

### Key Facts

Nikitina moved from Russia to Egypt, where she works as a SCUBA diver instructor as well as a painter.

Nikitina uses oil paints to focus on underwater wildlife in her art, and has learned a great deal about their very different shapes and bodies.

She says the bright corals and other marine life contrast sharply with the huge deserts on land.

## Olga Nikitina Underwater Artist



### André Laban

Laban was a pioneer of underwater art. This artwork shows a shipwreck lying beneath the sea.



### Key Work



*Marathon* (2017)

This was painted at a depth of 7m and took 120 minutes to complete. It was painted at the Shams House Reef in the Red Sea, off the coast of Egypt.

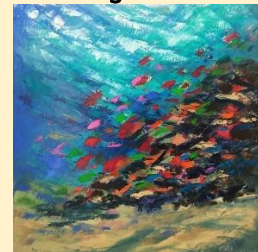
### Key Work



*Hurricane* (2019)

This was painted at a depth of 740cm and took 68 minutes to complete. It was painted in the Red Sea, off the coast of Egypt. It shows a swirling shoal of fish as seen from below

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*Kaleidoscope* (2019)

This was painted at a depth of 640cm and took 63 minutes to complete. It was painted in the Red Sea, off the coast of Egypt. It shows the vivid colours of tropical fish.

### Key Vocabulary

Palette	A surface onto which watercolour pigment can be mixed with water and other colours.
Foreground	The nearest part of the picture, usually at the bottom.
Background	The furthest away part of the picture, usually near the top.
Primary colours	Red, yellow and blue, which cannot be made by mixing others.
Secondary colours	Green, orange and purple, made by mixing primary colours.

### Year 2 Knowledge Organiser

## Watercolours

- Mix a range of secondary colours, shades and tones; mix and match colours to artefacts and objects.
- Work on different scales, eg large brush on large paper etc.
- Purposely create different textures, eg sprinkling salt on wet paint.

### Examples of Existing Art

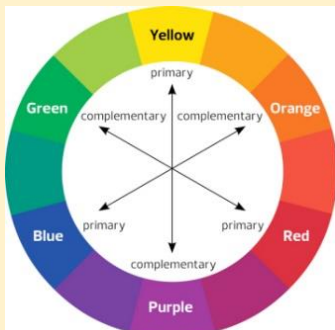


*Left Wing of a Blue Roller* (c1500)  
Albrecht Dürer



*A Sunday in Einhoven* (1885)  
Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890)

### Colour Wheel



### Adding Texture



The salt absorbs some of the water in the picture, creating these effects.



*Child Study*  
Stan Miller (1949- )