Key Stage 3: Knowledge Organiser		Topic: Impressionism	
		Time Period: 1860's-1880's	Year: 8
LEARNING JOURNEY	Inspiration & Influences	You will study the work of Impressionist artists such as Claude Monet, Paul Cezanne, Vincent van Gogh and Georges Seurat to investigate how they applied colour and paint in their artwork. You will explore how they became less concerned with painting realistically and more interested in painting quickly before the light changed. This is shown in their use of thicker paints, loose brush strokes and the lack of fine detail. You will also analyse and compare their images, considering areas of similarity and difference. These artists will influence your design ideas and allow you to recreate your own ideas in their style.	
Jo	Observational Studies	You will produce a selection of observational studies from landscape photographs and still-life imagery, taking influence from established Impressionist artists.	9
	Explore & Create	You will produce studies that explore line, shape, colour and texture variety of formal drawing exercises including use of traditional media crayon, pastels and paint.	



	Key Words Glossary	Formal Elements Covered	
Impressionism	A name given to a group of artists who painted in France whose paintings of everyday life looked like sketches, fast and preliminary "impressions" (see inspiration & influences above)	Line: the path left by a moving point. For example, a pencil, a stick or a paintbrush dipped in paint.	
Impressionist Artists	Claude Monet, Paul Cezanne, Edgar Degas, Camille Pissaro, Alfred Sisley, Pierre Renoir.	Shape: the area enclosed by a line. It could be just an outline or it could be	
Post Impressionist painters	Van Gogh and Georges Seurat's paintings were inspired by Impressionist paintings. Their paintings also used dotted, linear or dashed brush marks	 shaded in. Shapes can be geometric, like a circle or triangle, or irregular Colour: is a very important element. Colour is created by light and is broken down into three properties: hue, value and intensity. The colour wheel is an 	
Pointillism	A painting method using small dots of colour to build up a picture.		
"Impression,Sunrise"	The name of a painting by Claude Monet of a boat on a lake that inspired the name "Impressionism "	important tool in Art & Design.	
"Water Lilies"	French painter Claude Monet often painted in his garden in Giverny , with its pond, flowers and bridge often featuring in his work.	 Composition: the arrangement or layout of a painting Form: is a three dimensional shape, such as a cube, sphere or cone. Sculpture and three-dimensional design are about creating form. In two-dimensional artwork tone and perspective can be used to create the 	
"Starry Night"	Is based on Vincent van Gogh's direct observations as well as his imagination, memories, and emotions. The steeple of the church, for example, resembles those common in his native Holland. The whirling forms in the sky, on the other hand, match published astronomical observations of clouds of dust and gas known as nebulae.		
Still Life	A work of art based on non-moving objects, typically everyday objects which may be either natural forms like flowers, food or man-made drinking glasses, vases and books.	illusion of form. Tone: refers to how light or dark something is. This could be a shade or	
Salon	A large annual art exhibition in France.	how dark or light a colour appears. Tones are created by the way light falls onto a 3D object. Light areas are	
Palette	A range of colours used by artists when painting.	highlights, whereas darker areas are	
"Plein Air"	A French term for outdoors. Impressionist artists preferred to paint outside to capture the natural light and tried to capture a particular moment in time by pinpointing specific atmospheric conditions—light flickering on water, moving clouds, a burst of rain.	shadows. Texture: relates to the surface quality – the way something feels or looks like it feels. Actual texture can be created by changing the surface of a canvas, for example, whilst visual texture is created by using marks to represent a particular surface.	
Observational Drawing	The process of looking. The drawing is not taken from the artists' imagination, but from studying an actual object.		
Formative Assessment:	You will be assessed on your practical exploration of the appropriate formal elements and use of media and artistic techniques. There will be a written element to test your memorisation, knowledge and understanding of key historical facts and artistic vocabulary.		