

Art and Design- Year 6-Self Portraits/Photography

In this unit of work, the children will learn about self portraits. They will look at a variety of self portraits with a focus on the medium of photography. Pupils will discuss what a self portrait is and why an artist might want to create one. They will create their own self portrait thinking carefully about how to represent themselves.

In this unit children will:

- Conduct independent research on self portraits. Collecting images and putting them in their sketchbook.
- Pupils will evaluate and analyse images collected - annotating ideas in their sketchbook.
- Pupils will explore photography as a way of creating their own self portraits. They will consider important objects and clothing to best represent themselves.
- Pupils will evaluate their photographs with their peers and exhibit them in their leavers assembly.

Prior Learning

EYFS Colour mixing, exploration with textures and combination of different media to create a new effect, exploring tools and techniques.

Year 1: paints/royal portraits **Year 2:** pastels/seaside art **Year 3:** inks/Shang Dynasty **Year 4:** Clay/Ancient Greece **Year 5:** Clay/Mayan Civilization

Cross Curricular Links

Topic Hull

History Hull

Geography The Coast

Literacy The Nowhere Emporium

Key Questions

- Why has the artist chosen those objects/angle/clothes for this self portrait?
- What are they trying to tell people?
- Why would an artist want to create a self portrait?
- Have you ever taken a selfie?
- What was important to you in your selfie?

Key Vocabulary

Self portrait – a picture of the artist that they have created of themselves.

Symbolic – symbolising or representing something.

Abstract – it does not represent the object in how it looks literally in the real world.

Photography -the art or practice of taking and processing photographs.

Robert Mapplethorpe – an American photography known for his black and white photographs including celebrity portraits and self portraits.

Barkley Hendricks – a contemporary American artist. Mostly known as a painter who made pioneering contributions to black portraiture.

Cindy Sherman – an American artist whose work consists exclusively of photographic self portraits.

David Bailey -an English fashion and portrait photographer.

Digital Photography – using a digital camera, computers and technology to create a photograph.

Focus – the area you want to highlight through focusing. If the object is not in focus it is often blurry.

Key Knowledge

- To know some photographers.
- To know some artists who have produced self portraits.
- To be able to analyse and evaluate the work of others and their own work.
- To describe what a self portrait is.
- To know that artists choose specific symbolic items to represent different things that they feel are important.