

Subject: Creative- Art & Design

Unit Title: Fruit and Vegetable Art

Learning Objectives and Aims:

- To support the development of personalised MAPP learning skills within the context of this unit.
- To support mental health and wellbeing.
- To support the development of independent organisational skills: preparing space, collecting resources and utensils, wearing correct protective clothing, tidying up.
- To identify and sort everyday fruit and vegetables and their characteristics. To explore and find out more about exotic fruits and vegetables.
- To explore and investigate paint effects using fruit/vegetables as utensils- taking account of shape and size upon design and pattern.
- To use fruit and vegetables as natural materials to create craft projects and food art.
- To look at a famous artist's work in relation to the unit theme.

Suggested Lesson Activities & Unit Coverage:

- ❖ Cross curricular links to PSHE and History units.
- ❖ To develop a routine at the start and end of a lesson to independently collect materials, resources, aprons, and organise workspace and tidy away- use symbolised and text instructions and 'now and next' cards to support.
- ❖ To explore some key everyday vegetables- sort and identify, sort by different criteria, cut and explore the patterns inside- seeds and shapes. Choose paint and print sequences of colour/shapes and create wrapping paper, borders, wall coverings or book covers. Print onto fabric with fabric paints to make tea towels or napkins. Explore some more unusual vegetables: okra, artichoke, kohlrabi, fennel- taste and smell [cook some]. Root vegetable soup linked to History unit. Vegetable pizza faces- design, add features, bake and eat!
- ❖ To explore common fruits found in our locality- trip to local orchard/garden/allotment to collect autumn apples/pears/plums, school fruit trees or ask for donations from home. Sort and match fruit making comparisons and differences. Cut fruit to look inside and note shapes and patterns. Use as above to print with on fabric or paper/card. Make food art by sequencing fruit kebabs, create funny faces with fruit and capture images using iPad. Look at the paintings of Arcimboldo and how he created faces with fruit and vegetables- play spot the fruit and veg! Dry fruit slices to make kitchen hangings for Christmas or tree decorations – oven bake apple slices and thread with cinnamon sticks and pinecones.
- ❖ Links to Autumn events: Harvest Festival- make a class box/basket and arrange fruit and vegetables as a display, choose a local charity to donate fruit/veg boxes to- local food bank or senior citizens' home. Remembrance Day- Brussel sprout printing in red to create poppies. Christmas and Hannukah PSHE links to healthy eating: Latkes to celebrate Hannukah and fruit and vegetable Christmas cakes with courgette, carrots and lots of mixed spice.