

# Knowledge Organiser – Chinese Art (Visual Arts - Year Five)

Key Vocabulary	Definition
dynasty	A line of rulers of a country from the same family. Parts of modern-day China were ruled by different dynasties for thousands of years.
Ming dynasty	Chinese dynasty from 1368-1644 C.E.
calligraphy	Decorative handwriting
character	Chinese writing symbols
rice paper	Thin paper used for Chinese painting.
scroll	A roll of paper or silk for writing or painting on. When rolled up, stored in a box.
hand scroll	A long, narrow, horizontal scroll, viewed by being held by the viewer, maybe on a table.
hanging scroll	A scroll displayed vertically on a wall for a short period of time.
ink stick	A solid stick of ink.
ink stone	A stone for grinding ink on.
ceramic	Fired clay.
porcelain	A white translucent ceramic.
Ming ware	Ming dynasty ceramics.
cobalt blue	A deep blue pigment

## Ming Ware



Early 15<sup>th</sup> century,  
Porcelain with cobalt blue



Late 17<sup>th</sup> century  
Porcelain with cobalt blue, for European market

## Paintings and Calligraphy



Finches and Bamboo  
Early 12<sup>th</sup> century  
Handscroll - ink and colour  
on silk



Fisherman (with poem)  
c.1350  
Handscroll - ink on paper



Summer Mountains c.1050  
Handscroll ink and colour on silk