

Knowledge Organiser: SPRING 1

Year 6 Art & Design: American Artists

Vocabulary	Meaning
Pop art	Including imagery from popular and mass culture, such as advertising, comic books and mass-produced cultural objects
Contour line	Line that defines an edge or form
Ben Day dots	Small dots of colour
Contrast	Being strikingly different from something else
Colour blocking	The use of contrasting blocks or panels of solid, typically bright colour
Abstract	Does not attempt to represent an accurate depiction of visual reality but instead use shapes, colours, forms and gestural marks to achieve its effect
Composition	The placement or arrangement of the visual elements
Linear	Arranged in or extending along a straight or nearly straight line
Vibrant	Bright colour which stands out from the background
Mosaic	A picture or pattern produced by arranging together small pieces of stone, tile or glass
Vivid	Intensely deep or bright
Repetition	Repeating something that has already been said written or drawn
Asymmetrical	The two sides are not identical, but differ from one another. However, the elements are arranged so that there is a sense of balance
Graffiti	lmages or text painted usually onto buildings, typically using spray paint
Motif	A decorative image or design especially a repeated one forming a pattern
Motion	The action or process of moving or being moved
Saturated	A highly saturated image has vivid, right and bright colours

Key knowledge - Art techniques

Positive space positive space is occupied by the subject



Negative space – the edges of the positive space (the object) and the frame

Key knowledge - Primary Colours

Primary colours are red, blue and yellow. Primary colours cannot be mixed from other colours. They are the source of all other colours.



Key knowledge - Famous Artists

Roy Lichtenstein - became famous for his vivid and bold paintings He was part of a group of artists making art in the 1960s who were called pop artists.



Keith Haring is known for colourful, cartoon artworks and certain characters such as crawling babies, barking dogs and spaceships. Keith Haring was inspired by graffiti artists. He drew hundreds of drawings on New York's subway.