Zara's Portrait Masterclass: Art Flashcards

Learning objective: To understand the key techniques and terminology used when creating portraits in the style of Year 4 Art curriculum standards.

Read the front of the card to see the term or question. Test your knowledge by saying the answer aloud before checking the back of the card.

What is a portrait?	A portrait is a work of art that captures the likeness, personality, and mood of a specific person.
What do we call a portrait that an artist creates of themselves?	A self-portrait.
Define 'features' in the context of portraiture.	Features are the individual parts of a face, such as eyes, nose, mouth, and ears.
What does 'proportion' mean when drawing a face?	Proportion is the correct relationship in size between different parts of the face, ensuring they look realistic.
What is a 'profile' view?	A profile is a side view of a person's face.
What is the 'medium' in art?	The medium is the material used to create the artwork, such as pencils, charcoal, paint, or pastels.
Explain 'composition' in a portrait.	Composition is how the artist arranges the person and the objects within the frame of the artwork.
How does 'shading' help a portrait?	Shading adds depth and form by showing where light hits the face and where shadows fall.
What is an 'expression' in a portrait?	The expression is the look on the person's face, such as smiling, frowning, or looking thoughtful, which shows their emotion.
Why do artists consider the 'background' of a portrait?	The background helps to tell a story about the person or makes the subject stand out more clearly.
What is 'tone' in a drawing?	Tone refers to the lightness or darkness of a colour or a pencil mark, used to create 3D effects.
What is a rough, quick drawing used to plan a portrait called?	A sketch.