KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

How do artists use line, shape, texture and tone to make drawings look realistic?

MY LEARNING JOURNEY

1. How do artists use shape in drawing?
2. How can shading create tone?
3. How does observation help artists draw accurately?
4. How can artists create drawings from imagination?
5. How can digital tools improve artwork?

Previously, I learnt to…

- Use observational drawing to add detail.
- Draw what I could see.
- Explore the work of artists and discuss their techniques.

In this unit, I am learning to…

- ❑ Use observation skills to identify shapes, textures and patterns.
- ❑ Sketch using simple shapes before adding detail.
- ❑ Use mark-making to show texture.
- ❑ Apply the four rules of shading.
- ❑ Use tone to show areas of light and dark.
- ❑ Use digital tools to create artwork.
- ❑ Save and present artwork.
- ❑ Create a design inspired by the Sun.

Looking ahead: In Year 4, I will learn to…

- Use contrasting tones to create a 3D effect.
- Combine lines and marks to create texture.
- Show the size of one object compared with another.

VOCABULARY

Word	Meaning
sketching	Creating a simple, quickly-made drawing without many details.
observation	Looking carefully to notice important features.
texture	The surface quality of an object.
tone	How light or dark something is.
shading	Creating areas of light and dark using a pencil.
mark-making	Using different lines and marks to create effects.
geometric shape	A regular shape with straight sides and angles.
organic shape	An irregular shape often found in nature.
digital art	Art created using technology.
composition	Arranging parts of an artwork successfully.

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Observation

Artists look carefully at:

- Shape
- Pattern
- Texture
- Light and dark areas

Observation helps artists draw accurately.

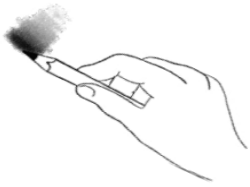
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Shading

Artists use different pencil grips to create smooth shading and even tones



detail grip
(writing grip)



shading grip

3

Tone

Tone is how light or dark something is. Artists create tone by changing pressure when shading.



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Sketching

Creating a simple, quickly-made drawing without many details



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The four rules of shading

1. Use the side of the pencil.
2. Work in one direction.
3. Press evenly.
4. Leave no gaps.



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Digital Art

Art made using electronic devices and computers

