



Maidstone Museum Learning Team

Art Detectives Workshop Information Sheet

Useful information for before, during and after your workshop.

Workshop overview; 1 hour in length

Children investigate different artworks from our galleries, looking for clues about what the artists wanted to share. Children look at portraits, scenes and events. This workshop is based in our Art gallery. Children learn about why paintings were painted and focus on expressions within paintings. They imagine what it would have been like to sit for a painting and have a go at sketching ideas from the paintings they have seen. Children also have the opportunity to look at different art forms around the museum including sculpture, carving stained glass window and costume.

Activities include sketching, identifying key features, creating facial expressions, investigating other art forms. Children may be taken into temporary exhibitions if relevant to the theme.

Key Vocabulary and glossary;

Portrait; a painting, drawing, photograph or sculpture of a person	Landscape; a picture that shows a view of an area.
Sketch; a drawing or painting that was done in a hurry or without detail. Sketches are sometimes done to prepare for later work.	Pattern; an arrangement of shapes, lines, letters, numbers, or colours that can be repeated or used again and again
Scene; a particular view in a painting or photograph	Artist; a person who is good at painting, music, writing, or any other art
Represent; to show or picture in a work of art	Composition; the way the parts of something are put together
Background; the part of a picture or scene that is towards the back or seems to be furthest away	Foreground; the part of a picture or view that appears to be nearest to the person looking at it.
Watercolour; a painting done with watercolours	Content; whatever is shown or contained in an artwork
Capriccio; an architectural fantasy, arranging real buildings into one painting that wouldn't be seen together in real life	Oil; artists' paint that uses oil as its base



Curriculum links;

National Curriculum;

KS2 Art; Pupils should be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.

International Primary Curriculum;

Milepost 1; History – People of the past – Art section

Milepost 1; Who am I? – Art section

Milepost 2; Paintings, Pictures and Photographs – Art section

Cornerstones;

Year 6; Darwin's Delights- observational drawing

Year 6; Gallery Rebels - Great Artists of the 19th and 20th Century

Key galleries to look in;

Bentlif 1 Art Gallery and generally around museum

Temporary exhibitions as appropriate

Craft workshops to accompany main workshop. Up to 1 hour in length

this workshop includes the opportunity to sketch so there is no separate craft based workshop.

Arts Award – Discover in a Day

We have several themed Arts Awards that this could be linked to. More details available on request.

Additional website links;

<https://kids.tate.org.uk/>

<http://www.ducksters.com/history/art/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQm5zQI8BBc>

<http://artuk.org/discover/artists>

<http://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/facilities-hire/exhibition-hire/albert-goodwin-visionary-landscapes/>