



Eaton Primary School
Art
Knowledge Organiser



Unit of work

Large scale elephant paintings / textiles (Batik), or Islamic art and patterns

Year group

5

Prior learning

- Collect and assemble a variety of materials to create a collage
- Use tools to make creative marks in clay
- Plan, design and create art from a variety of art
- Gluing and sticking materials together to create a piece of art

National Curriculum

- to improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials

Vocabulary and definitions

Word	Definition
Arabesques	An ornamental design consisting of intertwined flowing lines, originally found in ancient Islamic art
Repeat pattern	A design for decorating a surface composed of a number of elements (motifs) arranged in a regular or formal manner
Batik	A method (originally used in Java) of producing coloured designs on textiles by dyeing them, having first applied wax to the parts to be left undyed
Islam	Islam is a religion that believes in one god, Allah.
Textiles	Textile arts are arts and crafts that use plant, animal, or synthetic fibers to construct practical or decorative objects.
Aida	Aida is a piece of cloth used for stitching a repeated pattern.
Caligraphy	Calligraphy is the art of beautiful handwriting. Artists who create calligraphy are called calligraphers. They often use a special pen or a brush to make their art.

Knowledge/ Skills

Islamic art reflects the beliefs, culture and traditions of Islam. Typically Islamic art has focused on the depiction of calligraphy and interlacing patterns, rather than on figures, because it is feared by many Muslims that the depiction of the human form is idolatry and thereby a sin.

The use of patterns is part of the way that Islamic art represents nature and objects by their spiritual qualities, not their physical and material qualities. The repeated geometric patterns often make use of plant motifs, and these are called arabesques.



Batik can be used in art to illustrate Islamic patterns and styles.



Pupils could create Aida art to represent their individually designed pattern. Aida is a piece of cloth used for stitching a repeated pattern. Pupils work could be attached together to create one large class display.

Pictures and links

