Year 4/5 Art and DT Knowledge Organiser — Native American Art

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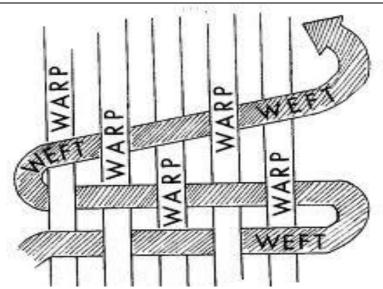
Key Vocabulary		Definition
	Indigenous	naturally existing in a place or country
		rather than arriving from another place:
2	Symbol	a sign, shape, or object that is used to represent
		something else
3	Tessellation	when shapes fit together in a pattern with no
		gaps or overlaps.
4	Pinch Pot	a simple form of hand-made pottery produced
		from ancient times to the present. The method
		used is to simply have a lob of clay, then pinch it
		to the shape desired.
5	Weaving	the craft of forming fabric by interlacing
		threads.
6	Warp	the threads on a loom over and under which
		other threads (the weft) are passed to make
		cloth.
7	Loom	a piece of equipment for weaving
8	Yarn	thread used for making cloth or for knitting
q	Carving	a shape or pattern cut into wood or stone or
		the skill of doing this.
Ю	Totem Pole	Wooden towers carved with images of animals
		and symbols expressing a family's status within a
		tribe.

An example of a totem pole from the Northwest coast of North America.



Native American Pot design





A diagram showing the method of weaving the yarn (weft) over and under the warp threads.



The Native Americans consider the bald eagle and the golden eagle to be sacred. As eagles are the highest flying birds they were seen to be nearer to the Creator. The meaning of the Eagle symbol was to signify courage, wisdom and strength and its purpose was as the messenger to the Creator.