

Oswald Road Primary School

Art Home Learning Project – Cloud Art



One of this half term's art projects is about clouds. You can present your findings any way you like. We have attached some ideas for each age group. However, you can choose ideas from other year groups if you like them. Just enjoy and be creative!

Artists have been interested in clouds for hundreds of years. JMW Turner drew or painted the sky nearly every day. You can see many of his pictures at the Tate gallery or online here:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/search?q=turner+clouds>

Why do you think he would paint the same thing so many times?

Before you start your project, spend a few minutes looking at the clouds. Lie on your back in your garden or the park and just watch the clouds. Look at the shapes they make, look at how they move and change.

For your project you can use any medium – paint, pencil, chalk, pastel, collage, sculpture.

Here are some questions to consider:

Could you touch a cloud?

What does the top of a cloud look like? (Take a look at Georgia o'Keefe's work "Sky Above Clouds")

<https://www.georgiaokeeffe.net/sky-above-clouds-iv.jsp>)

Are clouds really white?

Remember to post your work onto Seesaw or send it via admin@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk

Activity ideas:

EYFS:

- Read the book Little Cloud by Eric Carl. You can watch the story here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVvGOOc4uQk>
- Now have a go at making pictures of the shapes you can see in the clouds. Eric Carl used tissue paper collage and paint to make his pictures. You could try this or experiment with something else. What about cotton wool?

Key Stage 1:

- Have a careful look at the clouds. What colours can you see? Have a go at colour blending your paint or crayons to make the exact colours you can see. You could try this at different times of day or on days with different amounts of cloud. Make a few pictures and compare the colours you've noticed.
- Artist Maggi Hambling made a series of paintings of the sky and clouds at sunrise. Have a look at the amazing colours she noticed by asking an adult to help you search: "Maggi Hambling Sunrise Orwell".

Lower Key Stage 2:

Experiment with using different mediums to depict the clouds. Make lots of pictures and have a think about what you think is the best thing to use. You can use any art materials you have at home but also have a go at making your own colours. Coffee and fruity tea bags make great paint. Ancient artists used squashed berries. Food colouring is great too. What about leaves and flowers? There are lots of online tutorials for things like puffy paint and ice paint. Have fun getting messy but always ask a grown up to help you!

Upper Key Stage 2:

Some artists make sculptures in response to clouds. Anish Kapoor made a giant silvery metal sculpture called Cloud Gate in 2006 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloud_Gate
Berndnaut Smilde makes clouds appear indoors:
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2019/03/dutch-artist-berndnaut-smilde-creates-clouds-photographs-them/>

Think outside the box and make your own sculpture celebrating clouds. You could work indoors or outside. Use any material you think will work best. It could be one large piece or a series of smaller works. It could be something that lasts a lifetime or something more transient. Use your imagination, surprise me!

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Art Home Learning Projects –Sky Art



A watercolour sky!

Create your own watercolour sky. Try experimenting by adding more or less water to create different effects.

Use this website to help you:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpNTTYmcS_4

Tip: Hold your image at arm's length when you have finished to see if you are happy with it.



Georgia O'Keeffe

Georgia O'Keeffe is a famous artist who created a series called 'Sky Above Clouds' based on her view from the window of an airplane. Can you take inspiration from her work? Take a piece of paper and explore clouds – do you want to make them look realistic or abstract? You can decide how big your piece of art work is. One of O'Keeffe's cloud paintings is 8ft x 34ft!



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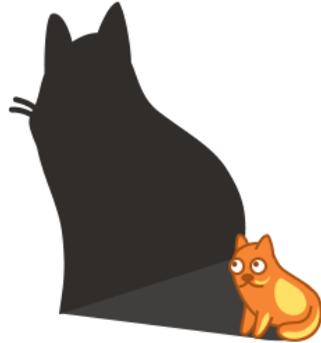
Art Home Learning Projects – Shadow Art



Shadow Drawing

For this activity, find an object you like the look of and trace round its shadow. You can experiment with the shadow size and shape by looking at it at different times of day.

Why does the shadow change?



Vincent Bal

Use shadows of everyday objects or from nature to create a picture in the style of Belgian artist Vincent Bal. Google some of his work before you start!

Nature's Shadows

If you can, place some paper underneath a tree and draw the patterns created by the shadow of the leaves.

Or you can hold or prop up flowers, branches, or leaves over your paper and draw the patterns their shadows create.



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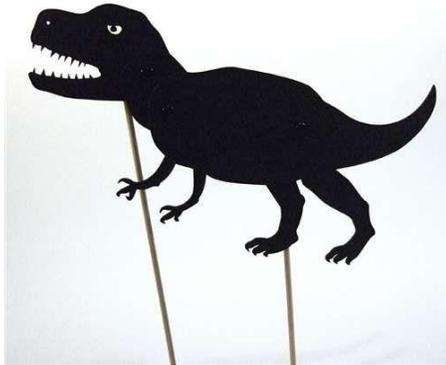


Shadow Puppets

Make shadow puppets out of card and straws. You could give them moving parts using split pins. You could also use cellophane to cast different colours.

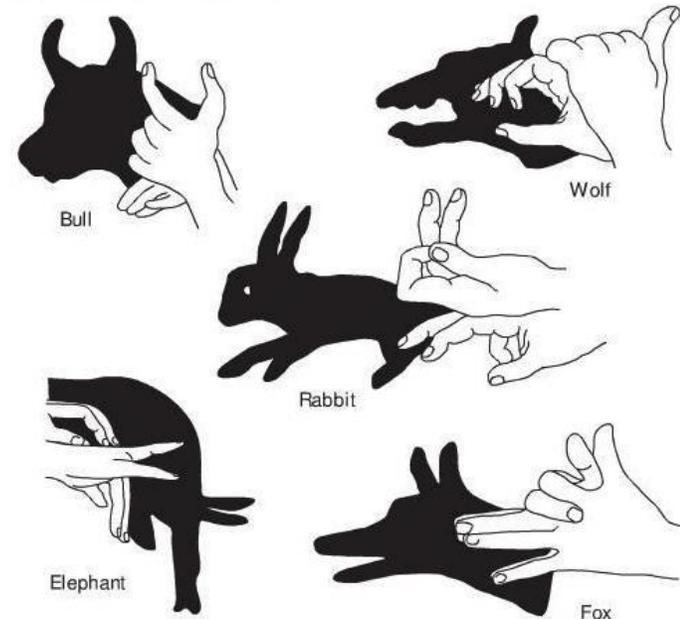
You could even create your own shadow puppet show. See this link for more information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z87jmp3>



Hand Shadow Puppets

Explore shadows with your hands. Can you make animal shapes? Cast a shadow on the floor or wall.



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