



Fritchley CofE (Aided) Primary and Nursery School  
**Can a pot tell a story?**  
 Art Cycle B



Sticky Knowledge:

Creative Ideas and Examples



**Modelling:** Use hollowing, pinching, coiling, wedging and kneading to fashion the clay slab into your vase shape.

**Painting:** Use paint to create designs onto your vase/ pot. Think about which ideas present Greek life/ mythology to add authenticity to your work.

**Design:** Use your sketchbook to experiment with different shapes, handles and patterns, influenced by known examples.



**Finishing:** Your vase needs to be fired in the oven in order to harden. Consider using a gloss or varnish to add shine/ enhance the colours in your work.

Vocabulary:

Word	Definition
Ceramic	Relating to all types of pottery; usually glazed.
Clay	The mouldable substance from which pottery is made.
Pottery	Something made from clay.
Sculpt	To shape clay or stone into another form.
Modelling	Modelling is the process of working a slab of clay into a shape or form, before it has been fired in an oven. There are lots of techniques that the potter can use in order to create precise shapes.
Score	To cut lines into something.
Glaze	A protective liquid that makes a pot waterproof.
Fire	To heat clay to make it solid.
Pinching	Squeezing the clay between finger and thumb to create a shape.
Coiling	Rolling clay into thin rolls which are layered upon each other to create a shape.

Overview

-The Ancient Greeks produced many different types of art, including paintings, statues and sculptures.  
 -Perhaps their most famous inventions, however, were black and red decorated pots.

-They normally showed black figures on a red background (more of an amber once fired), but later works showed red figures on black backgrounds.

-Not only were these pots beautiful works of art that showed Ancient Greek life and beliefs, they were also practical, as they were used for holding wine or water.

-Ancient Greek artists would make these pots using a pottery wheel and would sell them to make money.

-The vases were popular in the homes of wealthy people.



Ancient Greek Pottery Timeline

<p><b>1,000 BCE</b> The first Greek pottery is produced.</p> 	<p><b>900BCE</b> Geometric styles of pottery become popular.</p> 	<p><b>625 BCE</b> Black figure pottery becomes popular.</p> 	<p><b>530 BCE</b> The period of red-figure pottery begins.</p> 	<p><b>320 BCE</b> The last example of Ancient Greek pottery</p> 
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