Knowledge organiser: Year 7 'Colour and pattern'

A mandala is a circular design of repeating shapes and lines.

Traditionally, in **Buddhist** and **Hindu** cultures, a mandala represents the universe in it's ideal form. They are used in rituals, prayers and meditation. Created in sand, they are then destroyed to reflect that nothing lasts forever.

The word 'mandala' means circle in **Sanskrit** – Sanskrit is an ancient Indian language that is thought to be over 3500 years old!

In the western world, mandalas are commonly used for art therapy.

A mandala features radial symmetry. This means the design has many lines of symmetry that cross through the centre point. The primary colours are: tertian ertiary They are special because: ertiary To make a **secondary colour** you primary seconda The secondary colours are: tertian secondary Tertiary colours are made by An example of a **tertiary colour** is analogous colours Pure hue are next to each other on the colour wheel have a colour ingredient in common Tints Mixed with white example: Shades complementary colours Mixed with black are opposite each other on the colour wheel Tones The complementary pairs are: Mixed with gray