



### Knowledge

#### **Chris Ofili (born in 1968)**

Chris Ofili is a British painter born in Manchester and is famous for his paintings linked to music and African culture. Ofili was inspired by African identity and created 30 portraits of African women which explored the subtle differences in Afro-style hair.

His most famous work of art included elephant dung!

#### **Jessica Spence (born in 1968)**

A Jamaican-American artist who is inspired by her own life experiences and the women around her. Her most recent work focuses on afro-style hair.

#### **Batik**

A technique used for dyeing [colouring] materials and creating interesting designs. First you draw a picture/pattern in wax. Then you dye [colour] the material. The wax **resists** the dye - this means wherever there is wax on the material, the dye will not work.



Jessica Spence's 'Weekend at auntie's' & '6 hours

### Vocabulary

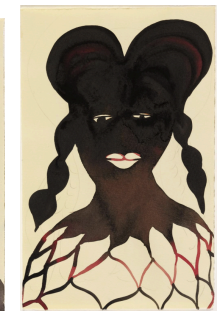
**Textiles** - a type of cloth or woven fabric

**Braid** - a length of hair made up of three or more interlaced strands

**Bonnet** - a type of cap for those with curly, afro or textured hair as they protect their locks

**Afro-style** - a style for curly hair, particularly Black people's hair, in which it is allowed to grow naturally into a thick, rounded shape

**Plait** - a British synonym for a braid



Chris Ofili's 'untitled' installment

### **Skills**

- Learn about the work of artists and craftspeople making links to their own work
- Develop art and design techniques [batik]

### Activities

- Write a biography about Chris Ofili
- Explore hair styles of afro & textured hair and practise braiding
- Learn about and comment on the work of the artists Chris Ofili and Jessica Spence as inspiration for designing their own artwork
- Create a portrait in the style of Chris Ofili using batik to create the appearance of textured hair

Year 1	
Exploring & developing ideas	<p>Respond positively to ideas</p> <p>Explore ideas and collect information</p> <p>Describe differences &amp; similarities and make links in their work</p>
Drawing	<p>Draw lines of varying thickness</p> <p>Explore patterns and shapes</p> <p>Use different materials (pencil &amp; oil pastel) to draw</p>
Painting	<p>Name the primary &amp; secondary colours</p> <p>Mix primary colours to make secondary colours</p> <p>Use thick and thin brushes to produce lines and shapes</p> <p>Use a wash with watercolour to create a background</p>
Textiles	<p>Show pattern by braiding</p> <p>Use batik to alter the colour and pattern in artwork.</p>
Work of other artists	<p>Describe the work of famous, notable artists and designers</p> <p>Express an opinion about famous artists and designers</p> <p>Use inspiration from famous artists to create their own work and compare</p>