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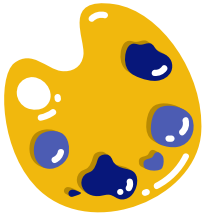
# PARENT GUIDE-ART



**How to help your child succeed**

## ENCOURAGE OBSERVATIONAL DRAWING

**DRAWING LITTLE AND OFTEN IS THE BEST WAY TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND OBSERVATION SKILLS.**

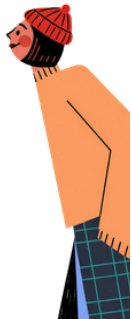


- Encourage your child to sketch everyday objects at home such as: plants, shoes, fruit or household items
- Homework tasks in art knowledge booklets help with regular practise of drawing skills taught in lessons
- Short online drawing and painting tutorials can help practise skills like shading, blending and colour mixing



## TALK ABOUT ART AND ARTISTS

**LOOKING AT ART HELPS STUDENTS DEVELOP VISUAL UNDERSTANDING. YOU COULD:**



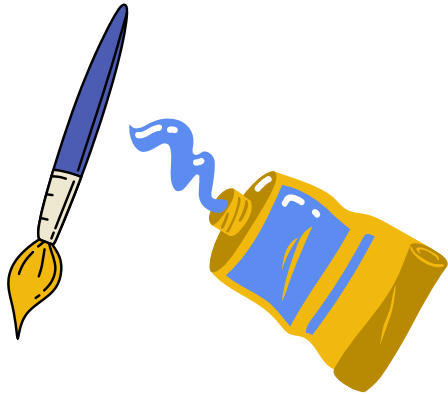
- Visit a gallery or museum e.g. Nuneaton Museum & Art Gallery or The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum
- Look at artworks online
- Discuss artists they are learning about in school
- Questions like “What do you like about this?” or “How do you think the artist made this?” help develop confidence in talking about art

## CONNECT ART TO THE WIDER WORLD

**ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO NOTICE:**



- Interesting buildings
- Patterns in nature
- Colours in landscapes
- Portraits in magazines or photography
- Design in advertisements, posters, and packaging



## ENCOURAGE RESILIENCE AND CREATIVITY

ART DOESN'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BE PERFECT.

REMIND YOUR CHILD:

- Mistakes are part of the process and how we learn
- Art often involves trying, reflecting, and improving
- Experimenting with ideas is how artists develop their work
- To celebrate their progress!



## EXPERIMENT WITH MATERIALS

IF POSSIBLE, ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO TRY DIFFERENT MATERIALS SUCH AS:

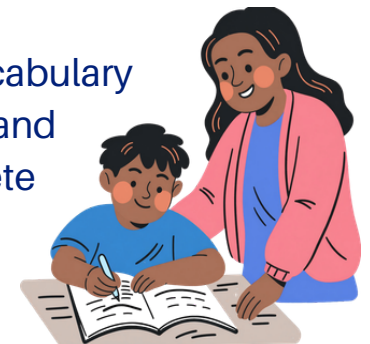


- Coloured pencil crayons
- Pencils of different grades
- Watercolour paints
- Marker pens
- Collage from magazines
- Cardboard
- Photography



## SUPPORT WITH HOMEWORK

- Discussion of homework tasks
- Encouragement to add more detail
- Testing on spellings and encouraging use of key vocabulary
- Ensuring they have a calm and purposeful place to complete homework



# ENTER COMPETITIONS

## ENCOURAGE ENTERING LOCAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS



- The Nuneaton Museum & Art Gallery: Nuneaton Festival of Arts
- The Royal Academy of Arts: Young Artists' Summer Show
- Rotary: Young Artist



# REVISIT KNOWLEDGE BOOKLETS

## ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO LOOK BACK THROUGH THEIR KNOWLEDGE BOOKLETS:



- Revisiting knowledge booklets can help reinforce key concepts and recall important learning from previous projects
- Reviewing helps make connections between projects and artists studied
- Helps support homework tasks and strengthen understanding

# USEFUL WEBSITES

## WEBSITES WITH TIPS TO PRACTISE AND IMPROVE ART SKILLS:

- BBC BITESIZE - Art and Design
- Tate Kids
- RapidFireArt
- YouTube - AlphonsoDunn



**You do not need to be an artist to support your child at home!**

**The most powerful ways you can help are:**



**Showing interest in what they are learning**



**Celebrating effort and resilience**



**Encouraging creativity and curiosity**

**Your encouragement at home can make a big difference to your child's confidence in Art.**