design, make and refine a 3D sculpture.

Artistic Knowledge
Mix primary colours to make secondary colours; explore warm colours. Study Kandinsky's concentric circles.
Study Michelle Reader; design and make a clay/cardboard sculpture.

Cycle B Autumn Drawing

Artistic Skills
Use drawing to record landscapes and portraits; explore line, shape, pattern and texture.
Experiment with collage and develop personal ideas.

Artistic Knowledge
Sketch local landscapes and develop a finished drawing. Study Picasso's portraits.
Use shape and viewpoint in a portrait or self-portrait; experiment with collage.

Cycle A Summer Landscapes

Artistic Skills
Use drawing and painting to explore landscapes, space, shape and colour.
Experiment with watercolour/poster paint; explore nature photography and natural materials.

Artistic Knowledge
Explore landscapes, foreground/background and perspective; create a mosaic-inspired landscape. Study Jean Metzinger.
Explore nature photography; study Andy Goldsworthy and create collage or repeated patterns with natural materials.

Cycle A Spring Colour

Artistic Skills
Mix and apply colour; explore paint, crayon and pastel.
Design and make a sculpture, exploring form, space, texture and joining.

Artistic Knowledge
Mix primary and secondary colours; explore warm colours and paint effects. Study Van Gogh.
Study Barbara Hepworth; design and make a clay/cardboard sculpture exploring form, space and texture.

Cycle A Autumn Drawing

Artistic Skills
Develop drawing and mark-making with pencils, crayons and felt tips.
Explore line, shape and pattern through still life and portraits.

Artistic Knowledge
Use mark-making tools to draw a still life; explore line, shape and pattern.
Develop portraits and self-portraits. Study Gustav Klimt and use decorative pattern and colour.

This progression overview of Artistic Skills and Knowledge is part of the Arts Long Term Plan and Medium-Term Plan in place. It has been produced by St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School as part of the thematic curriculum approach.