



Needlework, Embroidery and Weaving

Year 4

This unit introduces needlework and embroidery through Farrer's depiction of Icarus flying towards the sun made in 2012. This story is familiar to the children through their study of the work of Matisse in the year 4 unit on Design. In lessons 2 and 3 they go on to look at the embroidery on the coronation dress of Elizabeth II and the Duchess of Cambridge's wedding dress, and through this start to learn about different embroidery stitches. They design and create their own bookmarks using cross-stitch.

In the second half of the unit the children learn about weaving, first studied in year 2. They look at tapestries made at Mortlake based on drawings of the life of Christ by Raphael and revisit the abstract work of Anni Albers who was part of the Bauhaus movement. They spend time developing their own weaving skills, using cardboard looms, by making bookmarks.