

Emscote Infant School Knowledge Organiser Year 2 Art



Autumn Term Yayoi Kusama

Key Vocabulary

Artist A person who creates artworks.

Pattern A repeated decorative design.

Medium/ Media The material or technique used to create art (e.g. paint, clay, collage).

Polka Dot A small, round mark or spot.

Technique A special or new method used to create marks, patterns, or effects.

Collage An artwork made by assembling and gluing different materials (paper, shapes, etc.).

3D A shape that is not flat; an object you can view from multiple angles.

Roll To move or shape clay by turning it on a surface, often to make long shapes.

Sculpture A 3-D artwork made by shaping or combining materials (e.g. clay pumpkins).

Colour The hues used (e.g. red, yellow, blue, black, white).

Observe To look carefully and notice details in artworks.

Experiment Trying different tools, media or approaches to see what effects are possible.

Artist

Yayoi Kusama is a Japanese artist who was born on 22nd March 1929. She is well known for her bright and vibrant paintings, sculptures, fashion and installations which all have a very special thing in common... DOTS!

She is sometimes known as 'The Princess of Polka Dots'. Kusama began drawing when she was 10 years old.

She had visions of dots and bright colours which inspired her artwork throughout her life. Her mother did not want her to become an artist and tried to discourage Yayoi from going to art school.



The *Obliteration Room* was a piece of interactive art by Kusama. It begins as a white space which visitors are invited to cover with stickers. Over the course of a few weeks the room is transformed from a blank canvas into an explosion of colour, with thousands of spots stuck over every available surface.

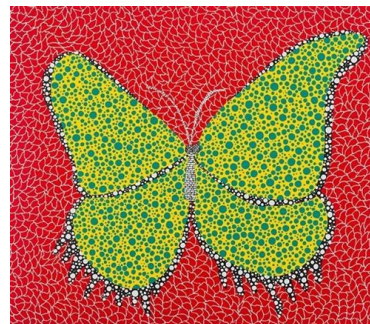
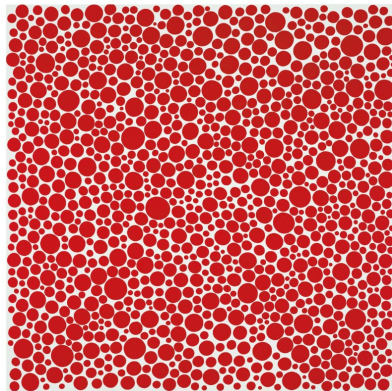


"Our earth is only one polka dot among a million stars in the cosmos." Yayoi Kusama



Pumpkins

This sculpture (at Kensington Gardens) is Kusama's tallest bronze pumpkin sculpture to date, standing at 6 metres tall and 5.5 metres in diameter.



Dotty creations

Here are some of Kusama's other creations.

Dot painting 1929

Butterfly 1988

Mushrooms 1995

Blue Pumpkin 1992