

# Creative Arts

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# Introduction

The Creative Arts is one of the eight key learning areas in the National Curriculum that covers related but distinct art forms – Drama, Music and Movement and Visual Arts. Although these art forms can be often interrelated, each artform involves distinct bodies of knowledge, understanding and skills and each involves different approached to arts practices.

# Rationale

Creative Arts have the capacity to engage, inspire and enrich all students, develop their creativity, imagination, aesthetic awareness and communication and information skills. The Creative Arts syllabus provide opportunities for students to learn, create, design, represent, communicate and share their imagination, conceptual ideas, emotions, observations and experiences.

Creative arts contribute to the development of student's critical and inventive thinking, imagination, perception of their world and give them new ways of looking at things. Through the development of artistic literacy, creating, presenting, viewing, and listening, students are able to participate in, interpret, value, and enjoy the arts throughout their lives.

Creative Arts play a significant role in fostering students' sense of identity, culture and place in society. Students communicate ideas in current, traditional and emerging forms and use arts knowledge and understanding to make sense of their world. It also values, respects and explores the significant contributions of Maldivian artists to the arts and heritage and contemporary arts practices. Creative Arts also helps students understand and appreciate cultures and traditions beyond the Maldives. This enable students to develop respect for others, value harmony and thereby cultivating global awareness and cross-cultural skills.

Creative Arts develops students' confidence, self-expression, aesthetics, sensorial perceptions, skills in handling various media and conceptual tools. In Creative Arts, students learn to work as both artists and audiences. They learn that designing, producing and resolving their work is as important as creating a finished artwork. Students develop their arts knowledge and aesthetic understanding through a growing comprehension of the distinct and related languages, symbols, techniques, processes and skills of the different art forms. Creative Arts learning also provides students with opportunities to engage with arts professionals and creative industries.

# **Creative Arts - Key Learning Area**

Creative arts is one of the key learning area that comprise of one subject- Creative Arts that draws together three different art forms – Visual Arts, Music and movement and Drama- across the following key stages or grade levels:

- Foundation
- Key stage one grades 1-3
- Key stage two grades 4-6
- Key stage three grades 7-8

Creative Arts is identified as a compulsory subject in the National Curriculum and schools should offer learning experiences in all three arts strands from Foundation to the end of grade 8.

Please note that, learning experiences in Visual arts, Drama and Music and Movement is crucial for developing students' aesthetics, and contributes to the holistic development of each child. However, students who do not wish to take part in the Music and Movement activities may be exempted.

In key stage four (grades 9-10), students will be able to specialise in one Arts subject – Art and Design. Table 1: Creative Arts in Foundation – key stage 4

Foundation	Key stage one (grades 1-3)	Key stage two (grades 4-6)	Key stage three (grades 7-8)	Key stage four (grades 9-10)
Creative Arts	Creative Arts	Creative Arts	Creative Arts	Art & Design
- Visual arts	- Visual arts	- Visual arts	- Visual arts	
- Drama	- Drama	- Drama	- Drama	
- Music & movement	- Music & movement	- Music & movement	- Music & movement	

# Aim

The aim of Creative Arts is to develop students':

- creativity, critical thinking, aesthetic knowledge and understanding about drama, music and movement and visual arts practices through making and responding to artworks
- arts knowledge and skills to communicate ideas, value and share their arts and life experiences by representing, expressing and communicating ideas, imagination and observations to others in meaningful ways
- use of innovative arts practices with available and emerging technologies, to express and represent ideas while displaying empathy to multiple viewpoints
- understanding of Maldivian history and tradition through the arts, engaging with the artworks and practices of both traditional and contemporary artists of Maldives.
- Understanding of local, regional and global cultures, and their arts histories and traditions through engaging with the world of artists, artworks, and arts professions.

# Creative Arts in the National Curriculum

Along with the other subjects in the National Curriculum, Creative Arts curriculum can help students to develop the eight principles and key competencies that would prepare them to face future challenge thereby, help achieve the vision of the National Curriculum.

# The Vision

The Creative Arts curriculum is structured in such a way that it paves the road to achieve the vision of the National Curriculum.

The National Curriculum envisions the development of:

- Successful individuals who are motivated to learn and explore; who are inquisitive and eager to seek, use and create knowledge;
- Confident and competent individuals who have a firm belief in Islam, a strong sense of self and cultural identity, and believe in their own capabilities; and
- Responsible and productive contributors to their own family, their local community and the global society.

The learning experience in Creative Arts assist students to develop specific knowledge, skills and processes, and also engage them actively in the process of art making and responding. This provides the ground to develop successful learners who are motivated and eager to learn and explore.

Creative Arts also challenge, provoke responses and enrich our knowledge of self, communities, cultures and histories. The Creative Arts contribute to the development of confident, competent and creative individuals, active and informed citizens. Learning in the Creative Arts is based on cognitive, affective and sensory/kinaesthetic response to arts practices as students revisit increasingly complex content, skills and processes with developing confidence across their years of learning.

# The Principles

The Creative arts syllabus is underpinned by the principles of the national curriculum

### Islam

Teaching and learning in the Creative arts has the scope for strengthening learners Islamic beliefs by providing students with opportunities to value and appreciate the aesthetics of Allah's creations. It also teaches ways to accept and live in harmony with people from other religions and cultures.

# **Identity and Culture**

The Creative Arts incorporates Maldivian history and culture as a priority for learning. Students will expand their knowledge and understandings of Identity, Country, People and Culture through learning in each of the art forms. Important historical figures, events and traditions are communicated through cultural expressions in stories, movement, song and visual artworks. Students will appreciate the intrinsic value of art works and artists' practices as well as their place and value within broader social, cultural, historical and political contexts.

# **Human Rights, Democracy & Justice**

Students get the opportunity to engage in activities related to topics such as empathy, globalization, citizenship, human rights and this empowers students to promote human rights, democracy and justice.

# **Holistic Development**

Learning opportunities offered through Creative arts contributes to the development of students' intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth and well-being.

# **Personal Excellence**

Teaching and learning activities in the Creative arts supports and empowers all students to learn and achieve personal excellence through active arts experiences, regardless of their individual circumstances.

# Inclusivity

Creative Arts curriculum provide opportunities for all students to develop awareness and understanding of diversity in the world we live. One of the aspect of this diversity is disability. The study of Creative Arts is an ideal platform for developing inclusive attitudes and beliefs, and for challenging stereotypes based on differences.

# **Preparation for Life**

Students are provided with necessary skills for life and work through the use of authentic situations such as visit to local artists, museums and galleries and create and reflect on artworks and performance as artists.

# Relevance

The artistic knowledge and skills developed are of great relevance to the students as they have the opportunity to use them in various personal, social, and cultural contexts.

# The Key Competencies

The Creative Arts syllabus engages students in learning that contributes to developing the eight key competencies described in the National Curriculum. Teachers are encouraged to explore the key competency Guide and incorporate the key competencies in their everyday teaching. The following are some ways by which knowledge, skills and values related to key competencies are developed through the subject.

# **Practising Islam**

As students learn about different art forms, they develop knowledge, skills and values related to Practising Islam. For example, they will:

- explore Islamic concepts and Islamic values such as peace, living in harmony, showing empathy, etc through role play/drama, music and movement, art making and responding.
- appreciate and value the aesthetics (beauty) of Allah's creations.
- develop deeper understanding of Islamic arts and culture such as Islamic calligraphy, architecture, symbols and design.

# Understanding and managing self

As students engage in exploring different art forms, their sense of self, social and cultural identity is reinforced and they develop self-management skills through art making and responding. These skills are of lifelong importance to them. For example: they will:

- understand oneself through self and cultural expressions and identify
- identify and asses personal strengths, interests and challenges
- set and achieve realistic goals, implement plans and evaluate achievements.
- develop constructive attitude and approaches towards personal challenges.

- demonstrate commitment, perseverance, confidence and responsibility when contributing to arts projects and activities.
- manage time and meet deadlines.
- Take risks, adapt to new ideas, situations and technologies.
- Take increasing responsibility for their own learning.

# **Relating to people**

As students engage in learning about different art forms, they develop social and cooperative skills that are fundamental to their current experiences and future adult life. For example, they will:

- work collaboratively with other during art making and responding.
- negotiate with others to reach agreements when doing arts activities or group projects.
- listen to and respect different viewpoints/diverse perspectives.
- give, receive feedback and support from others.
- Discuss their emotions, reactions and interactions with others.
- empathise with the emotions, needs and situation of others, to appreciate diversity.
- respect others' cultural beliefs, protocols and practices as they explore the works of art from diverse cultures, considering the historical, cultural, social and political contexts.

# Living a healthy life

As students engage in different art forms, they develop social and physical skills that contribute to their own emotional well-being. For example, they will:

- demonstrate personal hygiene and safety practices when using tools, materials and equipment, and when participating in performance tasks that might lead to physical injury or emotional distress.
- use effective strategies to maintain positive relationships.
- identify and manage stresses that they may experience while making or presenting artworks.
- use body and voice as effective instruments for artistic expression and everyday communication.
- develop fine-motor skills through activities such as learning an instrument, working with visual arts media and technologies.

 practice appropriate strategies for taking care of their body such as enjoyment, relaxation activities, warming up and warming down.

# **Making Meaning**

As students engage in exploring different art forms, they develop skills in a range of visual, auditory and kinesthetic forms of communication for different purposes. For example, they will:

- communicate ideas, feelings, beliefs and experiences in ways that are culturally meaningful.
- Explore signs, symbols and notations systems used to communicate meaning in a range of contexts.
- Write drama scripts, compose music and make objects and images as forms of personal and cultural expressions.
- Interpret and present their own or others' work to a range of audiences.
- Develop audience skills, such as listening, viewing and responding appropriately.

# Thinking critically and creatively

As students learn about different art forms, they develop and use a wide range of critical and creative thinking skills. For example, they will:

- Apply their imagination and higher order thinking to express and communicate their ideas and innovations through arts making and responding.
- Engage in higher order thinking as they experiment with innovative ideas to develop their own solutions to problems.
- Generate relevant questions and contribute meaningfully to discussion in arts learning experiences.
- Seek opportunities from mistakes.
- Recognise that there may be multiple solutions to any given problem.
- Understand relationships and patterns.

# Using technology and media

As students engage in learning about different art forms, they develop skills that are necessary to learn about the right use of technology and the media. For example, they will:

- Develop and use information and communication technology (ICT) and electronic media skills when making artwork such as using multimedia, notation or form ideas, plans, processes and solutions to challenges or tasks
- Locate and retrieve information and ideas from various sources.
- Share and exchange information and communicate with a variety of audiences using appropriate technology.
  - Apply appropriate social and ethical protocols and practices.

# Using sustainable practices

As students engage in learning different art forms, they investigate the concept of sustainability and interrelated nature of social, economic and ecological systems. For example, they will:

- Use the arts to communicate their developing understanding of the concept of sustainability- exploring social, economic and environmental issues.
- Consider the sustainability practices and traditions in the arts.
- Recognise the importance of
- Value and respect the participation of people in the development of cultural and economic activities.
- Take responsibility to reduce, recycle, reuse materials/resources when making artworks.
- Evaluate the different roles of artists in the society and how they contribute to the econmy of the country.
- Contribute to the cultural life and well-being of their school or/and community.

Structure of the Creative Arts syllabus

**Strands** 

Creative arts syllabus comprises of three distinct strands (also known as art forms):

1. Visual Arts

2. Music and Movement

3. Drama

Each strand is unique with its own discrete knowledge, symbols, language, process and skills. Each strand focuses on its own practices, terminology and unique ways of looking at the world.

STRAND 1: VISUAL ARTS (VA)

In Visual Arts students work with a range of materials, tools, design elements, technologies and processes to create two- and three-dimensional and design works. Student will get opportunities to critically analyse a wide variety of artworks from different historical periods, styles and cultures.

STRAND 2: MUSIC AND MOVEMENT (MU)

In Music and Movement, students listen to, compose and perform music from a diverse range of styles, traditions and context. Music practices integrates the use of body movements to express meaning. Students also create, shape and share sounds in time and space and critically analyse music.

STRAND 3: DRAMA (DR)

In Drama, students explore and depict real and fictional world through the use of body language, gestures, voice and language and space to make meaning as performers and audiences. They begin with their immediate lives, communities and identify the purposes of drama. In their drama, students use a variety of sources including stories, personal experiences and historical and current events to create meaning through situations and characters. They also draw on their experiences in other arts subjects and learning areas. Students also get opportunities critically analyse dramas they view and create.

**Sub Strands** 

Each of the Creative Arts strands reflects two broad interrelated sub-strands: Making and Responding.

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- Making includes learning about and using the knowledge, skills, techniques, processes, materials and technologies to explore arts practices and make artworks that communicate ideas and intentions.
- Responding includes exploring, responding to, analysing and interpreting artworks.

# Making (M)

Making in each strand engages students' perception, imagination, senses and emotions in conceptual and practical ways and involves them thinking kinesthetically, critically and creatively. Students develop knowledge, understanding and skills to design, produce, present and perform artworks. When making an artwork, students work from an idea, an intention, particular resources or techniques, or an imagination.

Students learn, develop and refine skills both as an artist and as audience. Making involves practical actions informed by critical thought to design and produce artworks. Students independently and collaboratively experiment, conceptualise, reflect on, refine, present, perform, communicate and evaluate. They learn to explore possibilities across diverse art forms, solve problems, experiment with techniques, materials and technologies, and ask probing questions when making decisions and interpreting meaning.

# Responding (R)

Responding in each arts strand involves students, as artists and audiences, explore, respond to, analyse, interpret and critically evaluate artworks they experience. Students learn to understand, appreciate and critique the arts through the critical and contextual study of artworks and by making their own artworks. Learning through making is interrelated with and dependent on responding. Students learn by reflecting on their making and critically responding to the making of others.

When responding, students learn to critically evaluate the presentation, production and/or performance of artworks through an exploration of the practices involved in making an artwork and the relationship between artist, audience and artwork. Students learn that meanings can be interpreted and represented according to different viewpoints, and that the viewpoints they and others hold shift according to different experiences.

Students consider the artist's relationship with an audience. They reflect on their own experiences as audience members and begin to understand how artworks represent ideas through expression, symbolic communication and cultural traditions. Students think about how audiences consume,

debate and interpret the meanings of artworks. They recognise that in communities many people are interested in looking at, interpreting, explaining, experiencing and talking about the arts.

# **Outcomes**

The outcomes are statements of knowledge, skills and understandings expected to be achieved by most students at the end of a given stage. These outcomes are achieved as students engage with the content of the syllabus. All outcomes are equally important. The presentation of the outcomes does not imply a sequence of teaching and learning activities.

# **Indicators**

Each outcome in this syllabus is accompanied by a set of indicators. An indicator is a statement of the behaviour that students may display as they work towards the achievement of syllabus outcomes. Indicators reflect and describe aspects of knowledge, understanding, skills and values.

Outcomes and indicators together assist teachers in identifying student's achievement and progress and help them in planning future learning experiences.

The learning outcomes in the syllabus include achievement indicators assist teachers to identify whether students have achieved the learning outcomes. These indicators define the knowledge; skills and or attitudes demonstrated by the students and could be used as evidence to determine whether or not a student has fully met the intent of the learning outcome. The achievement indicators support the principles of assessment for learning, assessment as learning, and assessment of learning. In this regard, the indicators provide teachers with tools that can be used to reflect on what students are learning, and at the same time provide the students with a means of self-assessment and ways of defining how they can improve their own achievement. Finally, teachers should keep in mind that the indicators are not mandatory and they are suggestions provided to assist in the assessment of how well the students achieve the learning outcomes.

# Planning, Teaching and Assessing Creative Arts

# The Planning Stage

Careful and systematic planning is essential for the success of Creative Arts teaching. To begin with, in order to ensure that children receive a rich learning experience, it is important that teachers become familiar with the outcomes and indicators at each level and have an understanding of how these are translated and implemented in the classroom. The following are some key features to consider when planning Creative Arts education:

### **Content selection:**

It is important to note that children should experience a broad and balanced programme. Teacher should draw content from the different context areas:

- Personal experiences
- Imagination
- Cultures

When planning units, teachers have opportunities to engage people and resources available in the wider school community. In addition, sharing ideas and materials within a school or group of schools during the planning, allows for rich and varied experiences for students and initiates important conversations among teachers about the excitement that can be generated through art.

The following are some key features to consider in planning Creative arts programs:

# SELECTING THEMES

Learning of arts concepts and skills should be planned around unifying themes and ensure continuity and progression. Learning through themes provide context in which students learn the application of arts concepts and skills and also connect students' learning with their experiences in the wider world. Teachers also should make decision about the appropriateness of the themes in terms of interest, relevance, time, level of difficulty, needs, and abilities.

# INTERGRATING LEARNING IN THE ARTS

Teachers should consider possibilities for meaningful integration of the concepts in visual art, music and movement and drama within the subject strands and across other key learning areas. Integration can be achieved through concepts and skills development (for example:

'developing awareness of pattern' in Visual arts, Music and Mathematics) and through activities that develop a theme (for example, 'Toys' in Visual arts, Drama, and Languages).

### STIMULATING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

Interactive learning activities stimulate students' intrinsic expressive motivation, feelings and ideas. Students should be able to participate in learning activities which provide them with choices and room for development in art appreciation, criticism and making activities.

### USING ARTWORKS AND ARTISTS

Artworks and artists can be used to teach art concepts and the use of traditional and contemporary materials, techniques and technologies. Artworks and artists can be used as stimuli to engage students.

# CONSIDERING HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

A wide variety of tools, equipments and materials are used in the art making process. Teachers should consider health and safety issues when planning practical activities in the Creative arts.

Different learning environments should be considered when planning Creative arts lessons. A conducive learning environment enhances and promotes the learning of arts.

# DISPLAY OF ARTWORKS

Displaying students' artworks in class, school and public spaces fosters their self-confidence and sense of achievement. The displays are excellent resources to engage students in the discussion and making of art. Students can learn from one another and learn to value artworks made by their peers. Displays of works in progress and of varying achievements levels can also be used to focus on the processes of artmaking. These works can be used to generate discussions and provide feedback for learning and improvement.

# • EXPERIENCES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Different environments provide different sensory experiences for students. Bringing students to places where artworks are produced or displayed also helps to connect their learning with real life. The following are some suggestions which teachers can consider:

- Visits to concerts, galleries, museums and exhibitions
- Visits to artists' studios, advertising or media production companies
- Talks/demonstrations/workshops by local and/or visiting artists

# **Teaching and Learning Creative arts**

Creative arts syllabus supports teachers in meeting the needs of students through providing a wide range of carefully planned and well-paced learning experiences. Within a rich, supportive environment teachers should draw upon a skilful mix of teaching learning approaches to promote a climate of creativity and innovation, including:

- active involvement in creative activities and performances
- tasks or performance opportunities which require a creative response
- opportunities to perform or present to an audience
- partnerships with professional performers or artists and other creative adults
- raising awareness of contemporary culture and connecting with student's experiences
- appropriate, effective use of technology
- building on the principles of Assessment for Learning
- both collaborative and independent learning
- establishing links within the Creative arts and with the wider curriculum
- opportunities to analyse, explore and reflect.

The majority of activities in the Creative arts involve creating and presenting and are practical and experiential. Evaluating and appreciating are an integral part of the creative process and are linked to developing creative skills, knowledge and understanding and enhancing enjoyment.

# COORDINATION BETWEEN INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS

The Creative Arts curriculum should incorporate the planning of formal, informal and non-formal learning. It assists students in experiencing a wide range of arts activities, knowledge and skills, and also enhancing self-learning abilities and attitudes, thus fostering the notion of Learning to Learn. Students can also make good use of extra-curricular activities and venues outside schools to broaden their visual arts learning experiences.

# **Recommended Time**

# CLASSROOM LEARNING

Schools should ensure a balanced school curriculum to develop students holistically in the cognitive, spiritual, social-emotional, physical and aesthetic domains.

As a core subject in the National Curriculum, Creative Arts lessons should be conducted **once a week over 2 periods** during school terms. The minimum duration for each period is 35 minutes. In planning an effective timetable, schools should consider the skills-based and creating a nature of arts and ensure weekly arts lessons are planned and conducted in **double-period blocks (without break between the two periods) throughout the year.** Weekly arts lessons throughout the year provide students with regular engagement in art making and responding to art which facilitate engaged learning and continuous improvement. Students would then be able to build their arts skills and knowledge in a sustained and developmental manner.

About 9- 10% of lesson time is recommended for Creative arts in the formal curriculum at primary level.

The following table shows the allocated time for teaching Creative Arts to KS1 (grade 1, 2 and 3) students:

Key Stage	Contact Time/Weeks	Minimum Contact time/Year
Key Stage 1 (grade 1, 2 & 3)	70 min (2 periods/week)	54.5hrs (123 periods of 35 min)

# Assessment

Assessment is an integral aspect of the teaching and learning process. It should be based on the learning outcomes in Visual arts, Drama, Music and Movement that specify what students know, understand and are able to do in the artforms. Assessment should be conducted regularly to provide students with information on their strengths and areas for improvement. Assessment also provides teachers with information on their students' learning and allows review of teaching for further instruction. Teachers are recommended to use variety of assessment strategies to facilitate students' learning in the Creative arts. Some possible assessment strategies teachers can use are:

- Teacher observation
- Teacher-designed tasks and tests
- Assessment rubrics
- Checklists
- Student-teacher conference
- Anecdotal records
- Rating scales
- Self and peer assessment
- Students work samples and portfolios
- Practical performance
- Reflection journals

# WHAT SHOULD BE ASSESSED?

Assessment in the Creative arts should be closely related to the syllabus outcomes/ indicators. It should focus on student's skills and abilities to express themselves through creating, presenting, contextualizing, evaluating, and appreciating. Approaches to assessment will also include a focus on their abilities to 19organize, present and discuss their own feelings and emotions and those of others.

Assessment should reflect all the creative process used to achieve an outcome. Students should constantly be challenged to examine their artwork, discuss and share ideas with others and bring learning to new levels of understanding.

Assessment should also link with other areas of the curriculum within and outside the classroom and, for example, offer students opportunities to become aware of the role of professional arts companies and cultural organizations in society and the economy.

# FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Formative assessment is the practice of building a cumulative profile of student achievement. This usually takes place during day-to-day classroom activities and involves informal interaction and systematic observation. The intentions developed for particular units of work through the indicators may be used to guide teacher observations. While it may also include more formal assessment procedures, formative assessment can provide a broader profile of the student than just formal testing. It is a valid and valuable part of overall assessment.

# SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Summative assessment is the practice of making judgments about student achievement at certain relevant points in the learning program, such as at the end of a unit of work, or at the end of a term or year of schooling.

Formative and summative assessment complement each other and both should be used to form a comprehensive profile of student achievement.

Key Stage 1 (grades 1, 2 and 3)

**Strand: Visual Arts** 

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Making		
Exploring ideas		
Explore visual art elements	Explore the environment and	Explore artworks from local
(shape, colour, line, form and	artworks to develop ideas for	artists and other cultures to
texture) in their surroundings	their own artwork	develop ideas for their own
and in artworks		artwork
Ask simple questions about	Ask questions and make	Draw from their observation
what they see	simple sketches of what they	and experience to record
	see	ideas for their art making
Developing skills and processes		I
Create 2D and 3D artwork to	Create 2D and 3D artwork to	Create 2D and 3D artwork to
communicate their	communicate their	communicate their
imagination, thoughts and	imagination, thoughts and	imagination, thoughts and
feelings about self and others	feelings about self and others	feelings about self, others and
		their environment
Develop artistic skills by	Develop artistic skills by	Develop artistic skills by
exploring the art elements to	exploring the art elements	exploring the visual art
create artwork:	and principles to create	elements and principles,
dots (dots can be	artwork:	including:
arranged to form lines.	line (horizontal, vertical	line (organic lines-wavy,
line (curved, straight,	and diagonal; thick, thin;	curved, spiral)
wavy, zigzag, dotted,	line to show movement)	shape (symmetrical
curly, spiral)	geometric shapes;	shapes; composite
	organic shapes	shapes)

•	basic shapes (square,
	triangle, rectangle,
	circle)

- colour (mixing primary colours to create secondary colours)
- texture: (soft, hard, rough, smooth,; texture rubbing)
- forms (3D shapes: cone, cube, sphere and cylinder; mobile; 3D robot)
- colour (warm and cool colours; colours to show feelings)
- value (tints-mixing white; shades-mixing black)
- texture: (furry, sharp, prickly; using textured materials in art; create texture by pressing objects onto clay; etching by scratching through surfaces)
- pattern (patterns in nature; animal patterns; make simple patterns; digital pattern)
- movement (use lines to show movement)

- colour (monochromatic colours; colour moods)
- texture: (visual texture)
- space (positive and negative space)
- pattern (create pattern using repetition of forms/3D shapes)
- variety (create an artwork made up of a variety of letters and numbers)

Experiment with tools, materials, techniques and art processes individually and with others

Explore and discover different ways to use tool, materials and techniques (assemblage, to make art individually and with others)

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# Responding

# Present arts to an audience

Display and present their own artwork to familiar audiences

Present and display artworks for a specific audience

Present and display artworks for a specific audience

Appreciate, reflect and respond to the arts		
Show interest in looking at a	Ask questions and make	Demonstrate eagerness to
variety of artworks	simple sketches of what they	find out more about artworks
	see	from a variety of cultures
Look at their own and others	Describe artworks using	Talk about their intentions, art
artwork and talk about	appropriate art vocabulary	making processes with others
personal preferences and art		using appropriate art
experiences using appropriate		vocabulary
art vocabulary		
	Identify familiar signs and	Recognise signs and symbols
	symbols in the environment	and how they communicate
	and what it represents	meaning

# **Strand: Music and Movement**

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	
Making	Making		
Exploring ideas			
Improvise with voice,	Improvise with sounds, simple	Explore and experiment with,	
movement and play to explore	pitch and rhythm patterns to	the elements of music	
and create music ideas	create music ideas	through movement, body	
		percussion, singing and	
		playing instruments to create	
		music ideas	
Exploring ideas			
Development of aural skills by	Development and	Development and	
exploring the elements of	consolidation of aural skills by	consolidation of aural and	
music, including:	exploring the elements of	theory skills by exploring the	
<ul> <li>rhythm (sound, silence;</li> </ul>	music, including:	elements of music, including:	
long, short; steady beat)	rhythm (difference	rhythm (experience and	
<ul><li>tempo (fast, slow)</li></ul>	between beat and	identify time signatures	
• pitch (high, low; pitch	rhythm; terminology	$\mathbf{\mathring{4}}$ , $\mathbf{\mathring{4}}$ ; use bar lines as	
direction; distinguish	and notation: graphic	a division for beats;	

between speaking and	and standard	terminology and
singing voice)	I, □, Z)	notation for $ > $ , $ > $ )
<ul> <li>dynamics (loud, soft)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>tempo (getting faster,</li> </ul>	tempo (changing
<ul> <li>form (same, different;</li> </ul>	getting slower)	tempos)
echo patterns)	pitch (explore a limited	pitch (repetition, unison,
<ul> <li>timbre (exploration of</li> </ul>	pitch set)	small range of pitch
sounds produced on	dynamics (use	patterns based on the
percussion instruments)	terminology and	pentatonic scale)
to create music	symbols for loud (forte,	dynamics (getting
	<b>f</b> ) and soft ( <i>piano,</i> <b>p</b> ))	louder, getting softer,
	form (echo patterns, call	very soft ( <b>pp</b> ) and very
	and response)	loud ( <i>ff</i> ))
	timbre (recognition of	form (introduction,
	familiar sounds	verse, chorus rounds
	produced by	and ostinato)
	instruments, voice and	timbre (sound qualities
	sound sources)	of instruments;
	to create music	matching different
		sounds to specific
		instruments)
		texture (melody and

Responding		
Present arts to an audience		
Improvise and practise music	Practise their own and others'	Practise their own and others'
(singing, playing, moving) for a	music to perform for a specific	music to perform for a specific
familiar audience	audience	audience
Develop performance skills	Develop performance skills	Develop performance skills
(singing songs and rhymes,	(singing in tune, moving and	(singing in tune, moving and
and playing classroom	playing classroom instruments	playing classroom instruments
	with correct timing)	with correct timing)

accompaniment) to

create music

instruments in tune and in		
time)		
Appreciate, reflect and respond	to the arts	
Demonstrate audience	Demonstrate audience	Demonstrate audience
behaviour (being an attentive	behaviour (being quiet during	behaviour (responding
listener) during performances	a performance; clapping after	appropriately in a given
	a performance)	context)
Appreciate and sing simple	Appreciate music from	Appreciate music from
songs and rhymes from	Maldivian and other cultures	Maldivian and other cultures
Maldivian and other cultures		
Talk about the role of music in	Describe places and occasions	Describe places and occasions
their lives: music at home,	where different types of music	where different types of music
music in school; music for	are experienced and	are experienced and
celebrations	performed	performed
Talk about music, songs and	Talk about their personal	Responses that identify
rhymes they listen to and	preferences, ideas and	specific elements of music and
make	feelings about the music they	how they communicate mood
	listen to and make	and meaning

# **Strand: Drama**

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Making		
Exploring ideas		
Use dramatic actions to	Use dramatic action to	Improvise and devise drama
sequence events to	sequence events	based on narrative structures
communicate an idea or	communicating an idea,	in familiar drama styles
message	message or story	
Exploring ideas		
Explore and experiment three	Explore and experiment four	Explore and experiment seven
(3) elements of drama:	(4) elements of drama:	(7) elements of drama:

- voice (loud, soft, varying loud and soft)
   movement (big, small; use of facial expressions)
   role (fictional character)
   to create drama
  - voice (loud, soft, varying loud and soft; pace and pitch)
  - movement (big, small; use of facial expressions; gestures; posture)
  - role (fictional character; listening and responding in role)
  - plot (beginning, middle and end) and setting of a story
  - situation (establishing a fictional setting and relating to it in role)

to create drama

- voice (loud, soft, varying loud and soft; pitch variation; pace; volume)
- movement (facial expressions and gestures to create belief in character and situation)
- role (taking on the point of view of a fictional character; listening and responding in role; adopting a role and maintaining focus)
- situation (establishing and sustaining a fictional setting)
- space (establishing a clear setting)
- character
   (communicating character traits;
   developing relationships between characters)
- time (sense of time to create belief in drama)
   when creating improvised or devised drama

Use familiar stories and personal experience to create drama

Use drama to communicate important personal events or fictional stories using objects, puppets, images and/or available technologies

Use drama to communicate important personal events or fictional stories using objects, puppets, images and/or available technologies

Develop improvisation skills	Develop improvisation skills	Develop improvisation skills
(contributing to the	(establishing a situation) to	(breaking patterns) to develop
progression of action) to	develop dramatic action and	drama
develop dramatic action	ideas	

Responding				
Present arts to an audience				
Perform improvised drama	Perform planned and	Perform drama to an audience		
that communicate ideas to an	spontaneous drama that	demonstrating story		
audience	expresses feelings, moods,	structures to set the scene,		
	ideas and experiences to an	link action and create an		
	audience	ending		
Perform skills (performing	Perform skills (suitable	Perform skills and audience		
towards the audience, raising	openings and conclusions to	awareness (where performers		
chin for good eye lines) when	performances) when sharing	use focus and control) when		
sharing drama with peers	drama with familiar audiences	performing drama styles		
Appreciate, reflect and respond to the arts				
Audience behaviour (paying	Audience behaviour	Appropriate responses to, and		
attention to the development	(responding to interactive	respect for, drama of others		
of a story) when viewing	elements) where students	as performers and audience		
drama	view drama that uses different	members		
	styles and unfamiliar stories			
Make personal responses	Make personal responses	Make responses that involve		
expressing ideas and feelings	using the elements of voice	identifying and reflecting on		
to key moments in drama they	and movement in drama they	the use of the elements of		
view and make	view and make	drama, using drama		
		terminology		

# **GRADE 2**

# **Strand: Visual Arts**

# **Sub-strand 1: Making**

# **Exploring Ideas: Observe and inquire**

# Outcome: This is evident when a student: a. Describes elements of art (lines, shapes, form, colour texture and patterns in artworks and in their environment. colour, shape, form and b. Asks questions about what they see in artworks and in the texture) in nature, in the things around them. environment and in artworks. c. Distinguishes among various media when looking at works of art (e.g., clay, paints, drawing materials).

Developing Skills and Process				
Creating visual arts: Elements of Art				
Outcome:	Indicators			
	Th	is is evident when a student:		
VAM202	a.	Reviews the different kinds of lines (straight, curved, wavy,		
Review dots and different kinds		zigzag, dotted, spiral, curly).		
of lines and use them to make	b.	Design a nameplate using dots, and different kinds of lines.		
an artwork.				
Outcome:	In	dicators		
	Th	is is evident when a student:		

VAM203

Identify horizontal, vertical, diagonal, thick, thin, short and long lines and use them to make an artwork.

 a. Explores horizontal (asleep), vertical (standing up) and diagonal (falling), thick, thin, long, short lines in artworks (e.g., Piet Mondrian), and in structures such as buildings and bridges. b. Makes an artwork using horizontal, vertical, diagonal, short, long, thick and/or thin lines.

# Outcome:

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

# **VAM204**

Identify and name warm (red, orange, yellow) and cool (purple, blue, green) colours and use them to create a particular mood in an artwork.

- a. Identifies and name the warm colours (red, yellow, orange) and cool colours (purple, blue, green).
- b. Perceives and discusses the differences in mood created by warm and cool colours (e.g., bright warm colours – happiness and cool blues – peaceful, calm)
- c. Use warm or cool colours to create a particular mood in an artwork.

### Outcome:

### **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

# **VAM205**

Mix white to a colour to create a lighter colour (e.g., light green) and black to a colour to create a darker tone (e.g., dark green) and use them to create an artwork.

- a. Identifies lightness and darkness of a colour (e.g., light blue/dark blue).
- b. Mixes white to a colour to get a lighter colour and mixes black to a colour to get a darker colour and use them to create an artwork.

# Outcome:

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

# **VAM206**

Identify and use organic shapes to make an artwork.

- a. Identifies organic shapes in artworks (e.g., collage by Henri Matisse), in objects in nature and the environment.
- Distinguishes and catergorises geometric and organic shapes.
- Makes an artwork using organic shapes (e.g., create a mobile based on the theme-underwater).

# Outcome:

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

# **VAM207**

Identify a variety of forms (3D shapes) and use them in art making.

a. Identifies basic forms (3D shapes) such as cone, cube,
 sphere and cylinder.

- b. Identifies and describes forms (3D shapes) in artworks and in their environment (e.g., ball, blocks, box, cone hat, marbles).
- c. Catergorises shapes (2D) and forms (3D).
- d. Creates a simple three-dimensional artwork (e.g., a cone hat using paper or a clay sculpture).

# Outcome:

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

# **VAM208**

Identify actual textures (rough, smooth, prickly, soft, hard, furry, sharp, prickly) and use texture in two-dimensional and three-dimensional artworks.

- a. Identifies textures (rough, smooth, prickly, soft, hard, furry, sharp, prickly) in artworks, in natural objects, and/or in the environment.
- b. Create a variety of textures by impressing different tools on clay (e.g., clay tile)
- c. Create an artwork using different textured materials.

# Outcome:

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

### **VAM209**

Identify and make patterns by repeating lines, shapes and colours.

- Describes and replicate repeated patterns in nature, in artworks and in their environment (e.g., wall paper, textiles, animal patterns).
- b. Make repeated patterns with lines, shapes and colours.
- c. Create a repeated pattern using a graphic program.
- d. Create an animal pattern and use them to make an artwork.

# Outcome:

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

# **VAM210**

Create an artwork with lines to show movement.

- a. Observes in picture books or artworks how artists have used lines to show movement.
- b. Creates an artwork using lines to show movement.

# Creating visual arts: Art based on imagination, experience and observation

# Outcome: Indicators

This is evident when a student:

**VAM211** 

Make visual artworks and design about self and others, personal experiences, real and imaginary things.

- a. Creates artwork about self, family and friends.
- b. Makes detailed artwork of something they like (e.g., food, bird or animal).
- Creates visual artworks based on significant events or theme (e.g., celebrations, beach).
- d. Create an artwork based on their imagination (e.g., imaginary character, cartoon character).

# **Creating visual arts: Visual Art forms**

NOTE: It is expected that, the exploration of visual art elements and principles should go in conjunction with the exploration of a range materials, media and technologies. All students should be exposed but not limited to a range of artforms including drawing, painting, digital imaging, mixed media, printmaking, sculpture and fibre crafts.

# **Creating visual arts: Drawing**

# Outcome: Indicators

This is evident when a student:

# **VAM212**

Make drawings for a range of topics and demonstrate beginning skills in the use to drawing media, tools and techniques.

 Develops representational mark making skill using various wet and dry media (pencils, crayons, felt pens, markers) on different surfaces (different types of paper).

# **Creating visual arts: Painting**

# Outcome: Indicators

This is evident when a student:

# **VAM213**

Experiments with a range of paint media and other tools to create simple effects.

 Paints with different consistencies such as transparent and thin paint or opaque and thick paint (e.g., letting dyes run together to mix colours).

# Creating visual arts: Mixed Media/Other Media

Outcome:	Indicators
	This is evident when a student:
VAM214	a. Uses different media together to create artworks (e.g., a
Experiments with different	collage using a range of natural and/or processed
media together to create	materials).
artworks.	b. Experiments with a variety of colour media together and
	their effects (e.g., use wax-resist technique: add
	transparent washes of colour over oil pastel drawing to
	create an artwork).
	Creating visual arts: Printmaking

Outcome:	Indicators
	This is evident when a student:
VAM215	a. Makes a stencil and use them to print repeated patterns.
Explore and use printmaking	b. Uses techniques of simple relief printmaking with found
techniques to create artworks.	objects (e.g., cardboard printing; leaf printing; monoprints).
	Creating visual arts: Fibre crafts

Outcome:	Indicators	
	This is evident when a student:	
VAM216	a. Creates an artwork with different fabric and fibre.	
Use fabric to create artworks.	b. Weaves on a simple cardboard loom using colour cord/yarn,	
	ribbon and wool.	

**Creating visual arts: Sculptures and 3D crafts** 

Outcome:	Indicators
	This is evident when a student:
VAM217	a. Creates 3D objects from a variety of natural and/or
Create 3D artwork to develop	processed materials (e.g., animal stationary holder).
and share ideas, experiences	b. Uses clay/plasticine to express ideas in 3D (e.g., create a
and imagination.	model of an animal considering the shapes, detail and
	texture of the creature).

# **Creating visual arts: Digital Media**

Outcome: Indicators

This is evident when a student:

**VAM218** 

**VAM219** 

Use digital media to make artworks according to varying requirements.

a. Uses digital media as a tool in art making (e.g., take photos of people, places and things needed for artmaking).
 Explores simple techniques using computer-generated graphics programs to create an artwork.

# Creating visual arts: art class practice

Outcome: Indicators

*This is evident when a student:* 

Follow instructions and use art

media safely and responsibly.

- Uses art media and equipment safely (e.g., use large brushes with long handles thoughtfully when working closely to other children).
- b. Uses art materials sensibly and appropriately.
- c. Demonstrates appropriate ways to organize and care for the materials (e.g., protecting the work surface and clothing before starting work with wet media).

# **Sub-strand 2: Responding**

# **Presenting and Displaying Visual Arts**

Outcome: Indicators

This is evident when a student:

**VAR220** 

Present and display their artwork with familiar audiences (e.g., peers/family/ teachers or with the wider community) through displays and exhibitions.

- Displays and presents their own artwork to others such as peers/family/teachers or with the wider community through informal discussion, classroom display and school exhibition.
- b. Shares ideas with peers about the visual choices they made in their artwork.

# Reflect, Evaluate and Respond to the Visual Arts

Outcome:

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

**VAR221** 

Describe the key features and the visual qualities in artworks they view and make using appropriate vocabulary.

- a. Describes the key features of their artworks using appropriate art vocabulary.
- b. Describes what they like about their own and the works of others and give reasons for these.

Outcome:

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

**VAR222** 

Evaluate their own artwork and works of others using simple strategies.

- a. Evaluates artworks they view and make using simple reflective tools.
- Demonstrates appropriate behaviour when receiving comments about their own artworks (e.g., Listens carefully to others' feedback/comments without offence).

# **Strand: Music and Movement**

# Sub-strand 1: Making

Music Elements/Concepts						
Outcome:	Indicators					
	This is evident when a student:					
MMM223	a. Understands the difference between music with a steady					
Differentiate between steady	beat and music without a strong beat.					
beat and rhythm patterns.	b. Understands the difference between steady beat and					
	rhythm patterns.					
	c. Uses appropriate terminology and notation.					
	Reads, writes and perform simple patterns of rhythm and					
	pitch, using beat, rest and divided beat (two sounds on one					
	beat).					
Outcome:	Indicators					
	This is evident when a student:					
MMM224	a. Understands and differentiates between fast and slow					
Compare and perform music of	rhythmic and melodic patterns.					
two different tempo (fast, slow;	b. Identifies and shows the tempo of the music as fast or slow,					
getting faster/getting slower).	getting faster or getting slower (e.g., drum beat, played					
	quickly or slowly).					
	Perform two different tempo (e.g., getting faster - getting					
	slower) through action/movement or music					
Outcome:	Indicators					
	This is evident when a student:					
MMM225	a. Explores a limited pitch set.					
Explore a limited pitch set.	b. Reads, writes and performs simple patterns of pitch, using					
	solfege.					

# **Outcome:**

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

### **MMM226**

Differentiates between sounds at different dynamic levels (loud and soft, getting louder and getting softer).

- a. Differentiates between sounds at different dynamic levels (loud and soft, getting louder and getting softer).
- b. Uses terminology and symbols for loud (forte, f) and soft (piano, p).
- Selects the dynamics (loud, soft) most suitable for a song (e.g., soft, gentle singing for a lullaby; loud and energetic song for a march or action song).

### Outcome:

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

# **MMM227**

Identify form (echo patterns, call and response).

- a. Recognizes and imitates short melodies in echos.
- b. Notices obvious differences created between sections of songs in various forms (e.g., call-and-response).

# **Outcome:**

### Indicators

This is evident when a student:

# **MMM228**

Recognises timbre changes.

- a. Recognises familiar sounds produced by instruments, voice and sound sources.
- b. Describes the difference between men's and women's voices in terms of lowness or highness of pitch.
- c. Identifies obviously different instruments.

# **Outcome:**

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

### **MUM229**

Identifies the relationship in rhythmic and melodic patterns (e.g., repetition, sequence).

a. Identifies the relationship in rhythmic and melodic patterns
 (e.g., repetition, sequence).

# **Developing Skills and Process**

Outcome: Indicators

This is evident when a student:

**MMM230** a. Sings age-appropriate songs from memory.

Sing expressively and with accurate rhythm and pitch, tempo and dynamics.

- b. Sings expressively, with accurate rhythm and pitch a variety of children's songs in \$\frac{3}{4}\$ and \$\frac{4}{4}\$ time.
- c. Sings with accurate tempo (getting faster, getting slower) and dynamics.
- d. Sings as an ensemble, melodic and simple 2-part canons.

# **Outcome:**

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

# **MMM231**

Develop performance skills in playing classroom instruments in tune and in time), individually and in groups.

- a. Discover making sounds in time using body percussions(e.g., tapping, clapping, slapping, clipping to the pulse).
- b. Play a short rhyme from a simple notation.
- c. Performs individually and as an ensemble using classroom instruments, short melodic and rhythmic patterns in (3,3) time).
- d. Plays rhythmic ostinatos on classroom instruments.
- e. Improvise simple rhythmic and melodic accompaniments, using voice and a variety of classroom instruments.

# **Sub-strand 2: Responding**

# **Present Music to an audience**

# Outcome:

# **Indicators**

*This is evident when a student:* 

# **MMR232**

Create music and practises their own and others' music to perform for a specific audience.

- Selects sound from a variety of sources to illustrate a character, or a story, or a sequence of events, individually and in groups.
- b. Improvises 3-and 4-beat rhythmic patterns and phrases.
- c. Uses graphic notations to represent sound.
- Demonstrates appropriate audience behavior such as being quiet during a live performance; clapping after a performance.

# Reflect, interpret and respond to the Arts

**Outcome:** 

# Indicators

This is evident when a student:

# **MMR233**

Listen to music from various cultures and describes the role of music in their daily lives.

- a. Listens to and sing simple songs and play singing games from various cultures.
- Identifies the uses of specific music in daily or special events (e.g., music uses in media, cultural celebrations).
- c. Describes music from various cultures.

**Outcome:** 

# **Indicators**

This is evident when a student:

### **MMR234**

Talk about their personal preferences, ideas and feelings about the music they listen to and make.

 Talks using basic music terminology, their preference for specific songs or a piece of music (This music is funny, it makes me feel like jumping/painting).

# **Strand: Drama**

# **Sub-strand 1: Making**

Drama Elements/Concepts						
Outcome:	Indicators					
	This is evident when a student:					
DRM235	a. Identifies the plot (start, middle, and end) and setting of a					
Explore the elements of drama	story.					
(plot, voice, movement, role	b. Identifies and use voice (loud, soft, varying loud and soft;					
and situation) to create dramas.	pace and pitch), facial expressions, gestures, and postures					
	to suit the different fictional characters (role).					
	c. Plays, listens and responds in role.					
	d. Establishes a fictional setting and relate to it in role.					
	Developing Skills and Process					
Outcome:	Indicators					
	This is evident when a student:					
DRM236	a. Uses pantomime, tableau and improvisation to retell a					

Perform dramas that communicate ideas based on important personal events or fictional stories.

- Uses pantomime, tableau and improvisation to retell a Maldivian folk story (e.g., andhiri andhiri gulhi) and an important personal event.
- b. Retells and act out songs, stories, or fictional stories.
- c. Makes a drama to portray relationships and values (e.g., respecting others, peace and tolerance)
- d. Uses props, objects, puppets and/or images to create and tell stories.

# Sub-strand 2: Responding

# **Present Drama to an audience**

Outcome:	Indicators		
	This is evident when a student:		
DRR237	a. Presents dramas to familiar audiences (e.g., classmates,		
Perform dramas to familiar	teachers and parents).		
audience (e.g., teacher, peer	b. Demonstrates appropriate skills when performing a		
and parents).	dramatic play.		
	c. Demonstrates appropriate behavior (e.g., paying attention)		
	as an audience, when viewing drama.		
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# Reflect, interpret and respond to the Arts

Outcome:	Indicators	
	This is evident when a student:	
DRR238	a. Describe the difference between drama and real life and	
Make personal responses using	other media such as television and books.	
the elements of voice and	b. Discusses about the use of voice, gesture, facial expression,	
movement in drama they view	and movement in a performance or presentation using	
and make.	drama terminology.	
	c. Explains what they liked about a drama/performance.	

# Sample Unit Plan

# Shapes in nature

# **About the Unit**

In this unit, students will learn about organic shapes and explore different organic shapes found in the natural environment. They will also explore the use of organic shapes in artworks by Henri Matisse. Students will then create their own artwork using organic shapes.

# No of Periods

2 (1 double period)

# **Key words**

Organic shapes

# Resources

- SB (p:18-21)
- Sea animal template

### **Students Need:**

- Coloured pencils or crayons
- Construction paper
- Sticky tape
- Scissors
- String
- 2 straws

# Links within the subject

Languages and Science

### **Prior Learning**

It would be helpful if students know the basic shapes.

# **Shared Values**

# Values relating to self

Sense of Duty

# **Learning Outcomes and Indicators:**

# Making

VAM206: Identify and use organic shapes to make an artwork.

- a. Identifies organic shapes in artworks (e.g., collage by Henri
   Matisse), in objects in nature and the environment.
- b. Distinguishes and catergorises geometric and organic shapes.
- c. Makes an artwork using organic shapes (e.g., create a mobile based on the theme-underwater).

VAM211: Make visual artworks and design about self and others, personal experiences, real and imaginary things.

a. Makes detailed artwork of something they like (e.g., food, bird or animal).

# VAM219: Follow instructions and use art media safely and responsibly.

- a. Uses art media and equipment safely.
- b. Uses art materials sensibly and appropriately.
- c. Demonstrates appropriate ways to organize and care for the materials (e.g., protecting the work surface and clothing before starting work with wet media).

# **Appreciating**

VAR220: Present and display their artwork to familiar audiences through displays and exhibitions.

- Displays and presents their own artwork to others such as peers/family/teachers or with the wider community through informal discussion, classroom display and school exhibition.
- b. Shares ideas with peers about the visual choices they made in their artwork.

# VAR221: Describe the key features and the visual qualities in artworks they view and make using appropriate vocabulary.

- a. Describes the key features of their artworks using appropriate art vocabulary.
- b. Describes what they like about their own and the works of others and give reasons for these.

# **Key competencies**

# Understanding and managing self

- Manage time
- Ask for help
- Keep workspace organised

# **Thinking Critically and Creatively**

- Make decisions
- Experiment with ideas
- Ask questions
- Take risks and face challenges

# **Learning Sequence**

Looking at Art: As a whole class, briefly review basic shapes. Next, share the images on SB, p. 18. Ask questions such as: What shapes are these objects? Are they triangles, circles or squares? Where do you find these shapes?

Explain to students that things that do not have a basic shape have an organic shape. Ask students to name 3 things they see in the classroom that have organic shapes.

Share the artworks of Henri Matisse on SB, p. 19 and 20. Encourage students to look at the shapes and how the artist has arranged the shapes. Ask questions such as:

- What do these shapes look like?
- What do you think is similar to these shapes?
- What do you think the shapes represent?

2	Modelling: Explain and model making the mobile referring to the SB, p. 21.						
	Observe student's enthusiasm,						
	listening skills and ability to ask						
	questions.						
3	Artists in Action: Students choose from a range of sea creatures they drew and coloured						
	and create a mobile by sticking them onto the strings tied to the two straws.						
	Differentiation:						
	Students use 'Shapes in Nature Template'. Students colour and cut out the sea animals						
	from the template. They need support tying the two straws together.						
	What else could you add to your mobile to make it more beautiful/attractive?						
	Observation, Work samples and Anecdotal responses						
	Teacher observation of student ability to show their knowledge of colour, follow instructions,						
	creative use of dots, lines, colour and use appropriate vocabulary and art terminology when						
	talking about their artworks. Information gained from these assessment strategies can be						
	recorded anecdotally or by using a checklist.						
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4	<b>Share and reflect:</b> In pairs or small groups, get students to share their artwork.						
5	Wrap up: Have we learnt that:						
	Organic shapes can be seen in things around us?						
Evaluation of the Unit/Teacher Reflection:							



# Sea Animal Template Worksheet 6B Name:\_ Date:

# Glossary

4D

aesthetic

art form

artists

artwork

This syllabus generally defines and explains significant terms as they are used. This glossary is organized in the syllabus strands (Drama, Music and Movement and Visual arts).

**2D** Artworks that are flat, with a height and width, such as painting and drawings.

Artworks that have depth as well as height and width, such as sculpture and installation.

Artworks that have depth, height, width and added temporal and special dimensions. E.g., artworks such as time-based installations, or artworks that incorporate performance on a moving image.

Specific artistic awareness, or a deep appreciation of the meaning of an artistic experience through intellectual, emotional and sensual response to a work of art.

Specific shape or quality an artistic expression takes, such as drama, dance, music and visual artworks.

Artist is used as a generic term for the maker of an artwork in each of the five Arts subjects. For example, artists in:

Dance: choreographers, dancers, designers

• Drama: actors, directors, playwrights, designers

Music: composers, performers, arrangers

• Visual Arts: painters, sculptors, designers

Students think about themselves as artists.

Generic term for a performance or an artwork in each of the art forms. When referred to generically this curriculum uses the term 'artwork'. Artworks are also frequently used with reference to forms or styles.

**atmosphere** The mood or feeling conveyed in an artwork or performance.

audience Individual or groups of people who experience the arts in a range of settings and

contexts (formal/informal/virtual/interactive). The artist is audience to their own

artwork.

aural skills Particular listening skills students develop to identify sounds in Music. Also

referred to as ear training which involves focused listening activities through

which students identify sounds such as rhythm, pitch and timbre.

body language Non-verbal communications through movement, gesture, facial expression,

posture.

**character** Identification and portrayal of a person's values, attitudes, intentions and actions

as imagined situations and dramatic actions.

**composition** the placement and arrangement of element or parts in an artwork (visual art).

**design** The arrangement or organizing of art elements. They include pattern, unity,

**principles** balance, proportion, emphasis, movement and contrast.

**elements of** Line, colour, shape, texture, colour, space and form found in artworks, and

incorporated in the design of performance space (including sets) for dance and

drama.

**elements of** Role and character, relationships, situation, voice, movement, focus, tension,

**drama** space, time, language, symbol, audience, mood and atmosphere.

**elements of** Rhythm, pitch, dynamics and expression, form and structure, timbre and texture

music

art

**expressive** In Drama, the use of facial and vocal expression to communicate in performance.

**skills** In Music, the use of elements such as dynamics combined with technical skills to

enhance performance.

**focal point:** the element or object in a work of art on which the viewer's attention is focused.

improvisation Spontaneous

Spontaneous, creative activity applying the elements of an art form:

In Drama, a spontaneous enactment taking on roles and situations to create dramatic action and extend an idea; usually short and are structured into a complete little play.

In Music, spontaneously extending and varying music ideas in response to initial material or responses invented by other performers in an ensemble.

locomotor

Moving from one place to another such as walking, running, hopping, skipping,

movement leap

leaping or crawling.

materials Physical resources, equipment including technology and information used to

make an artwork. E.g., paint, digital camera, pencil, drum.

medium

The materials used in making an artwork.

movement

In drama: using facial expression, posture and action expressively when creating

roles, situation, relationships, atmosphere and symbols.

In visual arts: direction of the visual path taken by the eye through an artwork;

created by the arrangement of line, shape and colour

multimedia

Artworks that incorporate a broad range of media including graphics, text, digital

media, audio or video.

pitch

In Music: high and low sounds

rhythm

In Music: combination of long and short sounds that convey a sense of

movement and subdivision of sound within a beat.

In visual arts: a sense of movement in an artwork, usually created by the

repetition of line, shape and colour.

role-play

To pretend to be someone else.

scene

The dramatic action that occurs in particular time and place; a section of a play.

situation In Drama: the setting and circumstances of the dramatic action- the who, what,

where, when and what is at stake of the roles/characters.

**space** In Drama: the space of the performance and audience, fictional space of the

dramatic action.

In Visual Arts: area around or within objects; it can be two or three dimensional.

**style** The influencing context of an artwork, such as Impressionist in Visual Arts; hip

hop in Dance; contemporary in Music.

**symbol** In Drama: associations that occur when something is used to represent

something else to reinforce or extend dramatic meaning.

**technique:** In Drama: technique include ways of using voice and movement to create role

and dramatic action; also techniques in lighting, sound, set building and painting,

costume making and make-up.

In Music: the capacity to control a voice or instrument in order to produce a

desired sound.

In Visual Arts: the method or procedure of making or the skills used to create an

artwork.

**technologies** The tools and equipment that can be used for making and responding.

**viewpoints** A collection of perspectives, lenses or frames through which artworks can be

explored and interpreted.