

# Year 3 Summer Term Art Knowledge Organiser – Watercolours

Featured Artist: Paul Oughton



Born:

Still living.

Paul Oughton is a self-taught artist who has been painting for nearly ten years. In that time, he has become one of the North East's most popular artists. Using many different **media** Paul produces vibrant colourful paintings in very different styles covering a diverse range of subjects.

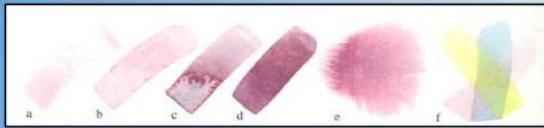
**Interesting Facts:**

- Paul's inspiration comes from his own life experiences and from conversations with ordinary local people who tell him stories of their simple but happy childhoods.
- He used to be a police officer.



**Key Vocabulary:**

**wash, wet, dry, bleeding** (colours touch and blend), **lifting** (removing wet paint to correct mistakes), **primary, secondary & complementary colours, composition** (the arrangement of elements within a painting), **foreground, background, negative space** (empty areas in a composition).



- Watercolour can either come in block or tube form.
- Watercolour = **WATERY COLOUR**. It should be applied in light, thin layers using plenty of water.
- Special 'watercolour paper' is usually used that is thicker and can absorb more water due to the amount of water that is used.
- Dries quickly
- Slightly transparent
- Don't mix with white – just add more water to achieve a lighter colour.



**TOP TIPS**

**YOU NEED A GOOD RANGE OF CLEAN BRUSHES, WATER POT, PAPER TOWEL & TISSUE**

1. Sketch out the shape of the object lightly
2. Apply the watercolour in **LIGHT**, watery layers
3. Don't flood the paper with too much water – have a paper towel handy to take excess water/paint off your brush
4. **MIX** colours. Don't use colour straight from the tube/block
5. **DON'T** use white. To make a colour lighter add more water! (white is for adding detail at the end, e.g. whiskers/highlights)
6. If you make a mistake, dab it with tissue while wet to remove the paint
7. Observe the object you are painting closely.
8. Test colours on a piece of scrap paper first

**Famous Watercolour Painters:**

Joseph Turner  
1775-1855

Paul Klee  
1879-1940

Georgia O'Keeffe  
1887-1986

