

Developing your Home Sketchbooks - Summer Term II

Turn to these whenever you like. Spend as long as you like. Create just what you want to create. Pack them full of wonder. Add in zigzag paper for sketches / extend them out with flip up card or paper. Be as imaginative as you like. Use whatever media you like. Make it yours.

Can't think what to do? Here are a few ideas in no particular order. You can do one, a few or all of them. Of course, you will think of lots of other projects too Remember: 'I can' not 'Can I?'

I can't wait to see what you manage to create in your books when we get back together!

- Self-portrait
- Choose your favourite colour - create a collage using magazines etc
- Design a futuristic school, a hotel for children
- Draw or paint to a piece of music
- Illustrate your favourite poem
- Draw a favourite object
- Create a storyboard for a story you've read or written
- Draw invented creatures
- You could think of three different animals. Draw the head of one, the body of the second one, and the legs of the third one. Name it. Give it a habitat, behaviour, food it likes and doesn't like
- Draw what you can see out of each window of your house
- Draw yourself in different places, doing different sports etc
- Fill a page with drawings of bugs, seashells, flowers or something you collect
- Draw a series of animals in motion such as a cheetah running, a rabbit hopping, a bird flying
- Choose a section of a magazine or newspaper picture. Glue that picture on a page in your sketchbook. Create a drawing that incorporates that picture into a story.
- Draw things that float, sink, fly, swim
- If you got a holiday postcard from one of these artists what would it look like? Pablo Picasso Salvador Dali Georgia O'Keeffe Vincent Van Gogh
- Draw things with wheels
- Create a collage using images from magazines, newspapers etc to tell a story
- Draw things with wings, flippers, antennae, horns etc
- Create an Impressionist landscape. Use Van Gogh, Manet, Seraut, Pissaro, Sisley, or Cezanne as your guide. Use the internet to research their work.
- Practice drawing from your imagination eg: What would you see if you grew wings and flew over our town? What if your big toe became its own person? What if you suddenly became very small?

- Draw things that close
- Keep a colour diary in your sketchbook of the colours in the sky at the same time everyday for a week
- Look at yourself in a spoon- draw the distorted image
- In a series of sketches show the gradual transformation of a pair of scissors into another object-example: scissors into a shark
- Draw a family member or a friend from memory
- Keyhole: what would you see through a keyhole?
- Paint or draw something using as many tones of one colour as you can
- Draw a bowl of fruit; shade it
- Draw a group of leaves in unusual colours
- Draw an object with surface texture
- Using any type of line or shape, create a picture with only the 3 primary colours
- Arrange 3 unlikely objects together and draw
- Draw a section part of any object
- Stick a copy of Van Gogh's bedroom in your book then make notes and comments around it. eg When you look at this painting do you get the impression that the artist was a happy person with many friends? Why? What kind of mood has he created? Do this for other paintings that tell stories
- Draw a picture of your shoe, overlapping three different views on the same page
- Camouflage something (a bug on a leaf, you in your room, a lizard on a rock) by pattern or colour
- 5 minute sketches of figures or animals
- Close up drawings from different parts of your garden
- Create mythological figures and animals
- Draw sketches of a playground, of an outdoor scene
- Draw a mechanical object
- Draw an object melting
- Draw hands holding something
- Draw a futuristic machine house or car
- Draw a scene that means peace to you
- Draw yourself at 16 years old, 30 and 80 years old. (A Triptych)
- Create your impression of the wind, darkness, jazz, sadness, happiness etc
- Create an information sheet about an artist, period, or style of art you like / don't like
- Imagine yourself/your world as a bug, a bird, an alien
- Create whatever you like!