Art and Design - Y6 Spring - Painting

Key vocabulary to remember and use in your learning

Word	Definition
complimentary colours	Pairs of colours which, when combined or mixed, cancel each other out by producing a grayscale colour like white or black. When placed next to each other, they create the strongest contrast for those two colours.
graffiti	Writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed secretly on a wall or other surface in a public place. It is generally considered to be vandalism. Vandalism is a crime and vandals can be punished.
imitate	To take or follow as a model.

Street Art



There is always hope -London. This is often considered to be one of Banksy's most famous pieces of artwork. The words "There Is Always Hope" are written near a young girl, who is reaching for a heart-shaped balloon. Although a matter of debate on the meaning behind the work, most believe Banksy was depicting an image of love, and hope.

Key knowledge to know and use

As an artist, knowing which colours are complementary to one another can help you make good colour decisions. For instance, complementaries can make each other appear brighter or they can be blended together for shadows.

Street Art is artwork that is created in a public space, typically without official permission. It is art for a community and often carries a message.

Banksy uses his art to give his opinion on events that are happening in the world. He is known as a political activist. The graffiti he paints shows what he thinks. The most common themes are his views on greed, poverty, despair, the obsession with celebrities, the government and war.



Pete McKee is a Sheffield artist, who uses bright colours in his work. His work shows everyday life.

You can see some of his work on buildings around Sheffield.