

A knowledge organiser lists the important facts, events or people and vocabulary that the children should know by the end of the unit of work. Please work with your child at home to learn this information.



Aim high and shine



What is sketching?

Sketches are drawings to prepare for a more finished work of art. Sketches are created with quick marks and usually lack some of the details that a finished drawing would have.

Sketches are often used as a quick drawing to capture what the artist has observed or a creative idea.

Sketching is a good way to develop skills in drawing including:

- straight lines
- patterns
- textures
- shapes
- detail

Art and Design knowledge organiser

DRAWING

Vocabulary

- sketch
- outline
- charcoal
- pastels
- shading/ shade
- tone (light/dark)
- solid
- thickness
- artist
- self-portrait
- realistic
- composition
- proportion



What is a self-portrait?

A portrait is a picture of a person or a group of people.

A self-portrait is a picture a person creates of themselves.



Who was Frida Kahlo?

Frida Kahlo was born in Mexico City in 1907. She was born and grew up in **The Blue House**. It is now the Frida Kahlo Museum.

She had many illnesses in her lifetime. When she was 6 years old she found out she had an illness called Polio. When she was 18 years old, Frida was badly injured when a bus she was travelling on crashed. She had to have 30 operations across her lifetime and had to spend a lot of time in bed recovering in a whole body cast. Her mum bought her an easel which allowed her to paint in bed. She had a mirror attached to the bed so she could paint self-portraits of herself.

She painted around 142 paintings; 55 of those self-portraits. Her self-portraits often showed how she was feeling. She always included her facial hair (monobrow and moustache) when painting self-portraits, which you often couldn't see in photographs.

Frida wore bright and colourful clothes, big jewellery and her hair often was decorated with scarves or ribbons.

Frida Kahlo died in 1954 when she was 47 years old in Mexico City.

