



**Year 6**  
**Art**  
**Spring 1**



Joaquin Torres Garcia 1874-1949

- Famous for using symbols in his artworks.
- Produced toys, paintings and sculptures.
- Influences included the artist, Mondrian and ancient people such as the ancient Greeks and Egyptians.
- Ancient people used symbols to tell stories and record information.
- Torres Garcia used this as a way of communicating his ideas.
- He wanted his work to look flat, on a grid.
- Garcia preferred earthy colours and used symbols from music, religion, horoscopes, traffic, technology and ancient cultures.



Frida Kahlo 1907-1954

- One of the most important artists of modern times.
- Famous for painting self-portraits and painting women as strong people.



Self-Portrait Dedicated to Dr. Eloesser  
by Frida Kahlo



Construcción

Dream Catchers

- Dream catchers are common in Native American culture.
- They are usually circular and have a web or net in which to 'catch your dream'.
- The net is made by weaving thread around the circle.
- Feathers and beads are used to decorate them because they are special items in this culture.
- They were designed to filter out bad dreams so that only the good dreams could get through to the mind.



Key vocabulary

- Mural: Any piece of artwork painted or applied directly on a wall, ceiling or other permanent substrate.
- Collage: Art made by sticking various different materials such as photographs and pieces of paper or fabric on to a backing.
- Abstract: Art that does not attempt to represent external reality, but rather seeks to achieve its effect using shapes, colours, and textures.
- Texture: The feel, appearance, or consistency of a surface or substance.
- Self-portrait: A portrait that an artist produces of themselves.
- Sculpt: To create or represent something by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques.

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