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## Art Ambassadors' learning review

We are pleased to share with you our November edition of our Creative Arts newsletter.

These newsletters are designed to give you information about the fabulous Arts learning taking place in our school and to celebrate the achievements of our children.

Please read on to find out more about what each year group has been learning about this half term.

### What have our Early Years classes been learning about in Art?

In Nursery, our children have been getting messy making snowflakes, using paint and glitter. They have also been creating collages of nursery rhyme characters.



Our Reception children have also been making snowflakes, as well as finger puppets of Nursery rhyme characters. They have also been developing their cutting and sticking skills.

### What have Year 1 been learning about in Art/DT?

In Year 1, our children have been working on a DT project to create paper animals, which look 3D. They have begun with researching their product, before practising their skills of cutting, folding and curling. Each lesson, they evaluate how effective their creation is.



### What have Year 2 been learning about in Art?

This term, our Year 2 children have been learning about the work of a range of famous artists. One of the artists they researched was Romero Britto, who is a famous sculptor and painter, well-known for his pop art and cubist work. The children worked hard to produce pieces of artwork in his style, using bold vibrant colours, lines and shapes.

As well as that, they have been learning about Piet Mondrian, the famous artist who uses lined and shaped effects, with a range of primary colours. Sometimes his work looks very simplistic, but still effective.



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### What have Year 3 been learning about in Art?

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been studying Leonardo da Vinci. They have looked at some shading techniques to help show light and dark in their artwork. As part of this, they have been trying to replicate famous drawings, using tonal shades. There were lots of questions about different grading of pencils, so the children had the opportunity to practice with these to create different shades/tones.

### What have Year 4 been learning about in Art?

This month, the Year 4 children have been learning about the German painter, Albrecht Durer, who is also famous for his sketching techniques. The children started by looking closely at a drawing of praying hands. They then commented on the lines, textures and shading detail that they could see. Next, they practised their shading techniques, including cross-hatching. They will be building up to creating a shaded portrait of a soldier.

