Year 6 Summer 1 Art – Drawing and Painting: Watercolours

Key facts

- Watercolour is a style of painting.
- The colour is water based and gives a transparent colour.
- Tone describes the lightness or darkness of a colour.
- You can use the water colours on dry paper, by adding water to the paint.
- You can also wet the paper first and apply the paint to the wet paper.
- These two methods create different effects.
- A still life is a work of art depicting mostly inanimate subject matter.
- Inanimate means that the object or subject matter is not alive.
- Typically, the most common objects that are used are natural (food, flowers, plants, rocks, shells etc) or man-made (drinking glasses, vases, books, jewellery etc)
- Famous still life artists include JMW Turner, William Blake and Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh, Henri Matisse, Paul Cezanne, Pablo Picasso and Claude Monet



Pablo Picasso

Vincent Van Gogh







Paul Cezanne

Claude Monet









Vocabulary

- shade
- scale
- proportion
- graduated
- still life
- abstract
- traditional
- modern
- imaginary
- inanimate
- arrangement

Shades and tints

A shade is a colour mixed with black.



blue	slate	sky	navy
indigo	cobalt	teal	ocean
peacock	azure	cerulean	lapis
spruce	stone	aegean	berry
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A tint is a colour mixed with white.



