

Autumn Art Explorers with Zara

Learning objective: To understand colour theory, texture, and natural forms through the theme of autumn art.

Read the front of each flashcard and try to answer before revealing the definition on the back. Use these cards to test your knowledge of artistic techniques used to capture the autumn season.

What are 'warm colours' in the context of an autumn landscape?

Colours such as red, orange, and yellow that evoke feelings of heat and the changing leaves of autumn.

Define 'texture' in an art piece.

The perceived surface quality of a work of art, such as the roughness of tree bark or the crunch of fallen leaves.

What is 'composition' in a drawing?

The way in which different elements of a scene are arranged within the frame of the artwork.

What is a 'still life' painting?

A work of art depicting inanimate subject matter, such as a bowl of harvested pumpkins or a collection of acorns.

What does 'tone' refer to in sketching?

The lightness or darkness of a colour, used to create depth and show where light hits a leaf or a branch.

What is 'hatching' in drawing?

A technique used to create shading and texture by drawing closely spaced parallel lines.

Why do artists use 'contrast' in an autumn forest scene?

To show the difference between elements, such as the bright orange leaves against a dark, moody grey sky.

Define 'medium' in art.

The materials used by an artist to create their work, such as watercolours, charcoal, or pastels.

What is a 'sketch'?

A rough or unfinished drawing often used to capture the movement of falling leaves or the shape of a tree before the final piece.

What are 'secondary colours'?

Colours created by mixing two primary colours together, such as green, orange, and purple, which are essential for mixing autumn foliage shades.

How can you use 'overlapping' in an art piece?

Placing one object in front of another to create a sense of depth and distance in a landscape.

What is a 'wash' in watercolour painting?

A thin, transparent layer of paint used to create a soft background, like a misty autumn morning sky.