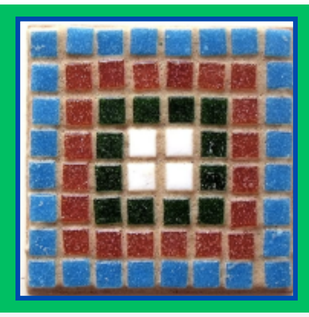
Year 3 Art
Roman mosaics

Keywords		
	Pattern	repeated design (lines, shapes, colour or sizes)
	Motif	a decorative image forming a pattern
	Geometric design	design made from rectangles, squares and circles
	Tesserae	tiny coloured stones



Mosaic is a picture produced by arranging together small pieces of stone, tile, glass

Key knowledge:

- found in public buildings
- used to decorate Roman building
- pictures and patterns made from tiny pieces of coloured stones
- mosaics in Britain were made from cut red brick, tile or glass
- way to show off wealth in the past
- created strong surfaces for walking on but they were also used for advertisements and signs

Key questions:

- Can you explain why moisaics were used in Roman times?
- What were mosaics in Britain made from?
- List the steps to print using tesserae
- Where can you find mosaics?
- What is a motif?

Key techniques: How to print using tesserae

- if paint begins to dry out, add a few drops of water and mix with a brush before using paint again
- spread the paint out again every so often to ensure there is an even layer
- make a second or third print if enough paint remains
- continue to print your chosen design
- when you need to change colour, wash the tile clean and dry with a paper towel before using it in a tray with a different colour of paint
- transfer the tile to your paper and press it down firmly in the place required
- press a stone tesserae into the paint, coating the 1cm square end evenly in paint

Key examples: