



Lower Halstow Primary School: Art and Design:
Art Vocabulary Progression EYFS - Year 6

These vocabulary lists give an indication of the words we want our pupils to become familiar with during each key stage. They are not intended as a test list but show the kind of language staff will use and explain in lessons to broaden pupils' art vocabulary and understanding.

Area	EYFS	KS1 (Y1–2)	Lower KS2 (Y3–4)	Upper KS2 (Y5–6)
Drawing	line, mark, shape, pattern, big, small, colour, light, dark	sketch, outline, detail, texture, shade, tone, bold, faint, curved, straight	hatching, cross-hatching, contour, proportion, perspective (basic), composition, contrast, overlapping	stippling, blending, vanishing point, horizon line, scale, depth, foreground, background, middle ground, accuracy, observation
Painting	paint, brush, mix, dab, drip, splash, wet, dry, thick, thin	primary colours, secondary colours, mix, light, dark, bright, dull, pattern, wash, background	tint, shade, hue, warm colours, cool colours, complementary, monochrome, layering, blending, brushstroke	opacity, transparency, intensity, impasto, underpainting, palette, tonal range, harmony, contrast
Sculpture	roll, squeeze, press, bend, stack, build, join, soft, hard	carve, model, construct, mould, form, surface, smooth, rough, join, assemble	freestanding, structure, framework, manipulate, balance, proportion, stability, texture	abstract, representational, installation, monument, kinetic, scale, casting, carving
Collage	cut, stick, tear, glue, paper, fabric, shiny, rough, smooth, pattern	layer, overlap, arrange, background, foreground, fabric, texture, image, shape, colour	composition, mixed media, contrast, recycle, fragment, assemble, decorative, symmetry, balance	abstract, conceptual, juxtaposition, focal point, perspective, texture contrast, composition balance
Textiles	cloth, soft, light, cut, join, thread	stitch, weave, dye, tie, knot, fabric, texture, pattern, felt, embroidery	applique, embellish, loom, warp, weft, tapestry, layering, decorative	printing on fabric, mixed media textiles, surface design, textile art, installation
Printing	press, stamp, rub, roll, dab, mark, shape, pattern	print, block, stencil, roller, ink, repeat, overlap, surface, background, copy	monoprint, relief print, rotate, layer, transfer, mirror image, negative print, composition	screen print, lino cut, etching, intaglio, overprint, texture plate, precision, edition