Art – Week 5 To explore how artists use foreshortening to give perspective.

Look at the powerpoint – Show children the cartoon superhero on the slides. Why is one of his hands so much bigger than the

other? Invite children to share their ideas and discuss the effect this creates. Explain that this is a technique called foreshortening. Artists use this when they want to create the

illusion that the person or object is coming straight towards you out of the picture. Go through the examples on the slides.

Show children how to use a triangle to help them create a superhero who looks as though he or she is coming straight towards you. What else could you use this technique for? Discuss ideas.

Provide children with the Comic Strip sheet. Give children some time to look through it and do some sketches in their sketchbooks or on plain paper to practise foreshortening. Children could then draw their own superhero in a variety of poses, using what they have learnt.

Extend:

Children could use the camera on a mobile phone (under your supervision) or a digital camera. Challenge children to take pictures of you or a sibling from different angles to create foreshortening, such as having your hands held out so they

are much closer to the lens than your head, or sitting on the floor with your feet out and taking a picture so that your feet are large in the foreground. Alternatively, children could use the Picture Cards provided.

Once children have some photos they can work from, challenge your child/ren to draw themselves onto A4 paper using foreshortening. Encourage children to draw what they actually see as opposed to what they think they should be seeing.