

Emoji Pop Art

Pop art is an art movement that emerged in the United Kingdom and the United States during the mid- to late-1950s. It included imagery from popular and mass culture, such as advertising, comic books and ordinary mass-produced cultural objects. It is now popular all over the world, and has many variations and is created by numerous artists.



Roy Lichtenstein



Andy Warhol



Keith Haring



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It was Andy Warhol in New York, who pioneered the technique of repeating imagery in the 1960s, with his famous paintings, including the portrait of Marilyn Monroe, above. Today, we're going to borrow his idea to create a Pop Art picture that represents your time in Year 6.

You will need a sheet of A4 paper, a ruler, something round to draw around (about 8 or 9 cm in diameter), a pencil, a black marker and some colouring pencils or paints.

Emojis are everywhere, and many of us use them to tell people what we are thinking or feeling when we send a message. It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words, so today's challenge is to summarise your time in Year 6 in just 6 emojis.

1. You could make your emojis tell the story of your journey through the year, starting at the beginning: how did you feel about moving up to your final class – were you nervous? Excited? Worried? How could you capture that emotion in an emoji? What following events in your time at school could you represent with the next few emojis? Decide on 6 different emotions to represent and practise drawing them on some draft paper – you could always search different expressions on the internet if you get stuck.
2. Now carefully fold your A4 paper in half lengthways and unfold it. With your ruler, measure and mark two 10cm points along one long edge of the paper and fold it over at both points – you should now have 6 square boxes on your paper.
3. You'll need to find something round (a cup, beaker, inside of a roll of Sellotape etc) about 8 or 9cm in diameter to draw around. Use this to draw six circles inside the boxes on your paper. Now get drawing – create your emojis' expressions with light pencil marks. When you are ready, use a black marker pen to trace over the lines. Rub out any pencil marks still showing, then colour them in. You could try different backgrounds (colours/patterns) for each emoji.
4. Show someone your finished artwork and use it to tell the story of your year at school.

Here are a few examples of what you could do:

