

Knowledge Organiser - Insects (Lower Key Stage 2) - Summer Term 2026



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Sticky Knowledge - What I already know

What I need to know about insects

- Insects have **three main body parts: head, thorax and abdomen**
- Insects have **six legs**
- Most insects have **wings** (but some do not)
- Insects can have **patterns** such as spots, stripes or lines

What I need to know before drawing insects (LKS2)

- Artists need to **look carefully** before drawing (this is called **observing**)
- An **outline** shows the outside shape of an insect
- Colour** can be light or dark
- Shading** is used to show light and shadow
- Texture** is how something looks or feels (e.g. smooth, bumpy, furry)
- Repeating shapes or colours makes a **pattern**
- Careful drawing takes **time and control**

What I need to know before an art lesson on insect mosaics (LKS2)

- A **mosaic** picture is made using **small pieces** placed together
- Mosaic art often uses **repeating shapes**, like paper squares
- A **pattern** is made by repeating colours or shapes in a planned way
- Patterns should look **organised**, not random

What I need to know before making an insect sculpture (LKS2)

- An **insect sculpture** is a **3D model** that can be viewed from all sides
- 3D** means the sculpture has **height, width and depth**
- Sculpture materials can include **clay, paper, foil, card or found objects**
- Artists **join and attach** materials carefully so the sculpture stays strong
- Form** is the shape and structure of the sculpture
- Pieces must be the **right size** so the insect looks balanced
- Texture** can be smooth, rough, bumpy or patterned
- Sculptures need a **strong base or support**

Core Learning

To know how to draw an insect in pencil

To know how to draw the missing parts of an insect in colour

To know how to design an insect mosaic

To know how to make insect sculptures

To know how to finish and evaluate my insect sculpture





Louise Bourgeois



Jennifer Angus

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Pattern	A pattern is something that repeats in art.
Outline	An outline shows the outside shape of something.
Shade	Shade shows light and dark in art.
Texture	Texture is how something feels or looks like it feels.
Form	Form is the shape of something in art.
Precision	Precision means being careful and neat in my art.
Combine	Putting different materials together.
Evaluate	Evaluate means talking about my artwork and thinking how to improve it.