

Grange Park Primary School Year 1 Spring 2 Art and Design

Wicked Weather: Compositions inspired by the work of Indigenous artists

Key Facts

Indigenous Australians were the first race of people to populate Australia around 50,000 years ago and still live there today.

The earliest Indigenous art was paintings or engravings on the walls of rock shelters and caves known as rock art.

The colours used in Indigenous art are 'earthy' colours because originally, the colours were made from natural materials.

Albert Namatjira is one of Australia's best-known Indigenous artists, and the first Indigenous painter to receive international recognition for this work.

Naata Nungurrayi, born in 1932, is recognised as a highly skilled Indigenous artist whose work is inspired by her country and other sacred sites. Her work was chosen to be represented on an Australian Post International Stamp in 2003.

What else was going on in the World?

1929 The Great Depression started in Australia and ended in 1939.

1930 Pluto was discovered as a planet by a farm boy from Kansas with no formal training.

Key Skills

Paint techniques	Experiment with and use a variety of ways to apply colour including, mixing colours to create earthy tones and match to natural materials, dotting and block colour.
Drawing	Practice making marks using a wide range of materials and experiment with drawing lines of different sizes and thickness.
Pattern	Experiment with a range of tools to create patterns by adding dots and arranging them in different shapes.
Arrangement	Think carefully about how elements are placed or arranged to create a final image.
Discuss an artist's work	Begin to think critically about the work of an artist. Be able to talk about choices made in art, likes and dislikes, and how these relate to the work of Naata Nungurrayi and other Indigenous artists.

Key Vocabulary

Indigenous Australians	A member of the original people to live in Australia.
natural	Existing or taken from nature and the world around us.
mix	Put two things together.
paint	A coloured material spread over a surface.
swatch	A small amount of paint to show the colour.
dotting	Making marks with small spots.
pattern	A repeated design used to decorate something.
sketch	An unfinished drawing to help practise making the final drawing.
outline	A line or set of lines to show the shape of an object.
block colour	One solid colour.
arrangement	Where things are in a painting.

