

## ART - CLAY

Clay is a fine-grained mineral made when rocks break down. Wet clay is soft and can be rolled, stretched, moulded and shaped to make pottery, bricks and other things. When it is shaped, it is left to dry and becomes hard and fragile. It can then be painted and decorated.

### Questions to think about

- What makes the best impression?
- How can we attach decorations and embellishments successfully?
- What shape makes the best pot?



### KEY VOCABULARY

Clay slip	A runny mixture of clay and water, a bit like clay 'glue'
Impress	Pushing objects into a clay surface to make interesting marks
Pinch pot / thumb pot	A simple pot formed by pushing your thumb into a ball of clay
Relief	Three dimensional parts of an artwork that are joined to a flat base
Score	Marking hatched lines into the clay surface

### Artists

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