

Year 2 Spring

Art Knowledge Organiser

Topic:

Australian Indigenous Art

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Key Vocabulary & Skills:

Aboriginal Australians: the first people to live in Australia



Indigenous Australians: the native people of Australia



Boomerangs: a curved throwing stick used as toys or weapons



rain sticks: a thin, long, hollow tube filled with pebbles or beans. It is a musical instrument which makes the sound of a rainstorm.



History of Aboriginal Art:

Aboriginal culture dates back between 60,000 to 80,000 years ago. Aboriginal art is art made by indigenous Australian people. It includes work made in many different ways including painting on leaves, wood carving, rock carving, sculpting, ceremonial clothing and sand painting. Aboriginal art is closely linked to religious ceremonies or rituals. Australian indigenous art is the oldest ongoing tradition of art in the world.

Key facts/info:

Dreamtime – Indigenous Australians believe that the world was created in Dreamtime. Aboriginals believe that Dreamtime was way back, at the very beginning of time, and that the land and people were created by spirits. Indigenous Australians would tell Dreamtime stories and would draw pictures and symbols into rock and sand.



Key Artists/Movements:

naturalistic style: when something in art is depicted in a realistic and natural way



cross-hatching: when two or more sets of parallel lines cross over one another



dot-painting: a style of painting whereby dots are created by pressing paint on paper using a tool that has a round end

