The Sketchbook Journey Step 2: Understand

Introduction

What are sketchbooks? Why are they beneficial and what does best practice look like?

This selection of resources will help you build your (and your pupils') understanding around sketchbooks. Let's lift the lid and better understand the potential of sketchbooks to develop our creative skills.

Explore Resources…

Introduction to the Sketchbook Journey

Paula Briggs introduces the thinking behind the Sketchbook Journey

What are sketchbooks? What do the offer us?

AccessArt shares 3 key opportunities which sketchbooks offer us

Sketchbooks Activities, Behaviours & Skills

What kinds of activities take place in a sketchbook and how do these activities help enrich our creative thought and action?

Key differences between sketchbooks and exercise books

Find out how to treat sketchbooks as safe, special places
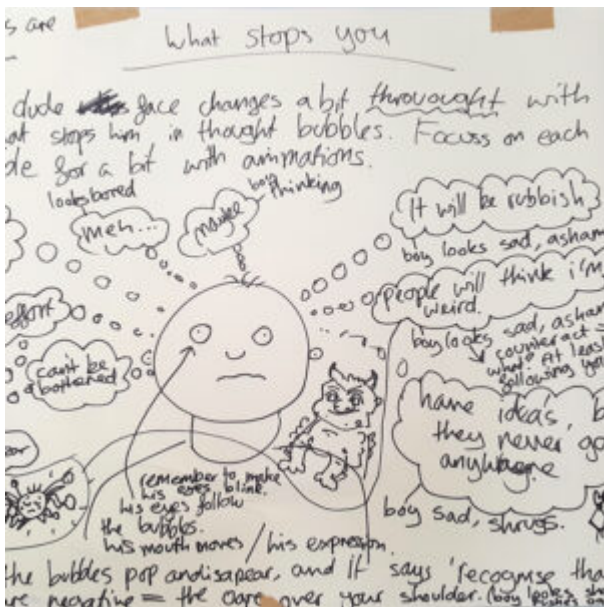
Key Sketchbook Concepts

AccessArt advocates for key sketchbook concepts in schools

Developing Thinking Skills

Explore key questions to encourage learners to ask as they work in their sketchbooks

A Sketchbook Pathway

So how might these ideas be transferred to the classroom? See a 5-step pathway here

Making time for sketchbooks in schools

When to use Sketchbooks

Use sketchbooks throughout the day when pupils would benefit from **thinking around** subjects

Start the day with a sketchbook exercise which **focuses** pupils or challenges them to **think creatively**.

End the day with a sketchbook session which aids **reflection** and **absorbtion** of learning

Encourage pupils to **enjoy more personal sketchbook space** at home

How can we embed the use of sketchbooks in the school day?

Sketchbooks as tools to personalise Learning

Kettering Symphony Orchestra 2011

10 ways to help pupils feel a sense of

ownership over their sketchbooks

Sketchbook Tips for Teachers

Teacher's share their tips

An Example Sketchbook Pathways

Anglo Saxon Architecture

The benefits of keeping a sketchbook

Artists tell us why they love their sketchbooks

The secret powers of sketchbooks

Jo Blaker shares what sketchbooks can offer us — whatever our age and who ever

we are

buying and making sketchbooks

Explore the benefits of making and customising sketchbooks