## Painting: Frida Kahlo



| Vocabulary |  |
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| atmosphere | The tone or mood of a painting |
| complementary <br> colours | Pairs of colours that contrast with each <br> other |
| expression | To show thoughts and feelings |
| opaque | You cannot see through it |
| primary colours | The basic colours; red, yellow and blue |
| secondary <br> colours | Colours made from primary colours; <br> orange, green and purple |
| stroke | A mark made by a paintbrush on a <br> surface |
| tertiary colours | Mixing an equal amount of primary <br> colour with a secondary colour |

## Working with colour

We can use colour in our art to create atmosphere and light effects. We can do this by using the correct colours, tones and tints to suit the intended atmosphere.

Why use warm colours? Warm colours are used in art pieces to give a sense of warmth, happiness and energy. Warm colours may seem closer to the viewer.

Why use cool colours? Cool colours are used in art because they evoke a feeling of calm and a soothing quality. Cool colours are perceived as further away from the viewer and are used to show distance.

Why use complementary colours? When complementary colours are used together they are vibrant and make images 'pop' and stand out.

## Within this topic we will:

* Use different colours to add expression, atmosphere and light
*Understand how different media can be combined to work together
* Use shade and light to create depth in a painting.


The brushes we use will impact on the overall effect of our painting.
Brushes and strokes


## Frida Kahlo (1907-1954)

Frida Kahlo was a Mexican artist. Fifty-five of her 143 paintings are of herself. She was also influenced by native Mexican culture, shown in bright colours, with a mixture of realism and symbolism.

Year 5 will learn about working with colour and think about how colours can make you feel. During our Year 5 Geography topic we learn about Mexico and its culture. We will use our topic work as inspiration for creating our own Kahlo-style paintings.

Famous works by this artist include 'The Two Fridas' and 'Self Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird'


