

Y1/2 – Assembly Plan 2

Why is art special to everyone?

Preparation:

- Display artworks by a variety of artists (e.g. Van Gogh, Alma Thomas, Yayoi Kusama, Jean-Michel Basquiat).
- Prepare simple visuals: a colourful abstract, a detailed drawing, a sculpture, and a piece of street art.
- Optional: invite children to bring in a piece of artwork they've made or love.

1	1. Welcome & Question (2 mins) Show the <i>Big Question</i> on the screen: “Why is art special to everyone?” Invite a few ideas from children: “Because it’s beautiful”, “It’s fun”, “You can paint feelings”.
2	2. Picture Guessing Game (3 mins) Show four very different artworks on the screen. Ask: • Which one do you like best? • Do they all look the same? • Can you guess how they were made?
3	3. Artist Snapshots (4 mins) Introduce three famous artists in a sentence or two each: • Vincent Van Gogh – painted swirly skies and sunflowers with bold brushstrokes. • Yayoi Kusama – loves dots and patterns. • Alma Thomas – used bright colours and shapes to create powerful pictures. Ask: <i>Which artist would you want to be like?</i>

4	4. Art Is Personal (3 mins) Explain: Art can make us feel happy, sad, excited or thoughtful. Show two very different pieces of art and say: • Some people love this... others love that! • There is no right or wrong — just what feels special to you.
5	5. Children's Artwork (3 mins) Show a few pieces of children's art (from your school if available). Emphasise: • Every piece is unique. • Art is your voice without words. • What you make can bring others joy.
6	6. Key Message (2 mins) Art is everywhere: on walls, in books, in clothes, on buildings. And art belongs to everyone. You are an artist just by trying.
7	7. Reflection (2 mins) Close your eyes and think of a time you made something. How did it make you feel? Proud? Excited? Open your eyes. Can you help someone else feel that way too?

Music

“A Million Dreams” (The Greatest Showman) – highlights imagination and creativity

Or

“Sing” by Gary Barlow & The Commonwealth Band – celebrates individual voices coming together

Cross-Curricular Links:

Art: Responding to the work of artists, exploring different media

PSHE: Celebrating diversity, understanding personal expression

Literacy: Talking about preferences, feelings, and creative choices

RE: Respecting beliefs and different ways people express identity