

Art week

This coming week, we will be immersing ourselves in the amazing world of art, as we celebrate another wonderful art week. Our last one back in March was rudely interrupted by lockdown, so we thought that we would have another go! Miss Jackson, our art curriculum leader has prepared many interesting challenges for us to complete:

Monday: Celebrating Mistakes Day

We will start by reading the book 'Beautiful Oops' by Barney Saltzberg. This will introduce the idea that a mistake is an opportunity to make something beautiful. Each class will complete a piece of art from a 'mistake'.

Tuesday: Art and Music Day

The children will complete a piece of art whilst listening to music, inspired by Wassily Kandinsky's paintings in which he would make the shapes and colours of his art 'sing'.

Wednesday: Artist Focus Day

Each class will learn about a particular artist and reimagine one of their artworks.

Reception: Henri Matisse

Year 1: Claude Monet

Year 2: Edgar Degas

Year 3: Frida Kahlo:

Year 4: Pablo Picasso

Year 5: Gustav Klimt

Year 6: Elizabeth Catlett

Thursday: Painting detectives and storytelling through art

Classes will look at art history, 'zooming in' on a particular painting and its story.

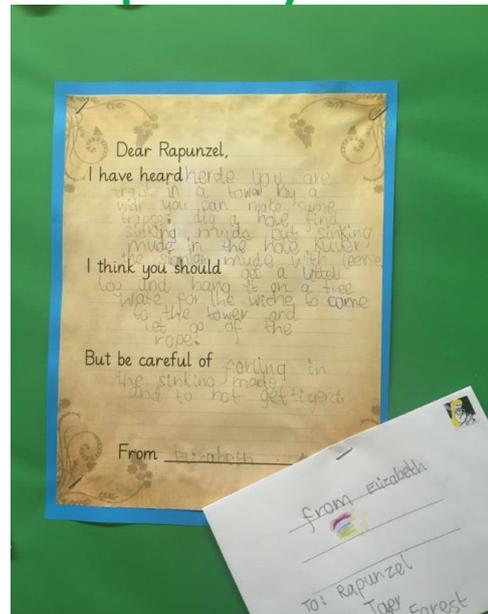
Friday: Amazing Abstract

The children will complete a piece of art inspired by the abstract artist, Paul Klee.

As you will have seen from Miss Jackson's post on classlist, Thursday 22nd October is also 'Art Dress Up Day'. Children should come to school dressed as an artist or famous painting. Costumes can be as simple or elaborate as you choose. Here are some ideas:



Rapunzel by Year 2



Year 2 have been working on Bethan Woolvin's version of Rapunzel- a twist on the traditional tale. Their letter writing and paper cuts are on display, and show how hard they have been working this term.

Black History Month

Over the past few weeks we have been celebrating Black History Month by reading books about inspirational people of colour: Maya Angelou, Floella Benjamin and Muhammed Ali. We have learned about their challenges, and also their brilliance.

We have been listening to Labi Siffre's song 'Something inside so strong' whose lyrics say: The higher you build your barriers, the taller I become, the further you take my rights away, the faster I will run.



**Reminder to Year 6 parents:
Secondary Transfer Application Deadline 31st October**

Parent involvement

Thank you for your patience while we navigate our plans for the term. Covid has changed our plans for many things, and arrangements are still to be finalised, but here are our outlined plans so far. More information will be shared nearer the time.

Class Masses: Father Edward will celebrate Mass for one class at a time. Parents won't be able to attend but we will be offering parents the opportunity to create prayers with their children beforehand so that they can be involved in a different way.

Parent/Teacher meetings: These will be undertaken over the telephone during the week of 23rd November. Careful timing will be essential to the smooth running of these. Appointment times will be offered to parents after the half term break.

Class Assemblies: Those timetabled for this term will take place without a live audience. They will be streamed live to other classes and filmed for parents (permissions and safeguarding dependent).

Infant Nativity and Junior Carol Service: These will be undertaken in class bubbles (rather than classes joining together) and performed in the school hall. It is highly unlikely that there will be a live audience. Again, they will be streamed live to other classes and filmed for parents (permissions and safeguarding dependent).

** Important Reminder **

For Oratory School Families

- Please respect our neighbours when you drop off and collect your children



- Please avoid waiting or chatting on steps or directly in front of homes
- Please leave a path so residents can access their homes
- Please follow social distancing for people walking by

This reminder has been produced by the Sydney Street & District Residents' Association SW3

Picasso Inspired Cockerels



As part of their work on animals this term, Year 1 have been creating their own oil pastel cockerels based on Picasso's work. What you can't tell from these photos is that their work is very small. At about 15cm across, they have captured the details so carefully. Superb effort Year 1!