

**Notes for parents / carers:**

The art plans are to provide children with ideas and activities that are based on looking at the work of different artists for inspiration. This will broaden their creative and artistic skills, allow them to form an opinion on the works of different artists and give them the opportunity to discuss their work and ideas with you.

We understand that some resources may not be readily available at home so we therefore encourage you to be creative. All the activities can be completed in any medium including pen, pencil, felt-tip, crayon, pastel, paint etc. Newspaper, shoeboxes, envelopes and the inside of grocery boxes can also be used to draw on.

Each week's activities will include a list of artists that we suggest you google with your child / children. This will give them inspiration and direct them to the style of the task. It would also be really helpful if you choose to discuss some of the artist's work with your child as you can draw their attention to specific details that they might like to include.

Encourage your child to keep adding detail and encourage their attempts. Each week will have more than one activity for your child to choose from. This applies to any age and ability and they can complete as many as they like.

Please can your child keep two favourite pieces of work to bring back to school and share with their class when we eventually return to school (we know that you won't necessarily have space to keep everything).

## **Week 6: This week's art theme is: Under the sea (all year groups)**

Key skills: line drawing, texture and colour.

Key artists to google: Derek DeYoung, Hokusai

- Spend some time looking up the artist Derek DeYoung and look at how he has drawn different sea creatures and ocean scenes. Look at how he has used different lines and patterns to create the texture of the creatures. Look at how he has used colour and how he has blended it in (this is when we merge two or more colours)
- Choose a sea creature that you would like to draw and add as much texture as you can. This can be done in ordinary pencil, coloured pencil, paint, crayon...
- Make a fish mobile. Draw and colour a large fish and cut it out. Turn it upside down and trace around it and copy your designs onto the second fish. Colour this one to match the first one. These will form the sides of your fish. Staple or glue them together leaving a small opening. Stuff a few sheets of paper or newspaper into your fish so it becomes a 3D creation. Attach some string to the top so that you can hang it up.
- Use an empty shoe box to create your own aquarium. Google different fishes, coral, seaweed, jellyfish and sharks for inspiration.

Rainbow trail-Loughton: This is an organised activity where children are encouraged to draw a picture according to a theme and place it in a window so that families can spot them while going on their daily walks. It was set up to show our thanks to NHS workers. This week's theme is keys (representing key workers).