Colour Progression

Visual	Foundation	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Element	(EYFS)	(Year 1)	(Year 2)	(Year 3)	(Year 4)	(Year 5)	(Year 6)
Colour (of pigments) Knowing names and making! In your planning, refer to your colour focus regardless of what skills or starting points you will be using. Colour permeates all art and design.	Primaries - red, yellow, blue. Tones - black, white, grey. Secondaries - orange purple, green, brown.	Primaries - red, yellow, blue Tones - black, white, grey. Secondaries - orange purple, green, brown. Tertiaries - (primary + secondary i.e. blue + green = turquoise).	Primaries, Tones Secondaries, Tertiaries. The effect of adding black & white - darker: (shades) lighter (tints). What are the names of key tints and shades of primaries & secondaries? E.g. Lemon, pink, navy etc.	Primaries, Tones Secondaries, Tertiaries. Colours close on the colour wheel (complimentary). The effect of adding black & white - a shade/tint of primaries, secondaries and tertiaries: key names. Metallics - gold, silver, bronze, pewter. Colour games/quizzes: snap/name that colour/is it a primary, secondary or tertiary?	Primaries, Tones, Secondaries, Tertiaries, Metallics. Colours opposite each other on the colour wheel (complementary). Naming shades/tints of Primaries, Secondaries and Tertiaries e.g. pink, maroon, light blue, navy, jade, peach etc. Harder colour games/quizzes: is it a shade or tint of a primary, secondary or tertiary?	Cool and Warm Primaries, Tones, Secondaries, Tertiaries, Metallics. Colours close or opposite each other on the colour wheel. Naming shades/tints of all colours. Uses own describing words, look at paint manufacturer's descriptions. *Cool=lemon yellow, ultramarine, crimson *Warm= cadmium yellow, cadmium red, cobalt blue	Colour wheel proximities, Cool and Warm Primaries, Tones, Secondaries, Tertiaries, Metallics, Earthy, Neutrals, those which evoke water, or a particular emotion, for example. Refer to artists who use colour for particular effect e.g. Kandinsky or Klee. Uses own describing words, look at manufacturer's descriptions. Refer to Science National Curriculum for Year 6 in England: comparing the primary colours of light studying light.

Colour progression related to year groups is advisory only and not meant to be a straightjacket. Start from where the children are at and work from there. Differentiation: work to the level of the majority of the class and add complexity or simplicity for individual pupils or groups of pupils depending on their level of ability.

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