Art project 2 - Art inspired by children’s book illustrations

Great works of art are all around you. Take inspiration from the vast range of amazing illustrations in children’s picture books. Choose an illustration from your favourite book or illustrator and use it to inspire your own work of art. You could either recreate a well-known character, or use the illustrator’s style to illustrate a favourite part of the story; you could even design a completely new character for a familiar story. Send a photograph of your work of art to your teacher via the class email address.

I really enjoyed seeing the ones based on famous works of art sent to me by your teachers - there were some very imaginative and skilful interpretations! Have fun with designs of your own and let your imagination run wild. Below are a few links to some websites to get you going, try google images or Pinterest if you haven’t got your favourite book to hand. Remember, work with an adult if you are searching on the internet.

https://www.accessart.org.uk/tag/illustration/
https://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/series/how-to-draw

Rob Biddulph http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob  Draw some of the characters from Rob Biddulph’s books e.g. Dinosuar Juniors, Odd Dog Out, Urggggg! and several more. Rob has also posted a draw-along video every Tuesday and Thursday at 10am that parents and children can watch together.

https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/videos/axel-scheffler-how-to-draw-a-gruffalo  draw your own Gruffalo with guidance from Axel Scheffler. Extend the project by changing two parts of your gruffalo to create a new character: the Gruffalo’s parent, brother, sister, friend - let your imagination run wild. Create a set of stories about the Gruffalo and your new characters

Oliver Jeffers - try drawing these characters or use them to design new ones

Supertato by Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra. Try drawing your own Supertato heroes … or design a villain like the Evil Pea!

Maurice Sendak - Most people are familiar with Where the Wild Things Are. Let your imagination run wild and create your own wild things using Sendak’s style

Jane Ray - the illustrations in Jane Ray’s books are beautifully detailed. You could try drawing or painting one of her characters or magical landscapes. Watercolour paintings with details picked out in felt pens or even gold pens can create a stunning work of art.