

Artists Studied:

Peter Thorpe (1957-)

Thorpe is an American artist, illustrator and writer who is well known for his beautiful book cover designs and his striking paintings of rockets and outer space. He attended Oxford University as part of an exchange program, he met Pauline Baynes - a famous illustrator for books such as the *Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis. She encouraged Thorpe to follow his love of art and become an illustrator.

Thorpe's rocket paintings use lots of bold colours and have been collected by famous authors and supporters of space exploration.

Year 5 Spring Term Combining media Peter Thorpe

Prior Knowledge:

Year 3- you studied Pop Art and how Andy Warhol repeated images.

Year 4- you considered how the Ancient Egyptians used natural resources to make colours.

Vocabulary:

foreground, background, abstract, contrast, media, composition

Key Knowledge

Abstract Art A painting or sculpture that does not show a real person, place or thing in the natural world.

Paintings have a **foreground** and **background**.

Thorpe used:

- Colour mixing
- Dripping paint
- Used pastels & chalk
- Poster paint
- Marbling
- Collage as a background to paint on
- Textures - using sand, natural things (pencil shavings)

