

Knowledge Organiser - Art - Spring 2025 - Colour Chaos (Key Stage 1)



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Sticky Knowledge - What I already know

- I have talked about different illustrators and artists
- I have explored colour and colour mixing
- I have begun to draw with detail e.g. adding arms, legs and ears
- I have engaged with many mark making opportunities
- I have shared my creations explaining the processes that I have used

Core Learning

To know how to make a collage in the style of Piet Mondrian

To know how to mix colours and create a Colour Field painting

To know how to paint a tint picture

To know how to create a drip painting

To know how to use warm and cool colours to create a painting in the style of Robert Delaunay

To know how to mix lots of colours, tints and shades to create a circle painting in the style of Wassily Kandinsky

Abstract Artists

Piet Mondrian 1872-1944 Mondrian liked to paint using the **primary colours** with black lines and white spaces.

Mark Rothko 1903-1970 Rothko mixed colours and painted in simple colour blocks. He helped create 'colour field' painting.

Paul Klee 1879-1940 Klee painted using simple shapes, colours and **tints**.

Jackson Pollock 1912-1956 Pollock developed 'drip painting'. He used different tools to drip, pour and splatter paint onto a canvas from above.

Robert and Sonia Delaunay 1885-1941 (Robert) 1885-1979 (Sonia) The Delaunays used bright colours and simple shapes like circles, triangles and squares.

Wassily Kandinsky 1866-1944 Kandinsky was one of the first painters to stop painting pictures of things and just use colours and shapes.

Colour Mixing

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Red and blue make purple.

 +  = 
Yellow and red make orange.

 +  = 
Blue and yellow make green.

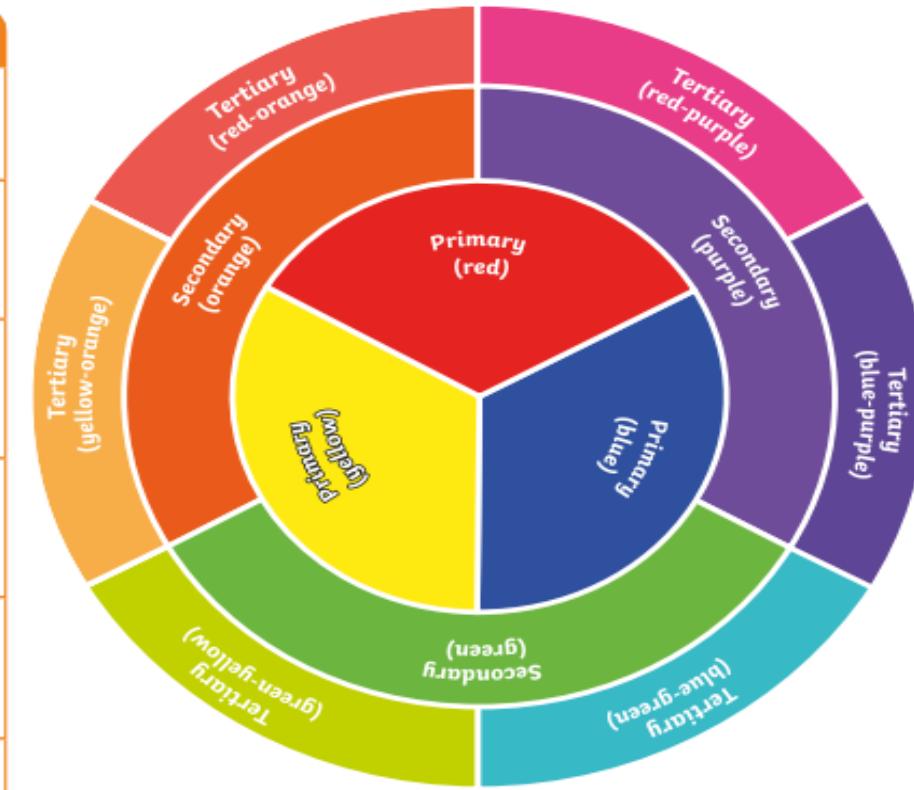
 +  = 
Red and blue and yellow make brown.

 +  = 
White and red make pink.

 +  = 
White and black make grey.

Key Vocabulary

abstract art	Art which uses colours, lines and shapes but does not represent objects or living things.
primary colours	Red, yellow and blue are primary colours . They can't be made by mixing other colours.
secondary colours	Orange, green and purple are secondary colours . They are made by mixing two primary colours together.
tertiary colours	These are made by mixing primary colours and secondary colours together.
neutral colours	Brown, black, grey and white are neutral colours .
tints	These are created by adding white to a colour. This makes a colour lighter.
shades	These are created by adding black to a colour. This makes a colour darker.
warm colours	Red, orange and yellow are warm colours . They make us think of warm and cosy things.
cool colours	Green, blue and purple are cool colours . They make us think of fresh, calm or chilly things.



Warm Colours



Cool Colours

