

Chromatic

Knowledge organiser

Year 3

What is illustration?

Illustration is a type of art that helps to show or explain something.

Illustrations can be used to:

- give information
- tell a story
- advertise something



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Key vocabulary

abstract 	annotate 	blending 	brushstroke
composition 	creativity 	famous 	layer
mixing 	painting 	techniques 	texture

Illustrators

Illustrators create pictures to help people understand.

Maria Sibylla Merian was a science illustrator.

She lived a long time ago, **before cameras were invented**, so she drew plants and insects to help people understand them.



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Watercolour vs acrylic paint

Artists can choose to use different paints for illustration.

Watercolour paint is see-through (transparent) and the colours are made lighter when we add water.



Acrylic paint is thicker and the colours are made lighter when we add white paint.



Techniques

These skills help us when using watercolour paints:

layering – light colours first, dark colours later



blending – mixing colours smoothly



water control – more water makes colours lighter



Safety



- Wash your hands before and after.
- Use paint and brushes gently, don't throw them.
- Use tools as your teacher shows you.
- Don't put paint or tools in your mouth.
- Ask an adult for help.

