

Techniques/ skills



Children will explore a sculpture medium either looking at: **Mosaics** are made by many thousands of tiny pieces to make a mosaic. The small stones or tiles are called tesserae. The pictures were sometimes of scenes from life in Roman times and sometimes pictures of Gods



**or clay: (the techniques of making pots)**  
some techniques when working with clay: **PINCH** - Use your fingers to pinch and poke a single lump of clay into any shape.

**SLAB** - Roll the clay into flat sheets (like a pie crust) to cut apart and assemble.

**COIL** - Roll out long snakes of clay and twist them into coils and shapes.

**WHEEL** - Spin clay on a potter's wheel to form pots and vases.

Examples of art from Roman times mosaics/ pottery/ architecture



'Roman Urn fetches £370,000 Medusa Bignor Villa UK'

The mosaics decorated the floors of Roman villas or other buildings.

How large and impressive a mosaic was, told people about how rich or powerful the owner was.

**Key Questions and knowledge:**

What is a pinch pot/ coil pot?

What is sculpture as an art form?

How do they join clay together?



Key Vocabulary

Word/ term	definition
Mosaic	- Pictures and patterns made from tiny pieces of coloured stone.
Tesserae	tiny stones or tiles used to make a mosaic.
Relief	art work carved into stone to be raised
Urn	A vessel/ pot made from clay
slip	Adding water to clay to join 2 pieces
sculptor	An artist using 3d (such as clay)
Coil pots	Creating a pot using a joining method with long 'snakes' of clay
Pinch pots	using finger and thumb to create a pot

Prior Learning

From their previous work on sculpture, the children should be able to explain how they created a sculpture of a human body using wire (an armature) and Modroc - they should relate this to the work of Alexander Calder (wire sculptor studied in year 2)  
They should recall the names of the artists and sculptors they looked at Year 2 - Calder, Year 3 Elisabeth Frink and Vrieling  
They should be able to talk about what sculpture is and materials that can be used for sculpture (3D work)