



Year 3/4 Art and Design

Frida Kahlo



Subject Specific Skills

- To record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas
- To improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including sketching and painting.

Prior Learning

- To know that primary colours can be mixed to make secondary colours.
- To describe the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work

Key Facts

Frida Kahlo is considered to be one of the most important artists of modern times. She was a Mexican artist who was born just outside of Mexico City. During her childhood, she contracted polio and was taught photography by her father whilst she recovered.

She is famous for painting self-portraits and also painting women as strong people. She used lots of bright colours in her self-portraits which reminded her of the vibrant colours of the hot country where she lived. She was very proud of her Mexican heritage. She also included lots of tropical flowers and animals such as monkeys and birds.

Frida Kahlo painted important moments throughout her life aiming to tell a story of how she felt during these times. She is also well-known for her surrealist work.

Interesting Facts

- Frida Kahlo is the first Mexican artist to have a piece of artwork acquired by the Louvre in Paris.
- When asked why she paints self-portraits, she replied with, "I paint myself because I am the person I know best."
- Whilst she was recovering from a her traffic accident, Frida Kahlo couldn't see very much from her bed, so she had a mirror based on the ceiling so that she could see herself.
- She was well-known for wearing bright colours, flowers in her hair and jewellery.



Key Vocabulary

Surrealism
Self-portrait
Tint
Shade
Proportions
Vibrant

