



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Optional Art Project

Over the next 2 weeks why not take part in our whole school art project? This will focus on the work of the artist Arcimboldo. See the attached PowerPoint to give you a brief outline of his work. Then watch 'Arcimboldo's Imaginative portraits Art with Mati and Dado on You Tube. Now you are ready to begin. Arcimboldo created portraits from unusual objects that often related to the jobs the people he drew did, or they related to something else such as seasons. Your first job is to look at some of his pictures online and see if you can find out some information about him.

Then you need to practice your observational drawing skills.

- Choose an object, feel it, look at it very carefully, can you find any shapes? Are there any straight lines? Now place your object away from you and look again. Look at the spaces around it, look at the outside lines.
- Now try to draw exactly what you see, try to keep your eyes on the object not your drawing, draw the outside line first, it's ok to rub out and keep correcting it but don't worry it doesn't need to be perfect! Remember draw it BIG.
- Next add some shading, darker and lighter parts, add detail are there any lumps and bumps?
- To help you draw you could use a torch and make a shadow on the paper first.

Next activity

- Choose some interesting objects either from the house or garden about 3 would be good.
- If you can find something black to put on the table, (black paper or a black tee shirt).
- Place your objects on the paper and arrange them in an interesting way, overlap them, put one on top of another, keep rearranging them until you like how they look.
- Take a photo or draw your composition, take care and draw what you can see remember things overlap! Draw it BIG or zoom in with your camera.

Next activity

- Think about a job/ profession anything you like what do you want to be when you grow up? what do grown-ups in your family do? what about teachers, doctors, farmers, builders?
- Research that job, what tools do they use?

Now you are going to make an Arcimboldo portrait based on the job you have researched.

- Collect objects that match the job e.g. bandages plasters, gloves, masks for a doctor. Pens, paper, pencils for a teacher, Lego bricks for a builder.
- Now arrange your objects to make a face. It could be side or front profile.
- Take a photo or draw your portrait
- If you can colour your picture try to match the colours to the things you used and remember BIG.

Finally, if you wish collect some flowers, fruit and veg and make other faces. Enjoy, we can't wait to see your pictures. Feel free to email your pictures to us and let us know if we can post them on our Facebook page.

Home Learning

I have been amazed at the engagement of families with home learning tasks throughout the past two weeks. Thank you so much for your support.

Home learning expectations will stop over the Easter holidays so that teachers and families can all have a break, however the children can still experiment with Purple Mash if they choose.

On Monday 13th April, teachers will email parents with the next block of work for the subsequent two weeks. We will expect children to work for two hours per day and therefore each teacher will set 20 lessons/activities for completion. Teachers have been careful to try to balance the subjects taught as well as setting some enjoyable activities. We are hoping that you can access this information via email and electronically but should this be tricky for you, we will endeavour to print a copy of the activities so that you can still continue to complete this work.

Please also continue to enjoy reading throughout the day – there's lots of material on Purple Mash and Oxford Owls for you to enjoy. Story time is also a great way to enjoy a book with your child and we will continue to share stories on our storytime Facebook page. Don't forget that reading opens a world of lifetime learning opportunities. If you are struggling to access some reading materials for your child, please drop me an email:

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Free School Meals

With the change in working arrangements due to COVID 19, a family's income may be suffering. You may be entitled to Universal Credit and Free School Meals which could help you during this period of uncertainty.

For further information about Universal Credit:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit>

For further information and application for FSM:

https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_free_school_meals

Free School Meals entitles each child to receive a £15 food voucher per week which can be emailed or sent to your family.