

Sculpture

Year 1

This unit introduces children to 3D art. Children are likely to be aware of sculpture through statues they have seen in public spaces. They start by exploring how sculptors can use different materials to make sculptures. From this starting point lesson 2 explores the difference between the words 'sculpture' and 'sculptor' and the children compare Degas' drawings and sculptures of ballerinas. Over the course of three lessons the children then learn about the process of making a sculpture, using the work of Gormley and Hepworth to explore making models for larger sculptures, casting and applying colour to sculptures. To investigate this process themselves they create sculptures in clay and plaster. The unit finishes by returning to the concept of style, previously studied in year 1 in relation to painting, by comparing the work of Giacometti and Moore and the children create their own elongated Giacometti-like figures using pipe-cleaners and foil.