

Art - Self Portraits

This week we would like you to create some artwork for us to display in your classroom when we return in September, so please keep it somewhere safe or if possible, we would love you to post it to us. We are so excited to have you all back and will be in school over the summer getting your classrooms ready, so would love to have your work on the walls ready for when you return.

There are many artists who have focused on self-portraits, so we have chosen a couple to get us started. Below are a few suggested activities, you are welcome to complete them all, or choose your favourites, or even choose your own technique, but they are all focussed on self-portraits. We have included some examples to help you and hopefully there is something for everyone.

Roll a Picasso

You will need the activity sheet, a die, some paper, a pencil and at the end something to add colour. You roll the die, draw the face, or facial feature shape that matches the number rolled. Continue to work your way along the columns drawing each feature according to the number rolled until your face is complete. The finished image might look a little unusual. You could keep this as your final picture, or you could use this activity as a warm up and draw your own without the use of a die if you wanted to.



Arcimboldo

As with the above activity, there is also an activity called 'Roll an Arcimboldo', which might help you to get started.

You will need to have a variety of fruit and vegetables for this activity, if you are trying to recreate the work of Arcimboldo, however, this could be adapted to things you have at home, such as a nature version from things you find in the garden, or other items or foods that you have at home. Just remember to take a photograph when you are finished.



Photograph self-portrait

There is also a 'Roll a face' activity which is a fun warm up or starting point for drawing a self-portrait.

You will need an enlarged photograph of yourself, some paper, pens and something to add colour at the end. There are a few possible options for this activity. First of all you could experiment by drawing on the photograph with different lines. You could trace the photograph on to your paper and then experiment with either a monochrome picture using one colour or lots of different colours.

