

Clay Pens

By [Tobi Meuwissen](#)

In this resource aimed at children ages 3-5, or those who struggle with dexterity, learners will mould their own pens using clay. This task is a great way to provide a tactile experience, explore mark-making and create something which they can use. This activity would be best run in small supported groups.



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The [AccessArt Primary Art Curriculum](#) takes a holistic approach to art education.

Please watch the [Thinking about Curriculum Content](#)

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Overview of disciplines, skills & behaviours developed from eyfs to ks2



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Thinking About Curriculum Content & Progression in Primary Art

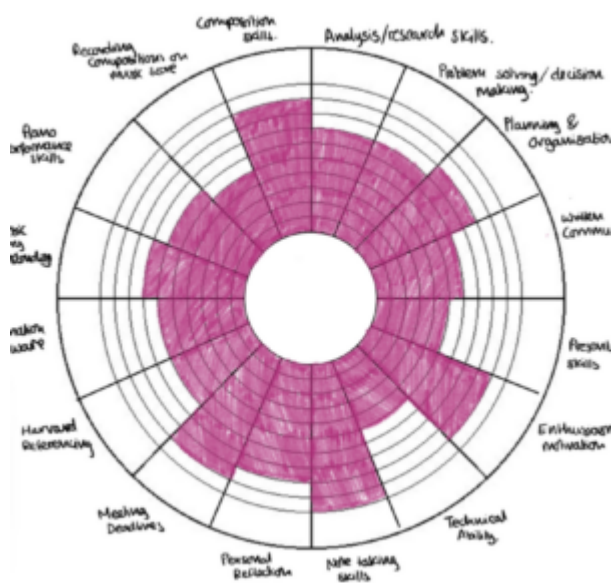
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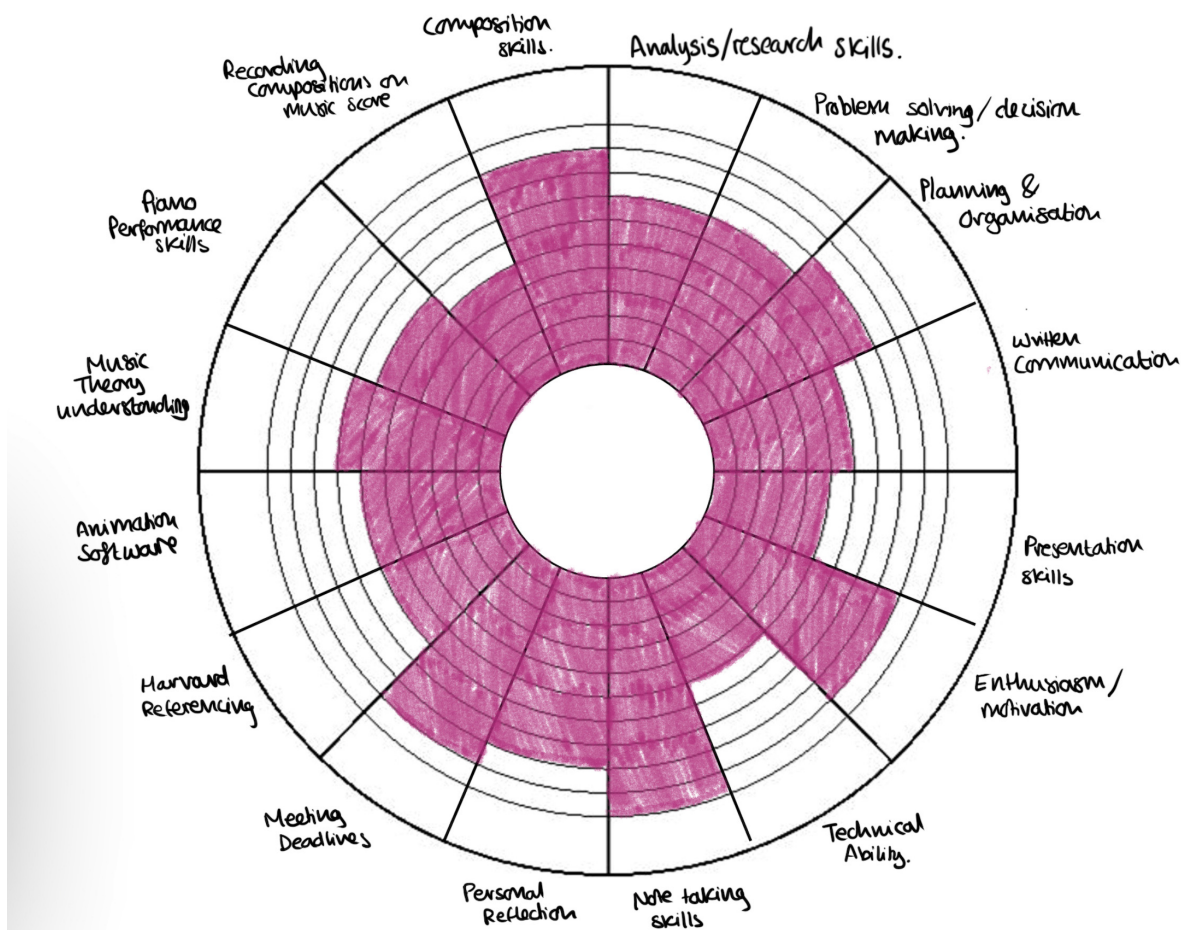


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Using Circle Diagrams to Celebrate Progression

By [Paula Briggs](#)



In the recording ["Thinking About Curriculum Content & Progression in Primary Art"](#) we discuss the use of Circle Diagrams as a gentle, learner centred way to think about assessment.

The circle diagram above is a sample used in the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) for Year 12. In this instance the circle diagram enables the learner to think about the areas/skills/traits they would like to progress, placing them around the periphery of the circle. Each week or month as these skills are developed, through tasks, the learner can colour outwards as a pictorial representation of their growth.

AccessArt would like to invite teachers of Primary-aged children to explore the use of this method. The “[Thinking About Curriculum Content & Progression in Primary Art](#)” describes the range of skills and traits which we think it is important to develop. By creating a simple circle diagram with your chosen skills/traits, children can become aware of their own sense of development over time.

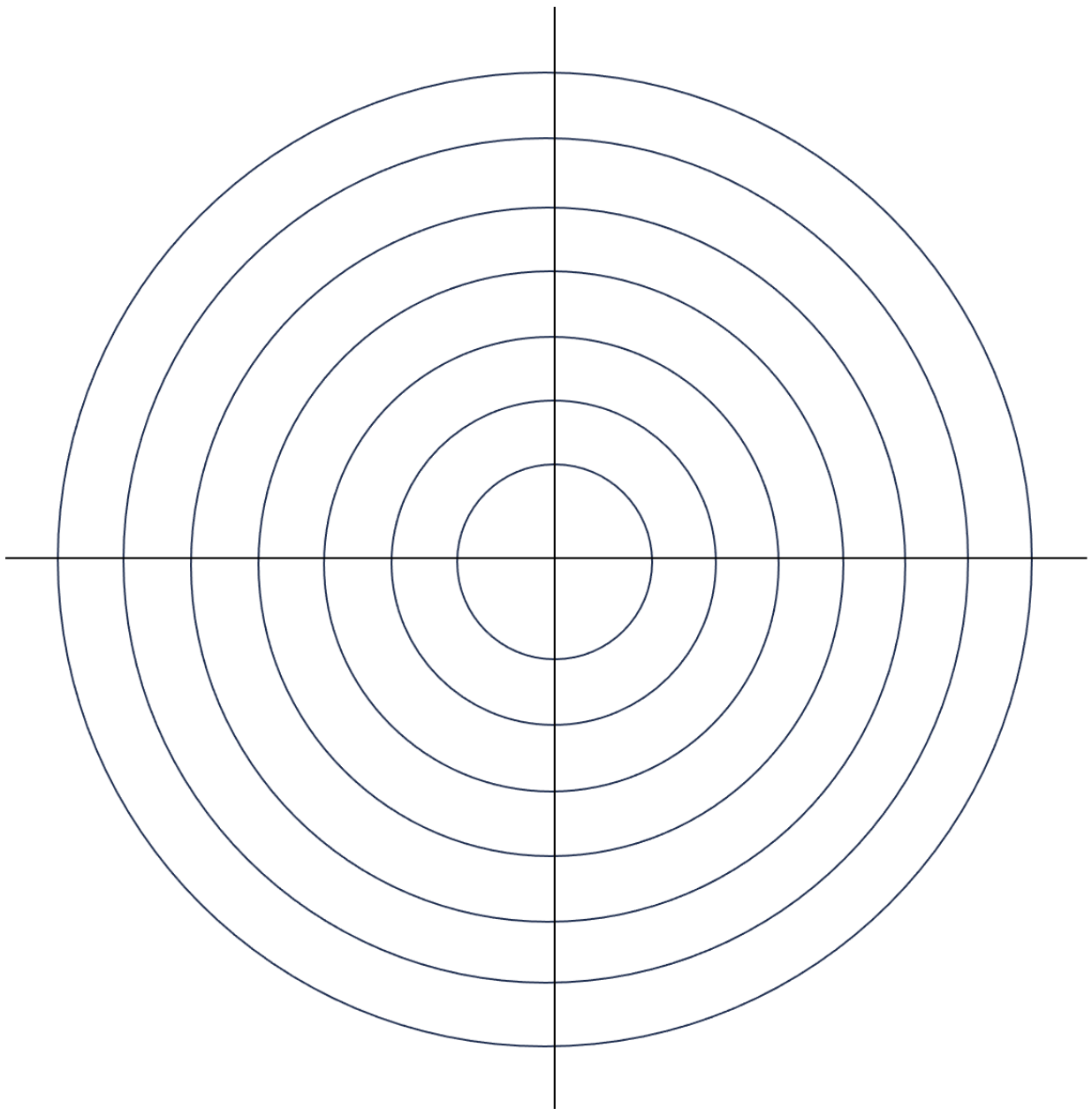
There are many ways of succeeding in art – for some children looking at and talking about art will be their skill, for other children drawing skills will be their strength, for others making. We don't want or need to make sure all children succeed equally in all areas – of course children will progress all skills, but the circle diagram enables everyone to celebrate each child's particular strengths without pitting them against another child or a fictitious standard. The aim is not to see the whole circle coloured in, but instead to use the diagrams to recognise where strengths (and perhaps areas to be developed) exist.

Remember:

- Keep it light and celebratory! There is no need for heavy handed assessment – creativity is a fragile thing and it can be easily damaged.
- Think holistically! Learning takes place

through art, as well as about art, and the development of the pupil as a whole person is important. Never rely on measurement of certain skills (such as technical skills) above all other skills. [Watch the video here.](#)

[Download our template circle diagram here.](#)



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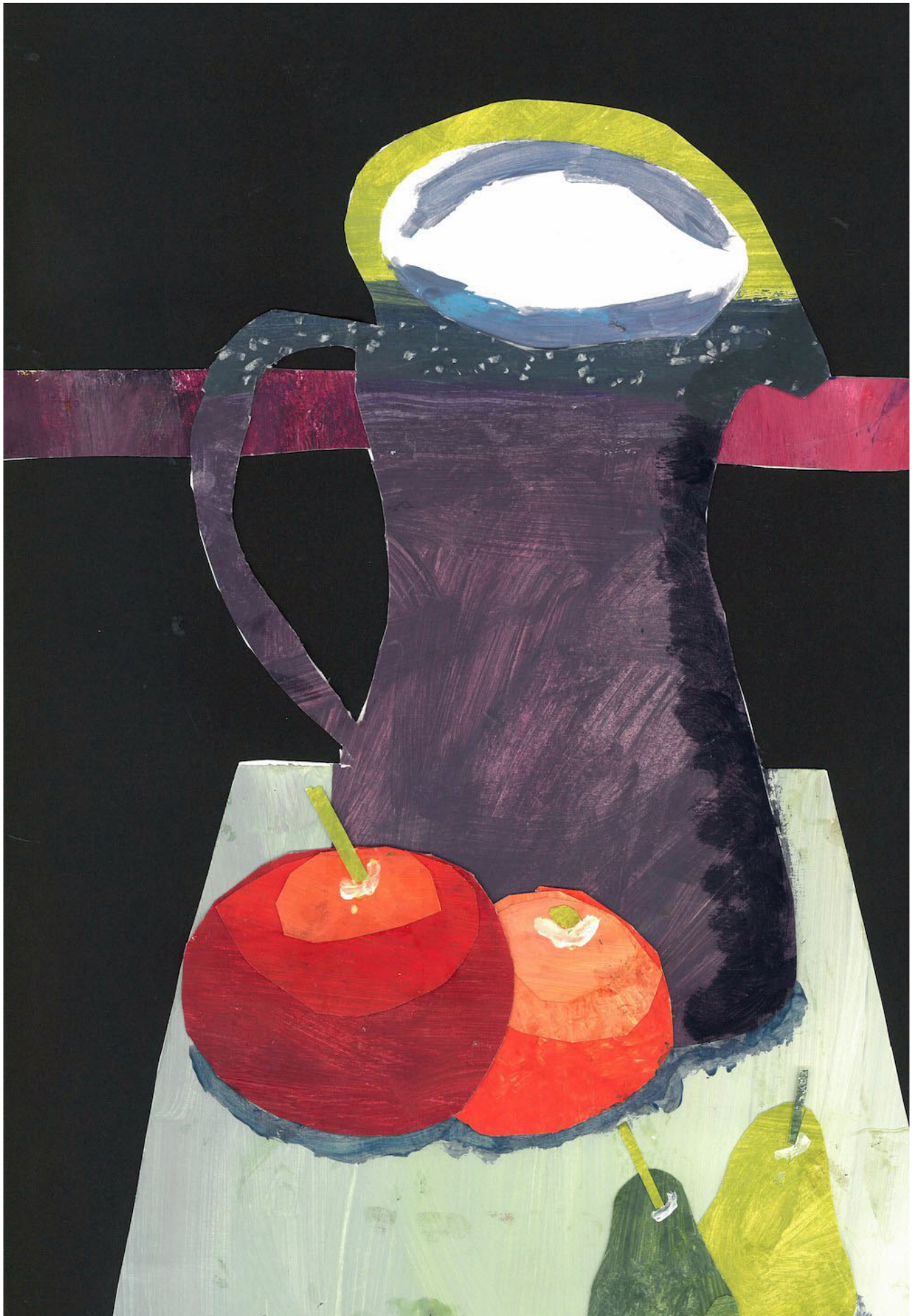


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The AccessArt Primary Art Curriculum – Impact & Evidence Autumn 2023

The AccessArt Primary Art Curriculum User Survey October 2023



In the summer of 2023, a year on from the launch of the [AccessArt Primary Art Curriculum](#), we conducted this survey to invite users to feedback their experiences of using the resources so far.

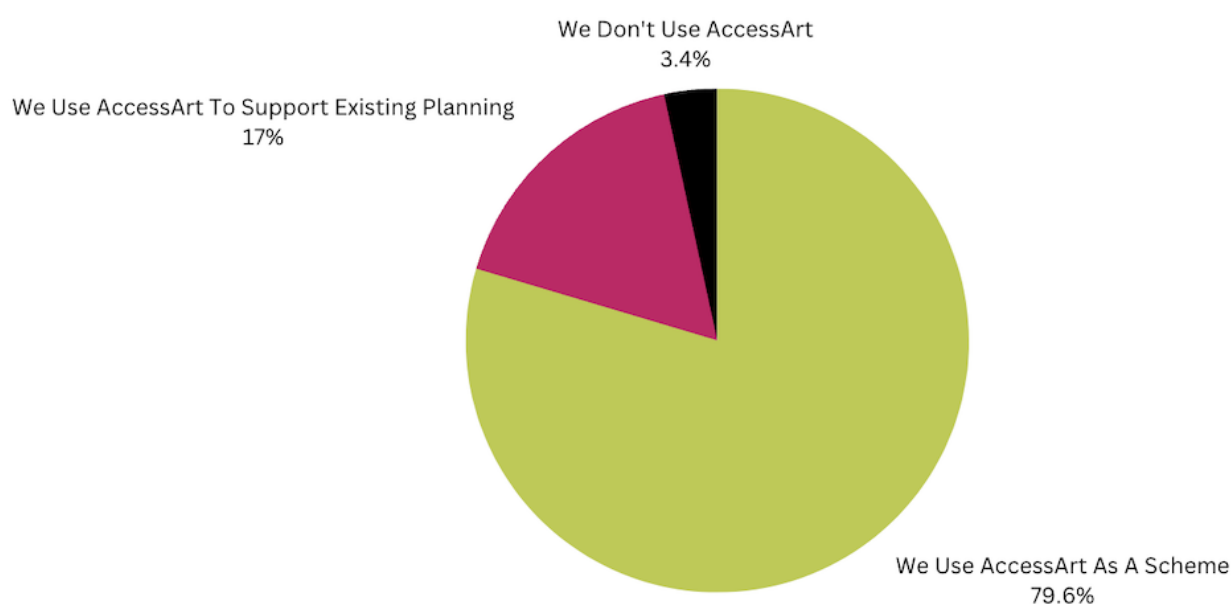
You can find everything you need to know about the AccessArt Primary Art Curriculum [here](#). The survey did not include feedback to the EYFS element of the Curriculum, though many respondents mentioned the benefits of this addition in their qualitative responses.

A total of 447 people completed the survey – thank you to all those who took the time. We hope you find this summary useful.

You can find a pdf of the report [here](#) including an appendix of qualitative feedback.

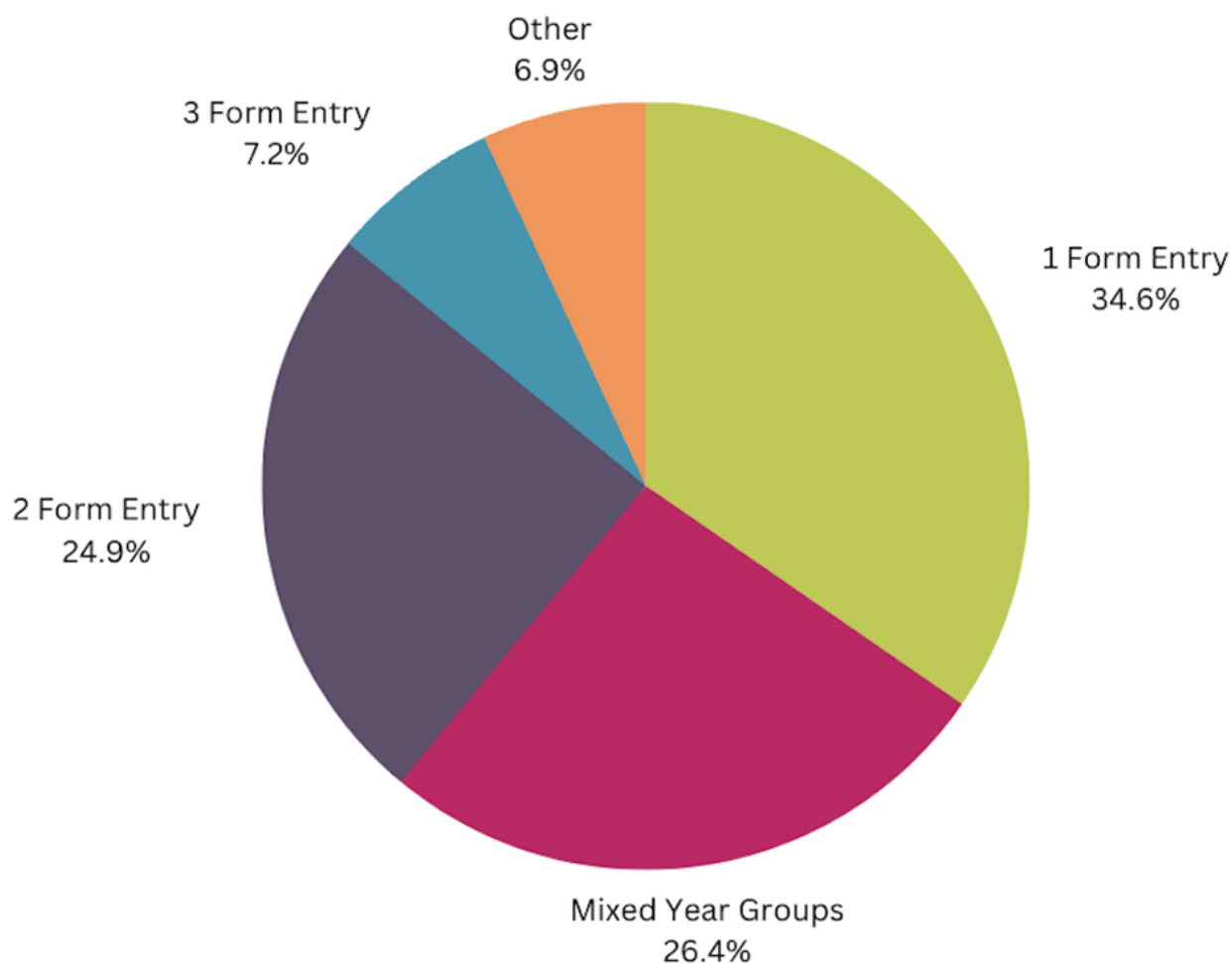
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How is AccessArt Being Used Across Schools?

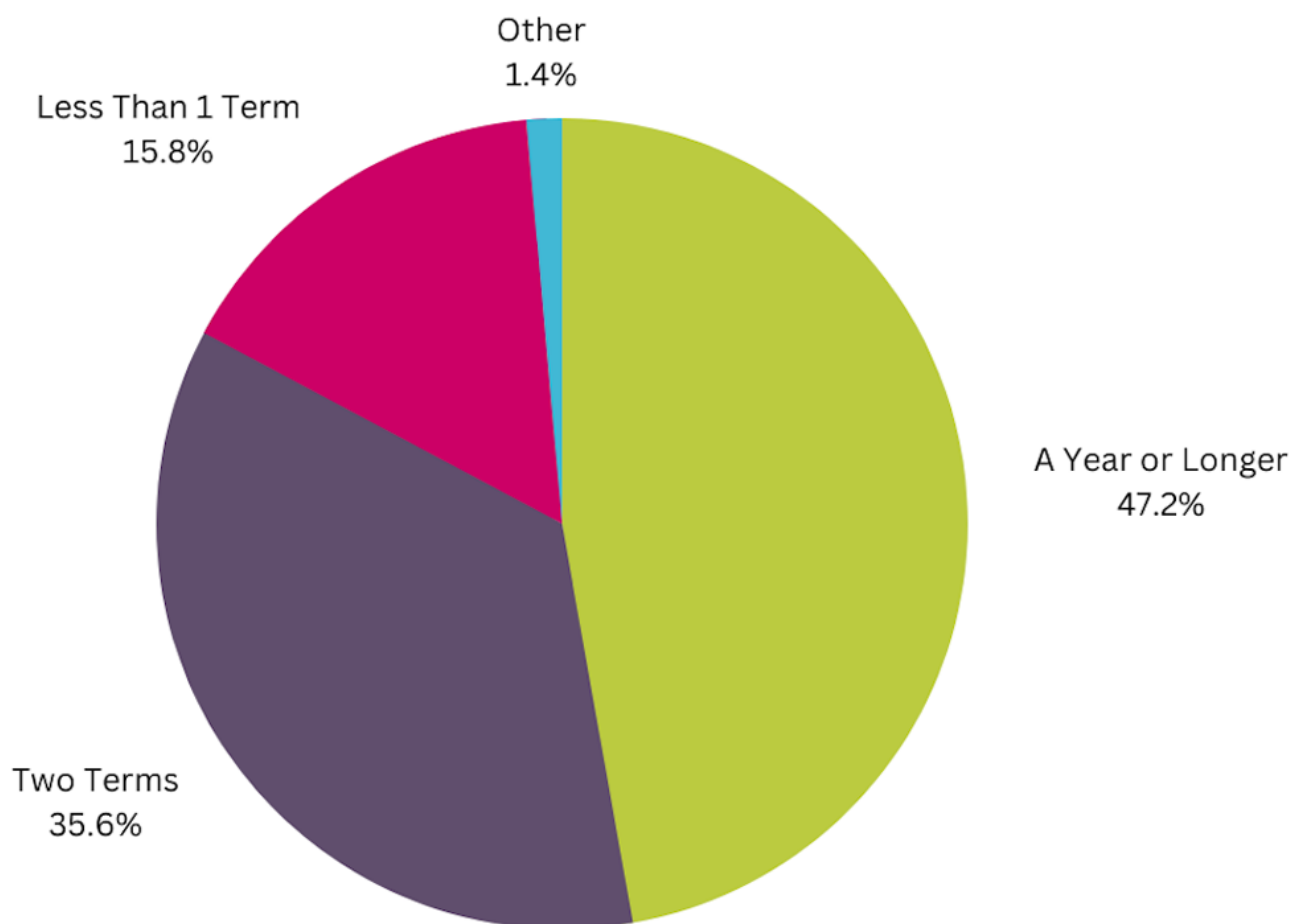


The majority of respondents use AccessArt as a scheme, with a smaller percentage using our resources to support their own planning or to extend the resources of other schemes such as Kapow.

How Large is Your School?



How Long has Your School Been Using AccessArt?



The smallest school that uses AccessArt as a scheme has just 18 pupils.

The majority of schools are 1 form entry and a significant number teach in mixed year groups.

AccessArt Primary Art Curriculum Versions

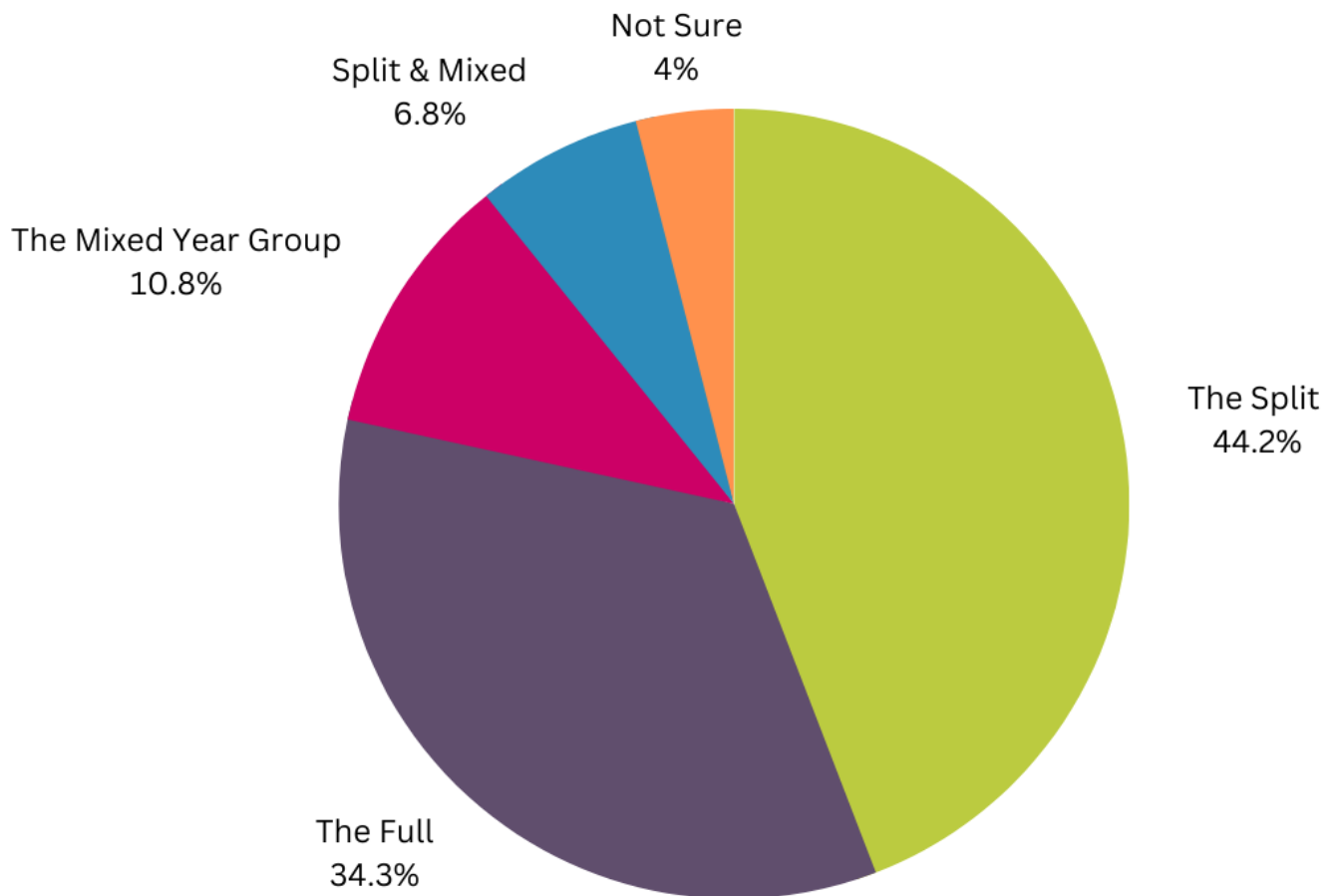
We offer four versions of the Curriculum: the Full (36 pathways based upon one week of art each week), the Split (for schools who alternate Art with DT), the Mixed (for schools teaching art full time in mixed year group classes), and the Split & Mixed (for schools teaching in mixed year group

classes and alternating with DT).

Interestingly, and a clear indicator of the pressures on schools across the timetable, the single largest sector of schools use our Split Curriculum. This may also be an indicator of the flexibility of our Curriculum for schools working in this way.



Which Curriculum is Used by Schools?



Some schools did comment that using the Split Curriculum successfully in their school had strengthened their argument to move art to a full time basis; clear evidence that if we can create an enthusiasm for art in schools amongst teachers and pupils, and demonstrate its purpose and relevance, then we can create a demand.

When making choices about which scheme to use, it is vital that teachers choose a scheme [whose ethos](#) matches or informs that of the school.

[The Pathways](#), [Creative Ethos](#), flexibility and adaptability all scored highly as reasons teachers choose AccessArt. The Curriculum also comes highly

recommended by other teachers and trusts.

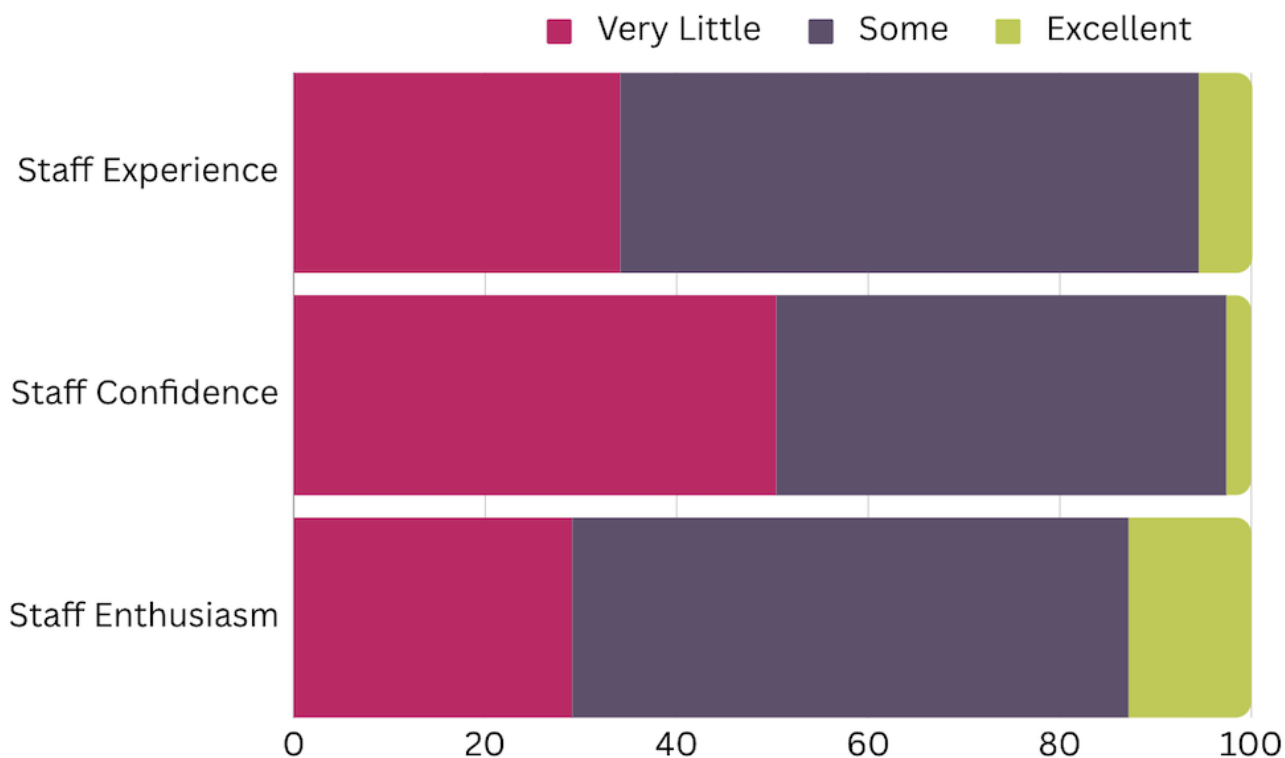
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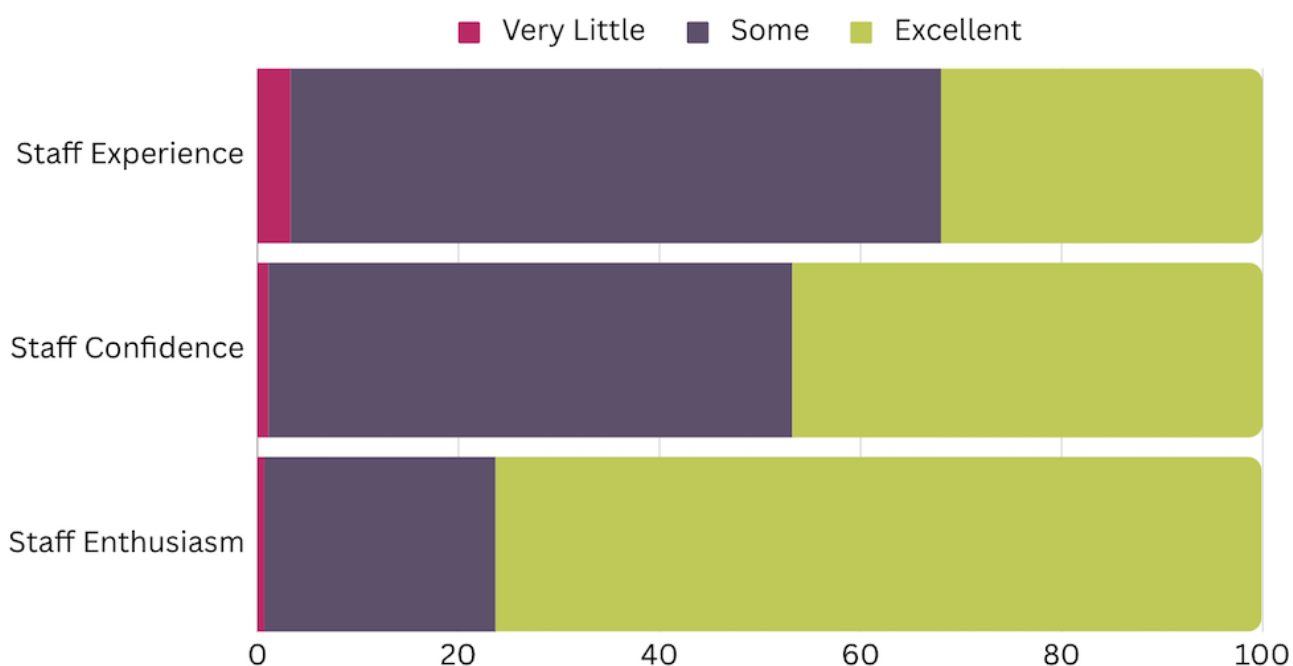
Impact Upon Teaching

We are thrilled to see dramatic increases in staff experience, confidence, and enthusiasm in teaching art after just a short time of using our resources, as perceived by the Art Lead.

Staff Feeling *Before* AccessArt



Staff Feeling *After* AccessArt



Over 67% of respondents feel that their arts curriculum is now more diverse, contemporary and relevant, and therefore there was more

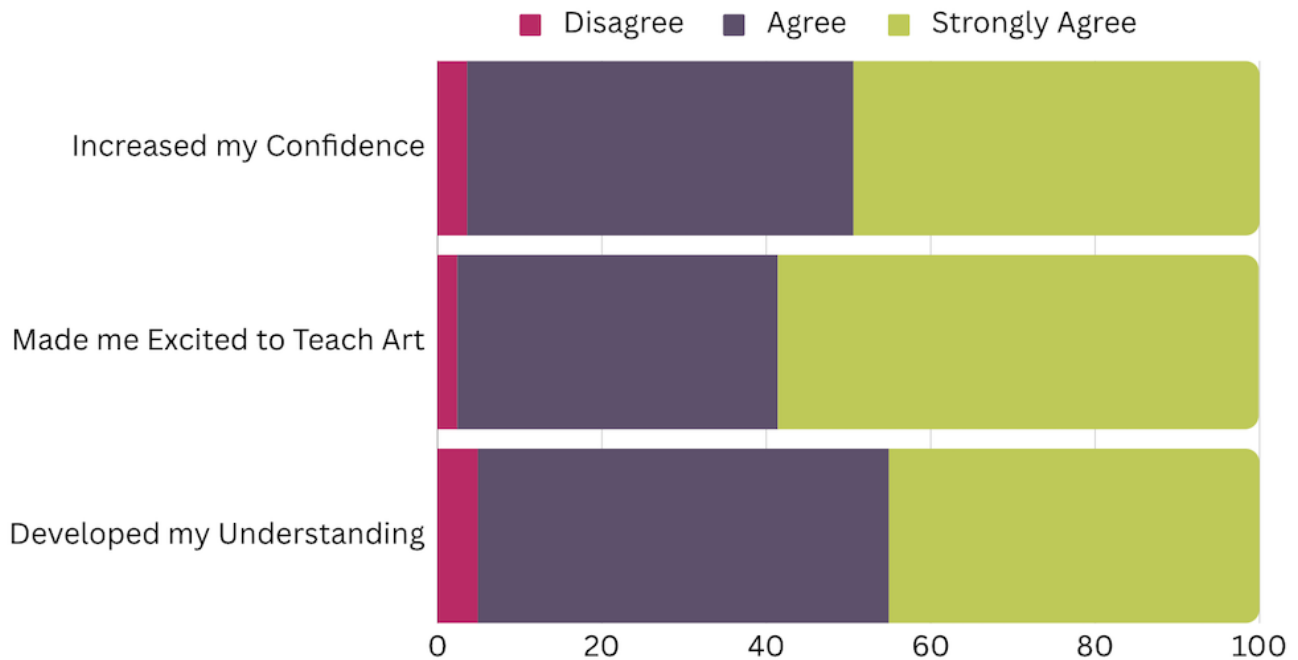
appreciation for art as a valuable subject in their school. Over 66% of teachers feel that they now have a clear structure from which to explore art, and that they understand how their teaching fitted into the bigger picture in school. 62% of teachers have a better understanding of the importance of an open-ended exploratory approach and how to enable this kind of learning.

Class teachers reflected upon changes to their own understanding, with 47% / 49.4% teachers agreeing / strongly agreeing that their confidence had increased, 39% / 58.5% of teachers agreeing / strongly agreeing that they felt more enthusiasm to teach art, and 50% / 45.1 agreeing / strongly agreeing / that their understanding in teaching art had increased.



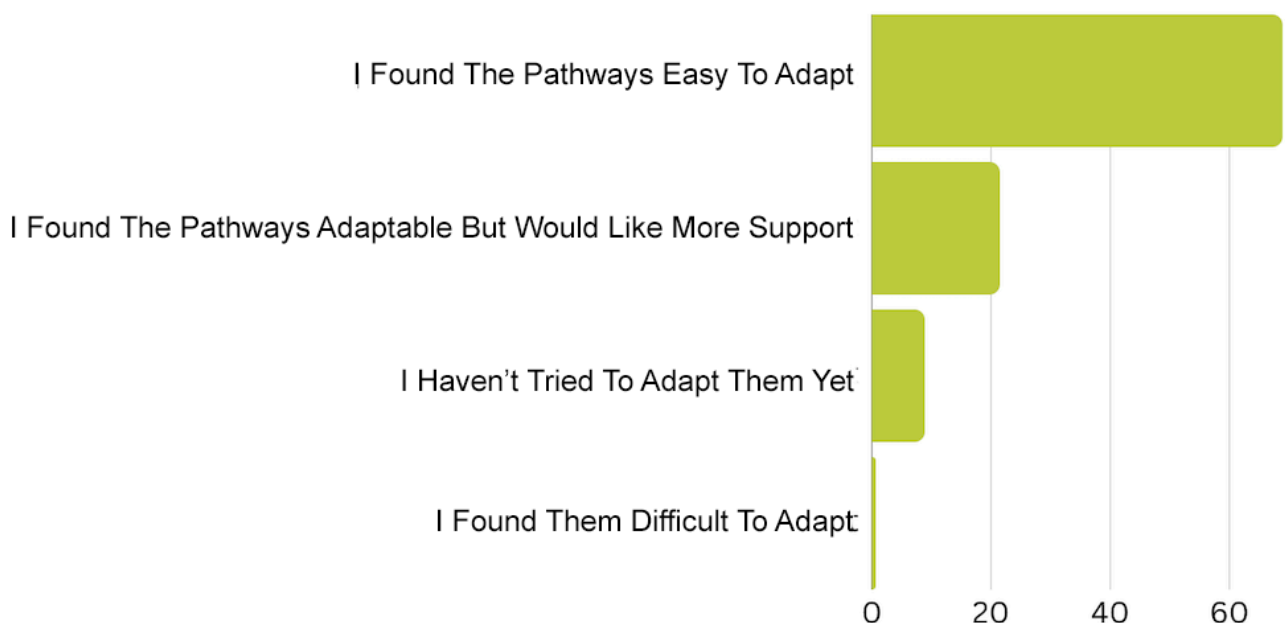
Impact Upon Teachers

65% of teachers responded saying they felt using our resources had helped them feel more connected to their own creativity.



Adaptability

Over 68% found it easy to adapt the [Pathways](#) to their pupils / needs.



"FEEDBACK FROM THE ART DEEP DIVE WAS POSITIVE.
IT WAS COMMENTED THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT
DIFFERENCE IN THE PROGRESSION SKILLS AND
QUALITY OF WORK."

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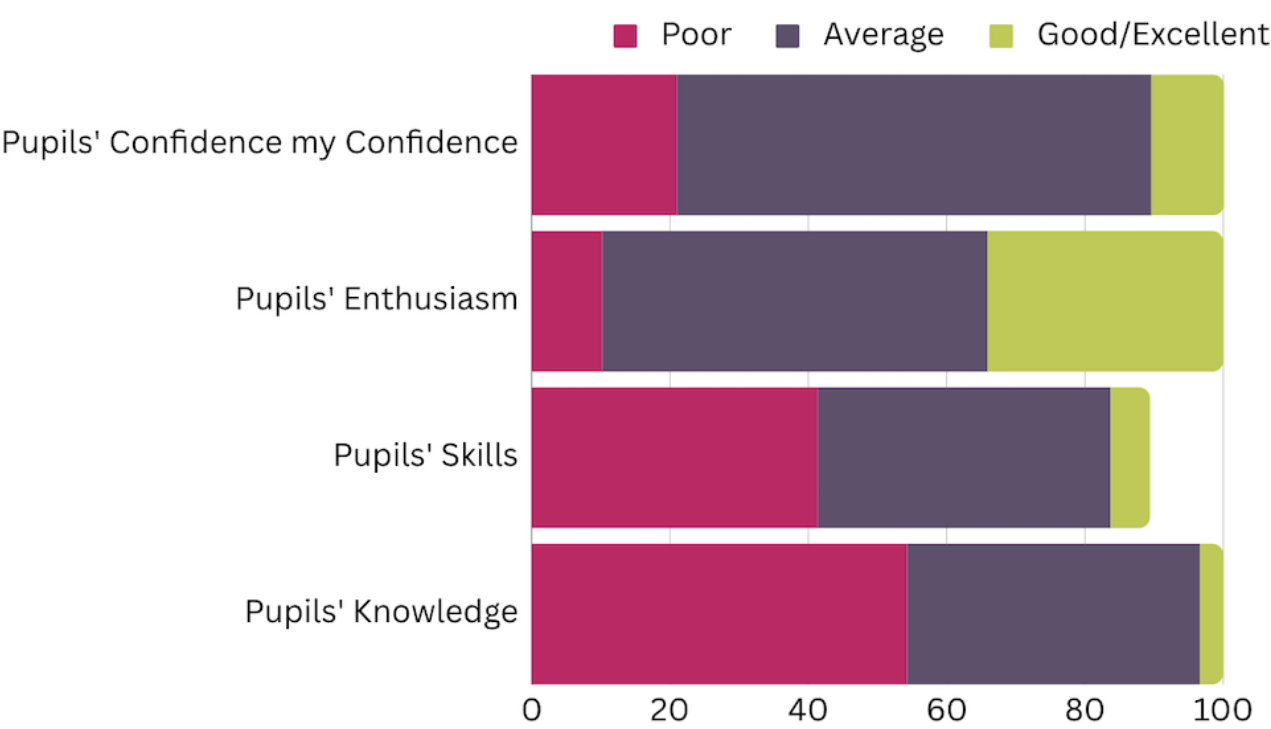
Of those who answered, 26% were due for an Ofsted Visit imminently and 13% had just been visited. AccessArt will be inviting teachers to submit experiences to share on AccessArt.



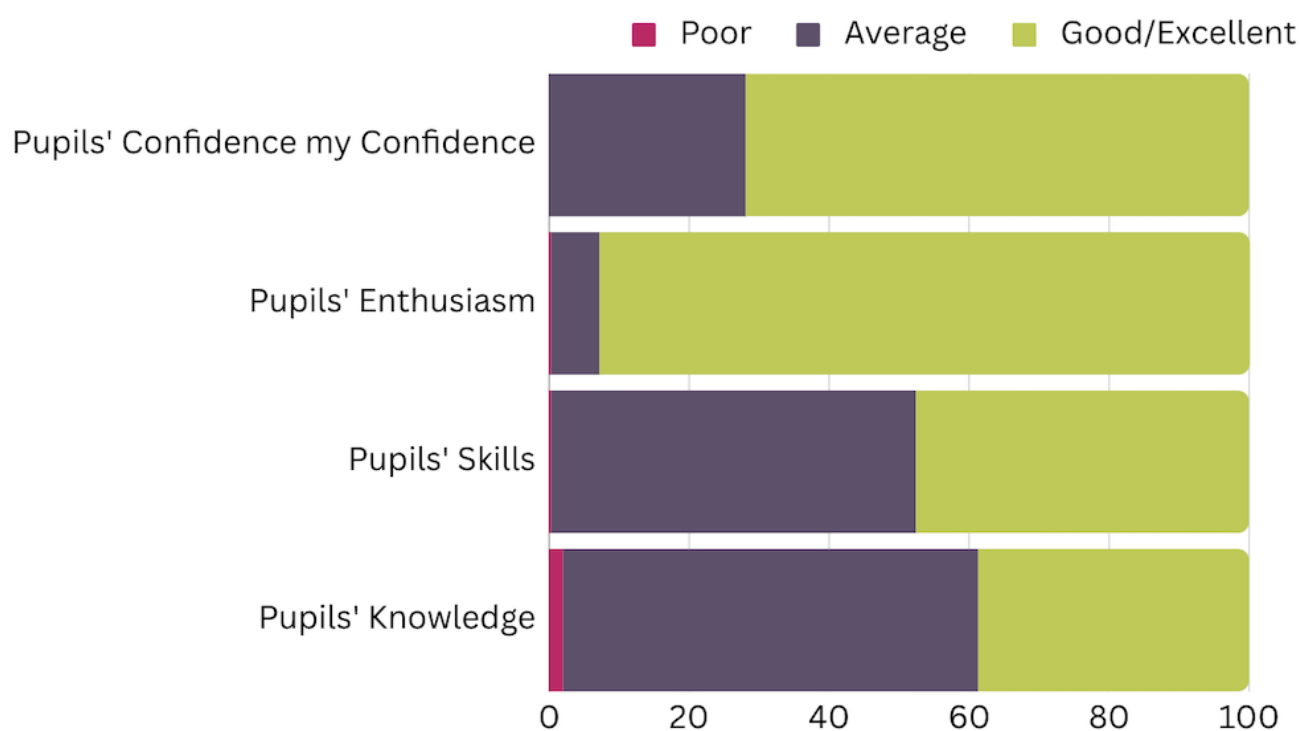
Impact on Children

As with the teachers, we saw large increases in confidence, enthusiasm, skills and knowledge from the children, as perceived by the teachers. This is especially heartening to hear given the short amount of time most schools have been using AccessArt. We expect these increases to compound over time as children are exposed to AccessArt approaches and pathways each year.

Pupils *Before* Using AccessArt

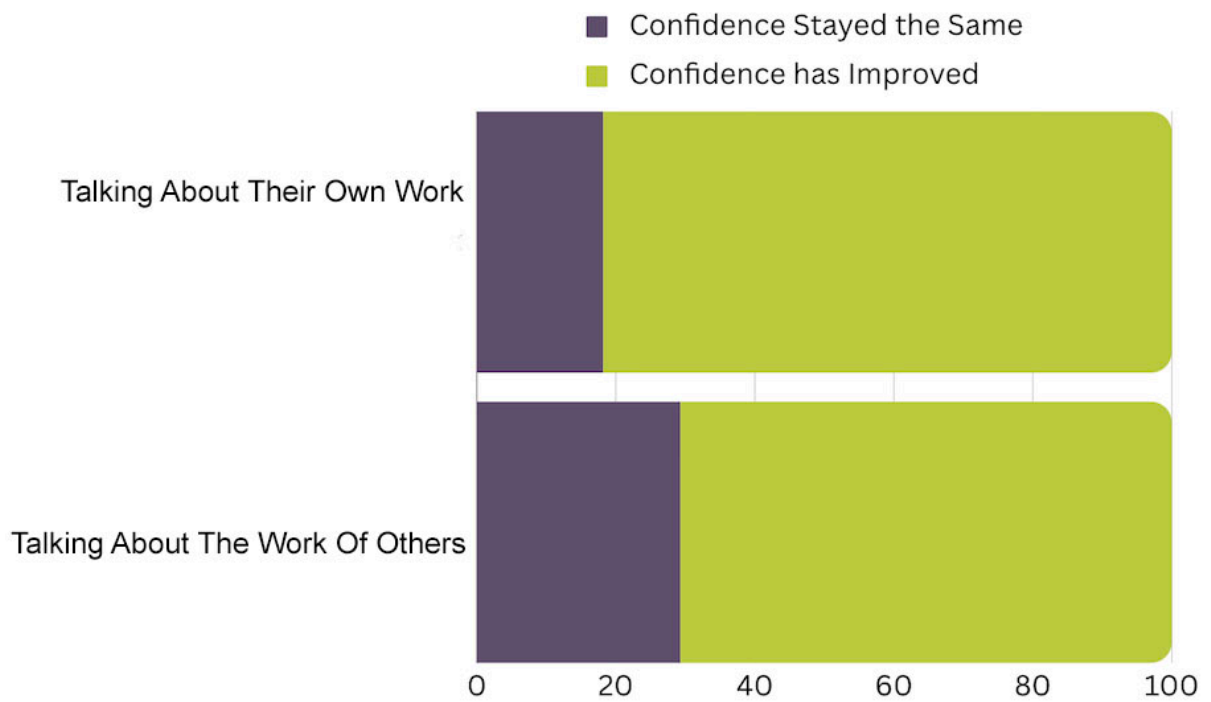


Pupils *After* Using AccessArt



Skills and Knowledge

Teachers report demonstrable growth in skills and knowledge relating to drawing (77.4%), sketchbooks (71.9%), painting, printmaking & collage (45.5%) and sculpture (45.5%), amongst others. These figures follow the emphasis in weight given to these areas in the Pathways with drawing and sketchbooks underpinning all creative activity.



Oracy

Oracy skills have dramatically improved.



"ACCESSART HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BEST SCHEME
OF WORKS THAT WE HAVE BOUGHT AS A SCHOOL
AND THE CHILDREN ALL TALK ABOUT ART AS THEIR
FAVOURITE SUBJECT. THEY ARE PROUD OF THEIR
SKETCHBOOKS, PROUD OF THE OWNERSHIP THAT
THEY HAVE OF THEM, AND ALL THE EXPLORATION
THEY HAVE DONE INSIDE."

"THEY DON'T TALK ABOUT THEMSELVES
NEGATIVELY ANY MORE WHEN IT COMES TO ART.
THEY ARE MORE CONFIDENT AT EXPRESSING
THEMSELVES AND USING THEIR OWN IDEAS."



Behaviours

The AccessArt Primary Art Curriculum is a holistic curriculum, and teachers reported the following behaviours had been developed through Curriculum use:

- Enjoyment of Exploring 92.8%**
- Willingness to Take Creative Risks 82.1%**
- Sharing Ideas 60.7%**
- Pleasure in Discovery 60.1%**
- Opening of Minds 50%**
- Listening to Others 38.2%**

• Sense of Identity 28.9%

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Explore [examples of the work made by schools](#) inspired by the AccessArt Primary Art Curriculum.

Session Recording: Using AccessArt in ITE and ITT

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Talking Points: Samantha Bryan

A collection of sources and imagery to explore the work of Samantha Bryan.

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Samantha Bryan

“Working from her garden studio in Mirfield, West Yorkshire, Samantha Bryan has produced a new body of work for her exhibition at [YSP](#) celebrating 20 years of making. Known for creating distinctive figures, she has gained a worldwide cult following.

For two decades Bryan has been making humorous yet industrious fairy-like creatures; adorned with items from her eclectic hoard of buttons, spotted feathers, seed pods, dyed leathers, and contraptions influenced by Victorian flying machines. She combines these materials and found objects to inform their intriguing personalities.”

– [Yorkshire Sculpture Park](#)



Introducing the BAAV Blimp

Brain's Ariel Application Vehicle is a new cutting edge tool welcomed by the Fairy Dust Industry. This aircraft can do in minutes what it would take ground-based workers days to complete. Its increased capacity makes dust spreading incredibly efficient. It's hopper can hold 120 pounds of dust and can sprinkle around 80 acres per hour. Revolutionary for fairy life.

51 x 41 x 21cm (w,h,d) 2022 Image: Red Photograpgy



Introducing... Brain's Bottom Warming Garments for fairies. Vital for high altitude flying. 36 x 12cm x 10cm (h,w,d) 2022 Image: Joanne Crawford

Fairies often find themselves flying at high

altitude. A dangerous pursuit with its many risks. The most obvious and most disastrous outcome would be 'wing or limb freeze'. The consequence of which is high speed plummeting fairies. This is easily preventable if body temperature is maintained.

Bottom Warming Garments for fairies © were first developed in 2008. Rolled out in 2009, the revolutionary bottom warming garment has prevented numerous fairy injuries to date.



Brain's Crash Helmet, designed specifically for accident prone fairies...

36 x 12cm x 10cm (h,w,d) 2015 Image: Jess Petrie

The clumsier variety of fairy would always be

advised to wear a crash helmet rather than a standard issue helmet. The Crash Helmet offer greater head coverage and substantial inner padding for increased protection.

The fairy is wearing a tan leather flight suit, hand stitched with patch detail. It stands securely on a wooden base that can be easily mounted on the wall should you wish to do so. It features a typed label and is signed on the reverse



Brain's Dust Distribution Vehicle (Glider)

35 x 31 x 35cm (w,h,d) 2014 Image: Edward Chadwick

Designed to enable a busy fairy to spread dust easily and efficiently

Questions to Ask Children

What objects can you see in Samantha's fairies and inventions?

What do you like about the fairies and why?

Which fairy is your favourite and why?

How has Samantha created personalities for the fairies? Consider accessories, outfits and props.

Do you think the personality grows as she creates the fairies or she plans it in advance? Why?

If you were going to design a fairy based on you, what personality traits might it have? And how could you highlight those traits through accessories, outfits and props?

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Our Creative Community



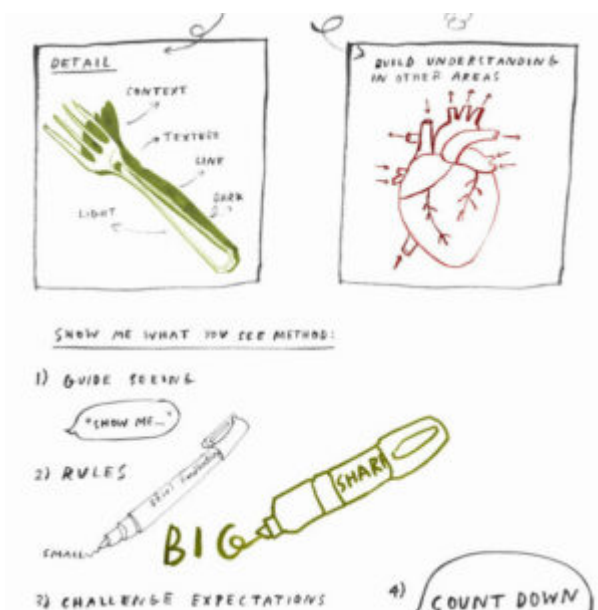
Explore this community focused, pupil-led exemplar project, modelled by Natalie Deane

using sketchbooks to make visual notes



Find out how pupils can respond to artists work in sketchbooks

Show me what you see



[Enable close looking and drawing with this exercise](#)

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