ARTIST OF THE MONTH – JULY 2023

Artist of the month is a competition that runs in school. Each month we look at a different artist and their work, children can then respond to this artist by either creating a picture, taking a photograph, writing a story, doing some research or a different response that inspires them. Mrs Britten our Art and Design subject lead shares the artist of the month via the school art notice board. The artist of the month winner will be announced in an assembly at the end of each month.

To enter you need to respond to the artist however you choose. Put your entry into the basket next to the art cabinet next to the staff room or email it to enquiries@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk with the title 'Artist of the Month'.

This month's artist is: David Hockney



A Bigger Splash David Hockney (1967)



My Window by David Hockney (2020) iPad art

David Hockney is one of the most important painters of the 20th century. Born in Bradford in 1937, Hockney was one of the big artists involved in the pop art movement in the 1960s. Pop art was a style of art that was bright, full of colour.

Hockney lives in London but owns two other homes in California. You can imagine then that a lot of his work varies, because California and the UK are very different places. California is usually always sunny, whereas in England the weather changes all the time. So, when painting in England, Hockney likes to paint the seasons. In 'Going Up Garrowby Hill', Hockney has painted a canvas of the landscape in Yorkshire, where he was brought up.

When in California, his paintings are colourful and bold. In 'A Bigger Splash', Hockney paints a swimming pool. It looks like someone has just jumped into the water.

Hockney is still painting and trying lots of new experiments with art. Some of his most recent work includes painting on iPads. The great thing about iPads is that once the work has been complete, you can go back and see how the painting was created. Why not have a go at creating your own landscape on an iPad.

Follow the links to take you to a short video about the life of David Hockney. This is a YouTube video so please ask an adult before watching.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H4oexyJOkk

You could also follow these links to watch an Art Lesson inspired by David Hockney's work and create your own landscape painting.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIRgkoC03ns

Or watch this video and create some artwork on an iPad.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDvR-WBeXtg&t=155s

Put your entries into the basket outside the staff room or email it to school.