Unit 1 Art Overview – African Art/Ceramics

You will

- Demonstrate your knowledge of African art and pattern, to create a piece of relief clay work
- Investigate how a range of African cultures and tribes use symbols in their art to show meaning

Lesson Overview

- Create a research sheet which shows investigations into a culture or tribe found in Africa
- Design and make a clay stamp which shows a link with your character (this will be used to decorate your clay sculpture)
- Develop skills with clay relief work, modelling and incising.
- Create an imaginative clay sculpture based on your chosen African cultue/tribe
- Experiment with a range of clay decoration techniques using coloured slips – sgraffito, stencilling, slip trailing and impressing.

Key Words

Sgraffito - Decoration made by scratching through a surface to reveal a lower layer

Score - lines or texture made into a surface

Slip – clay mixed with water, used to stick pieces of clay together, after the clay has been scored.

Incising -To cut into the surface of the clay.to carve out a design or pattern.

Relief - Relief is a sculptural technique. The term relief is from the Latin verb relevo, to raise. To create a sculpture in relief is to add a layer to a surface.

Modelling-moulding or manipulating materials into a specific shape

Slip trailing - Decorating an object with a poured stream of slip

Impressing-pressing a tool or item into the clay to create a textured surface. Can be repeated to create a pattern.

Exaggeration -To make or larger greater than it really is

Imagination-forming new ideas or images.

Original- Originality, new ideas that are inventive and haven't been thought of before.

Suggested reading or support available

You tube:

- -African Pottery Forming and Firing
- -African Art The Market of Masks (Documentary of 2015)

Cross curricular

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Literacy links

Develop Art vocabulary further to include specific terminology related to creating clay work.