Third Rock from the Sun

How can I use acrylic paint to create colour in the style of Vincent Van Gogh?



Who was Vincent Van Gogh?

- He was born in the Netherlands but travelled across Europe and was inspired by the art he saw.
- He loved to paint the places he visited.
- He suffered form mental health problems and used is art to express his emotions.
- When he was alive he wasn't famous and only sold one painting.
- Now he is seen as one of the most successful painters in history.
- He worked with speed and passion, using coarse brushstrokes.

Applying Past Knowledge

This learning links with the lessons you had in year 4 on water colour and to learning in year 6 when you will use acrylic paint again.







How do I apply acrylic paint?

Acrylic paint is thicker than other paint so can be used to create texture and interest to a surface.

- To make thin lines on the canvas, dip the side of the paintbrush in a small amount of paint and glide the edge of the brush along your image in one quick stroke.
- for dry brush looks as well. To create this look, add less paint to your canvas and spread the pigment with a clean paint brush.



Key Vocabulary

Paint Pallets—A selection of colours to choose from.

Impasto —Using thickly textured paints that often stick out of the canvas.

Acrylic Paint Brushes – paint brushes used for acrylic paint.

Acrylic Paint- A type of paint which can be diluted with water and used thinly or thickly.

Tertiary Colour—A mixture of primary and secondary or two secondary colours.



The Starry Night (1889) Oil on canvas

How can I make tertiary colours?

A tertiary colour is made by mixing equal amounts of a primary colour and a secondary colour together.

