



## Key Stage 2 (upper and lower) – ART and DESIGN

Lesson title – *Art in the Kitchen Garden*

Time of year – all year - but most flowers are in bloom in spring & summer

Curriculum topic – To explore different art styles

### Focus of learning objectives

- To know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity, and wealth of our nation.
- Many artists have made their home in Chiswick. This is an opportunity to explore their different styles.

### Curriculum objectives

To produce creative work, exploring ideas and recording experiences

### Key vocabulary

Texture and pattern, shape, form, and space

### Additional Curriculum links

Local history

### Resources required

#### What we will provide:

#### What you should bring:

- Drawing materials
- Sketch books
- Clip boards

### Preparation required

- Read the **Self-led Teaching Resource – Introduction to the Kitchen Garden**
- Explore the artists that lived and worked in Chiswick. See end of lesson plan.
- Choose some images to discuss with the class before your visit.

### Other relevant information

### Introduction to activities

**30 minutes**

- Look at the pictures of Kitchen Gardens, for example by Camille Pissarro Alfred Sisley and Vincent Van Gough.



- Discuss what they show and how the gardens are laid out. Think about the different art media used.
- While walking to the Kitchen Garden site notice the landscaping in the gardens and discuss any art and sculptures that you find.

**Activities in the Kitchen Garden**

**90 minutes**

**Activity 1 Drawing the garden**

- Using a sketch book draw a series of drawings and sketches that can be developed into a picture of the Kitchen Garden at Chiswick House. Think about the art medium that you are going to use to develop your ideas.
- Include manmade (the paths, the wall, gates, buildings, gardening material such as plant pots) and natural elements (such as trees, flowers, produce, hedges) so that there is a good number of reference points for a piece of artwork.

**Activity 2 Adding colour**

Explore the use of colour, texture and pattern, shape form and space to develop ideas. Discuss the use of these elements by artists that you looked at in class.

- Does the picture need to be realistic to convey the spirit of space?
- See Paul Klee Vegetable Garden 1925, Joan Miro-Vegetable Garden with Donkey

**Activity 3 Land art**

Make some ephemeral art/ land art using materials collected in the garden.

- Can you depict the Garden?

**Extension Activity**

**20 minutes**

- Explore the role of geometric shapes in the design of the Kitchen Garden and in art: triangles, squares, rectangles, circles and ellipses.
- From these five basic shapes you can create other more complex shapes such as polygons or combinations of circles and rectangles

**Health and Wellbeing focus**

**20 minutes**

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- Make some ephemeral art/ land art using materials collected in the garden. Can you depict the Garden?
- Discuss how you feel after spending time in the garden – relaxed and at peace or stressed and worried. What impact does spending time outside in the garden have on your wellbeing?
- How can you convey this in your art?

**Food growing focus**

**30 minutes**

- Collect some fallen fruit and draw a still life see the article for examples of different styles. <https://artincontext.org/famous-fruit-paintings/> or search fruit on the Tate Art gallery website <https://www.tate.org.uk/>



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- Anthropomorphism attributes human characteristics to non-human entities. Think about some of the fruit or vegetables that you have seen growing in the Kitchen Garden.
- Make a sketch of them but include human features such as eyes, nose and mouth. Think about the healthy eating message that the fruit/vegetables would deliver e.g. food waste or the value of good nutrition.

### Extension activity at school

- Using sketches and drawings made in the Kitchen Garden work on a larger work inspired by the Kitchen Garden at Chiswick House.
- Explore the work of artists who have lived or worked in Chiswick: <https://chiswickcalendar.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Art-trail-flyer-Aug-2018-rev2.pdf>
- Make prints using fruit and vegetables: <https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/article/family-how-to-vegetable-printing-christmas>

### Art Images of Kitchen Gardens

The following artists painted pictures depicting Kitchen Gardens. Their work can be used to support the visit to the Kitchen Garden.

Those marked \* worked in Chiswick.

This is not an exhaustive list of painting of Kitchen Gardens:

- Richard Adams's (1960-) Spring Gardeners Digging and Planting A Formal Garden
- Pieter Brueghel The Younger Spring Gardeners Digging And Planting A Formal Garden
- Paul Klee Vegetable Garden 1925
- Joan Miro-Vegetable Garden with Donkey
- Cedric Morris
- \*Camille Pissarro
- Beatrix Potter
- \*Eric William Ravilious (1903 –1942)
- Alfred Sisley
- Mary Sumner (1957-2016)
- \*Vincent Van Gough – as well as painting Kitchen Gardens van Gough also depicted a mulberry tree <https://www.vangoghgallery.com/painting/the-mulberry-tree.html>

The following artists worked in Chiswick and depicted gardens or the natural environment.

- Mary Fedden, (1915 –2012)
- F.Hamilton Jackson
- Leonard Knyff (Leendert Knijff) (1650, Haarlem - 1722, London) produced engraved views of country houses and gardens including Chiswick House
- Julian Otto Trevelyan (1910 –1988)



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- Pieter Andreas Rysbrack (c.1684–1690–1748) A View of Chiswick House Gardens from the West towards the Bagnio
- C.F.A. Voysey architect and fabric designer see Apothecary's Garden Wallpaper. He designed Voysey House (a [Sanderson](#) wallpaper factory, now offices), Chiswick in 1902
- Johan Zoffany painted at Chiswick House but did not depict the Kitchen Garden.