



### Background information

- William Morris lived and worked during the Victorian era. He was born in 1834 and he died in 1896.
- In 1861, William Morris' company, called Morris, Marshall, Faulkner and Co., started to make furniture, tableware, soft furnishings and wallpaper. All of the items produced were handcrafted.
- By the mid-1860s, William Morris concentrated on designing wallpaper. His patterns were inspired by the natural world.
- In 1875 William Morris started a new company, Morris and Co.
- William Morris wrote many poems during his lifetime. Most of his best work is heavily influenced by the Icelandic sagas.
- He set up the Kelmscott Press in the early 1890s. This company published books which contained beautiful illustrations.
- When William Morris died in 1896, his doctor said that Morris had carried out the work of ten men during his lifetime.
- *'Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful.'* William Morris

### Knowledge and Understanding

- To learn about a great designer from the past
- To explore and experiment with textures and pattern
- To create visual texture using different marks and tools
  - To create motifs with repeated mark making
    - To use artistic language
- To use sketch book to record observations
- To evaluate own and others work

### Enquiry skills and Key concepts

- Use evidence to find out about a famous designer from the past
- Describe William Morris' designs using artistic language
  - Plan own designs in Morris' style
- Gather evidence to learn more about William Morris' life and work
- Improve mastery of own art and design techniques

### Key Vocabulary:

William Morris  
Arts and Crafts movement  
Victorian  
shape  
pattern repetition  
line drawing  
multiple  
observation,  
interlocking  
motif  
rotation  
reflection  
geometry  
symmetry  
sketch