

Key

Vocabulary:

portrait
self-portrait
artist
medium
symbols
meaning
primary
secondary
tertiary
tints
shades
light
dark



This half term, children will be introduced to portraiture: the art of painting or taking portraits. They will study a number of famous portraits, learning how to 'read' a painting and will experiment with painting portraits of their own. They will even have the chance to experience 'sitting' for a portrait!



Key Knowledge:

A **portrait** is a painting, photograph, sculpture, or other artistic representation of a person, in which the face and its expression is a focus.

A **portrait** shown from a side view is called a profile.

A **portrait** can show the full length of the person's body, or less of the body, but almost always shows the head.

A **self-portrait** is an artwork someone completes of themselves.

Portraits of famous people and family members are a way to tell us about the past.

Before the invention of photography, a painted, sculpted, or drawn portrait was the only way to record the appearance of someone.

Studying a painting carefully is called 'reading' the painting.