

COLOUR THEORY

RED – YELLOW – BLUE

These are of prime importance as they cannot be mixed from any other colours.

ORANGE – GREEN – PURPLE

These can be mixed from primary colours.

They are produced when a primary colour and a secondary colour are mixed together.

These are opposite each other on the colour circle i.e. red/green; blue/orange; yellow/purple. They complement one another – red looks reddest when placed next to green and vice versa.

Red, orange, yellow – colours in nature relating to sun, heat, fire, etc.

Blue, blue-green, blue-purple, white – colours relating to water, air, space, snow, etc.

Colour which has black added to it.

Colour which has white added to it.

It is the degree of lightness or darkness of any colour.

These are the colours from the same side of the colour circle.

These are the colours from the opposite side of the colour circle.

It is the use of one basic colour.