



Waterbeach Community Primary School

Curriculum Capture for Year 2 Art: Printing: Pointillism

Key Knowledge

How do I print effectively?

- Printing is when you transfer a pattern or a picture.
- There are lots of different ways that you can print objects including finger prints and block prints.
- There are lots of different tools that can be used to make prints including cotton buds, paint brushes, sponges, celery, potato and polystyrene.



How do I print in the style of George Suerat? (pointillism)

Pointillism was a development of impressionism. Pointillism is an art technique invented mainly by George Seurat and Paul Signac.

Seurat used the science of optics, and realised that if tiny dots of pure colour were painted close together, then the human eye would blend the dots to make a solid colour. These colours formed a pattern or picture.



Key Artist Study

Who is George Seurat?

- Born in Paris on 2nd December 1859.
- He finished his schooling in November 1879 and did a year of military service.
- Georges Seurat developed a new painting technique: Pointillism, dots of colour painted close together.
- Seurat's first masterpiece where he displayed the pointillist technique was 'A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte'. It took 2 years to paint and was completed in 1886.
- George Seurat died at the young age of 31 on 29th March 1891.
- His final painting, 'The Circus', was left unfinished.
- His legacy lived on and his artist friends continued to paint in the new style that George Seurat had created – pointillism.



La Grand Jatte by George Seurat, 1884



The Lighthouse at Honfleur, by George Seurat

Vocabulary

Print	When you transfer a pattern or picture.
Pattern	A repeated decorative design.

Skills

- Explore the technique of pointillism using dots of colour printed close together to form blocks of colour to build up a picture.
- Experiment the placement of dots. Are they too close? Are they too far apart?
- Experiment the use of paint being careful to ensure there isn't too much paint or not enough paint.
- Develop controlled printing against an outline.