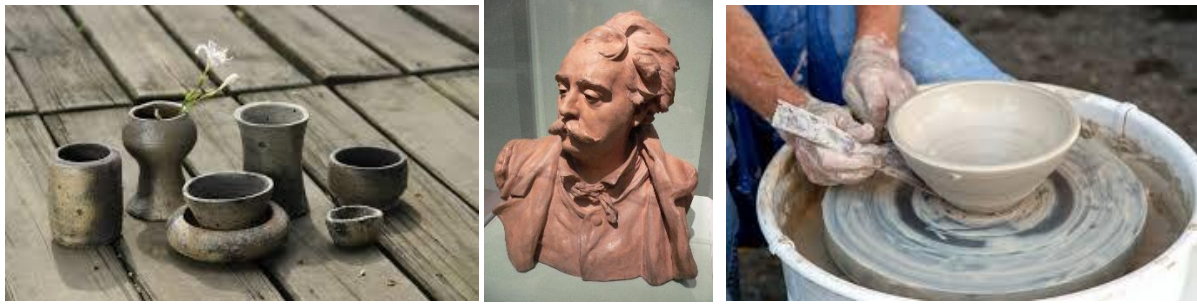




## Clay Art

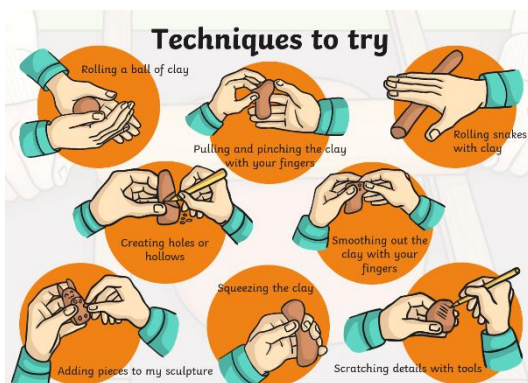


### How can you use clay?

Clay is good for sculpting because it is very **malleable** before being heated. This means you can mould and shape it however you want. You can also paint and varnish it. There are different types of clay such as: porcelain clay, red clay and black clay. It is important when handling clay to keep it wet, this helps with the shaping process. Once it dries out, the clay will no longer be able to change its shape.

### **Top tips:**

- Use different tools to create different textures.
- Clay can be brittle and fragile if moulded too thinly.
- When the clay becomes too sticky, add a little water.
- If you add too much water, the clay will become too slippery to work with.
- Once heated, coating the finished piece with varnish brings out the natural colour of the clay.









### Clay techniques

1. Rolling in your hand
2. Pulling and pinching
3. Rolling against a flat surface
4. Creating holes, hollows, or scratches for a design
5. Smoothing out the clay's surface with your fingers



## Clay through time

Clay has been used in many different ancient civilizations. Do you recognise any of these?

<p>Ancient Greece</p> 	<p>Roman Pottery</p> 	<p>Chinese Pottery</p> 
<p>Egyptian Pottery</p> 	<p>Houses in Sri Lanka</p> 	<p>Clay tablet from Iraq</p> 

## Famous Artist

Clarice Cliff is regarded as one of the most influential ceramics artists of the 20th Century. She was born on January 20th 1899 in Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent and started working with pottery at the age of 13. Cliff was ambitious and acquired many skills, modelling figurines and vases, gilding, keeping pattern books and hand painting.



## Example Questions

1. Why is clay good for sculpting?
2. What different types of clay are there?



3. What do you need to be careful of when using clay?
4. Name 3 clay techniques?
5. Name an ancient civilisation that used clay and how did they use it?

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### **Challenge**

Can you design your own clay sculpture, that will represent Keyingham Primary school, if archaeologists were to find it in five hundred years' time? This could be a pot, similar to ancient civilizations of Greece and Egypt, or could be your own design. If you can sculpt it with clay – even better!