What are the National Curriculum Art & Design skills and what do they mean?

By the end of each key stage, pupils are expected to know, apply and understand the matters, skills and processes specified in the relevant programme of study.

Key stage 2 Pupils should be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.

Pupils should be taught:

- to create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas
- to improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay]
- about great artists, architects and designers in history

NC Art Skills for KS2	These skills aim to ensure that children can:
Develop techniques, including control and use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design	develop personal and creative responses through diverse opportunities to generate original ideas in a variety of ways and to use different media and processes
Mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials	draw, paint and sculpt with a range of materials (for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay). respond thoughtfully and act with purpose to develop skills, selecting and controlling suitable tools and systems with increasing proficiency to achieve intended outcomes
Use sketchbooks to record observations	record observations and use them to review and revisit ideas investigate, analyse, experiment and work expressively to explore and record observations, imagination, feelings and personal responses when engaged in creative processes and when making outcomes
Knowledge of great artists, architects and designers in history	understand the historical and cultural development of their art form