Year 4 – Spring – The work of Vincent Van Gogh– Art – Knowledge Organiser

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Vincent van
Gogh was a Dutch
painter, generally
considered to be one
of the greatest of
the PostImpressionists. He
sold only one
artwork during his
life, but in the
century after his
death he became
perhaps the most

recognised painter

of all time.

Shading



A technique used in art to represent light and shade by varying the colour and intensity.

The technique of gently intermingling two or more colours to create a gradual transition or soften line.





Using lines to create light and dark areas

line s



A path left by an implement

shadow



A dark shape made when light is stopped or blocked by an object or a person



hatching



graduated shading



blending



Sunflowers is one of his most famous pieces. We will be looking at how he added tones and texture. We will also look at different was this can be achieved.



Starry Night Is another famous piece. Here different lines of colour and length are used to show the movement of the wind in the sky and in tree.

During his life, he suffered greatly with mental illness; this resulted in him cutting off his own ear!



March 30 1853
AD Vincent Van
Gogh is born in
Groot-Zundert,
Netherlands

1880 - 1884 AD
Van Gogh relocates to
Brussels and begins
learning the skills
needed to become an

artist

March 1886 AD Van Gogh moves to Paris. Discovers Impressionists and Post Impressionists

Summer 1887 Completion of Self Portrait with Straw Hat

Van Gogh paints the famous sunflower pieces and begins suffering from mental problems

1888 AD

Dec 1888 AD

Van Gogh cuts off a
portion of his ear and
commits himself to a
mental asylum in Saint

Remy.

June 1889 AD Completion of *Starry Night* July 29 1890
Vincent Van Gogh
dies of a selfinflicted gunshot. He
was buried on July
30 at Auvers-surOise