Year 5 & 6 Summer Term, Cycle B

Focus: Making, Drawing, Sketchbooks

Shadow Puppets

Why are these artists important?

How is their work significant?











Lotte Reiniger



Phillipp Otto Runge

Key artists:

Pippa Dyrlaga



Key Vocabulary:

Paper cutting, cut outs, shadow puppets, performance, culture, traditions, contemporary, narrative, character, present, share, reflect, respond, articulate, feedback, crit, similarities, differences.

Wayang Kulit

A traditional form of puppet-shadow play originally found in the cultures of Java and Bali in Indonesia.



Paper artist

An artist who folds, cut or manipulates paper to create artwork. The images are often first drawn by hand on the reverse of the paper and then cut using a scalpel. However, the paper can also be laser cut by machine.



Articulated puppets

Puppets that can be made to move (an arm or leg etc.)

This can be achieved by fixing split pins at joints and attaching sticks or with wire.



- I can see how a variety of artists and craftspeople use their interest in cutouts to generate imagery. I can share my response to their work with my classmates, thinking about how I could adapt tequniques to suit me.
- I can make a shadow puppet thinking about how the qualities of the materials I use affect the final outcome.
- I can make my puppets move in simple ways by articulating them, manipulating the materials using tools so that the puppets I make have character and expression.