



Drawing and Mark Making

Year 1 – Art and Design

Are there different materials I can use to draw?

Key Vocabulary

blending	To mix or combine colours together to create a gradual change in colour.
smudging	Gently rubbing to make a blurry shadow effect.
drawing	Drawing is a technique in which images are represented on a surface by making lines.
charcoal	A black material made from burnt wood which can be used for mark making.

Key Skills

- Use charcoal with blending and smudging.
- Explain why I have chosen the equipment I have.

Links to other Learning

EYFS - Draw in sand, chalk on the playground.

Lower KS2 - Begin to show facial expression and body language in their drawings.

Upper KS2 - Use hard and soft lines to show detail in the distance, foreground and avoid using a rubber.

Key Facts

- Smudging charcoal is a great way to add a shadowy effect with little effort.
- You can use many different materials to make marks with.
- Each one can look different.
- Longer lines can be used to make the shape of the drawing.
- Short lines are then used to add detail.



Influencing Artist

Mini Grey - a British illustrator who writes and illustrates children's picture books. She won the Kate Greenaway Medal from the professional librarians. She won the award for her illustrations for the book *The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon*.



Examples of Mini Grey's artwork



Key questions

- Can I use a range of materials to make marks on a page?
- How can I use smudging to create shading?
- How can I add further detail to my drawings?
- What aspects of Mini Grey's art do I like?
- How can Mini Grey's art inspire my own?
- Can I talk about the choices I have made?

Links to other Subjects

- Role Play - Teddy bear's picnic
- Guided Reading - Toys in Space
- English - Posters and story writing based on toys
- History - Toys through time

What I should already know

- I know how to make marks using materials such as chalk, pencils, crayons and others.
- How to correctly hold a pencil.
- How to draw different types of lines.