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Home Learning Project for Spring 2 Artist study

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term we are continuing our topic is 'To infinity and beyond!' and through this the children will continue exploring space travel, Neil Armstrong and space related music. The home learning project will support the learning that happens during school time and allow it to continue at home.

The project for this half term is to complete an artist study. At school, the children will be looking at the artist 'Wassily Kandinsky'. For this home learning project, the children will need to do a study on a different artist of their choosing.

The following must be included in the project:

- Pictures of art by different artists, then a piece of writing explaining why you have chosen your particular artist
- A biography / fact file of the artist that includes a drawing of them
- Pieces of art in the style of that artist with commentary detailing what you did (e.g. Did you use crayons? What will you do differently for your next piece of art? How is it like the artist?)
- A final piece of art in the style of your chosen artist

These are the basics that must be included in the project, however, it is not limited to this and I would actively encourage the children to be creative in adding to the brief, for example, they may choose to complete their final piece of art on a large canvas. Throughout the half term the children will be learning about different things that will support them in completing their project.

The finished project will need to be handed in **by Friday 29th March**. We are looking forward to seeing all the different artists you pick! We would also like to invite you in on **Tuesday 2nd April from 3.00pm – 3.15pm** to join in the celebration of the children's projects and to give them a chance to share their hard work and efforts.

Thank you for your continued support with this, and if you have any further questions about the project, please do come and speak to us.

Yours faithfully,

Miss. C. Imbriano
Elm Class Teacher

Miss. V. Gardiner
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Example



Vincent van Gogh – “The Starry Night”



Frida Kahlo – “Self Portrait with Bonito”



Leonardo da Vinci – “Mona Lisa”



Wassily Kandinsky – “Yellow-Red-Blue”



Jackson Pollock – “Jump In”

The artist I have chosen to study is Wassily Kandinsky. The reason I have chosen Kandinsky is because I like the different colours that he has used. I also like the shapes and different lines in the painting.

Wassily Kandinsky



Early life

Wassily Kandinsky was born on 4th December 1866, in Moscow, Russia. He studied law and economics at university.

Beginnings as an artist

Kandinsky did not decide to become an artist until he was 30 years old. He liked using different colours and light instead of painting in detail. He founded the Academy of Arts and Sciences but at the end of that year he left Russia.

Years in Germany and France

Kandinsky moved to Germany and held art shows there as well as in France. His paintings had precise shapes at this time and his colours were softer. He then moved to Paris.

Kandinsky died on 13th December 1944.



I decided I wanted to do a painting in the style of Kandinsky's "Squares with concentric circles" because I like the different shapes and colours.

First, I tried using watercolours. I couldn't get the colours as bright as I wanted them to be.



Then I realised that I needed to fold my paper to make the squares all the same size. I tried crayons but these got too messy and I couldn't get clear lines from them.

Lastly, I tried using oil pastels. These were the best because I could make the right colours and they were easy to use. The colours were really bright!



My final piece of art

