

ARTIST OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 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 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: **Joseph Wright of Derby** – Born in Derby in 1734, Wright is an internationally renowned artist, whose paintings and works on paper adorn the walls of major galleries the world over.



'A Philosopher Giving That Lecture on the Orrery where a Lamp is put in Place of the Sun' (1766)



An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump (1768)

Joseph Wright (1734 –1797), was an English landscape and portrait painter from Derby, England. He was one of the first major English painters to have his career established outside of London and is known for his paintings of candlelit scenes and scientific and industrial subjects. He has been acclaimed as "the first professional painter to express the spirit of the Industrial Revolution".

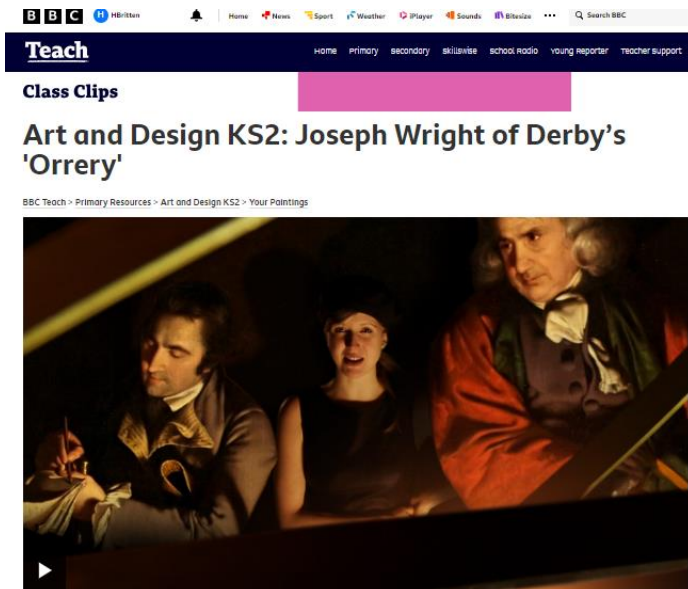
Wright is notable for his use of **tenebrism effect**, which emphasizes the contrast of light and dark, and, for his paintings of candle-lit subjects. Joseph Wright wanted to share the developments in science and greater understanding and wonder of how the world worked to his audience.

This month can you show light and shadow in your artwork? Whatever the position of the light source shining on an object, there will be direct light and reflected light which will affect the shadows and highlights on the object. There are several different techniques of shading – hatching, cross-hatching, stumping and stippling which can be used to show light and shadow in drawing.

This month why not create a piece of artwork inspired by Joseph Wright or by some of the other artists where light was important. Take a closer look in the Artist of the Month book for more inspiration. I look forward to seeing your creations.

Follow the link to take you to the BBC website to watch a statue comes to life in a magical gallery and walks into the painting 'A Philosopher Giving That Lecture on the Orrery where a Lamp is put in Place of the Sun' by Joseph Wright of Derby.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/art-and-design-ks2-joseph-wright-of-derbys-orrery/zv9n92p>



The screenshot shows the BBC Teach website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Teach' and various subject links like 'Home', 'News', 'Sport', 'Weather', 'iPlayer', 'Sounds', and 'iBitesize'. Below this, the 'Class Clips' section is highlighted in pink. The main heading reads 'Art and Design KS2: Joseph Wright of Derby's 'Orrery''. Below the heading, there's a breadcrumb trail: 'BBC Teach > Primary Resources > Art and Design KS2 > Your Paintings'. The video player shows a scene from the painting 'A Philosopher Giving That Lecture on the Orrery' with a man in a red robe pointing at a model of the orrery.



Derby Museums is home to the world's largest collection of his work.

Why not visit Derby Museum and Art Gallery to be impressed by some of Joseph Wrights finest artworks. Follow the link below to find out more.

<https://derbymuseums.org/collection/joseph-wright-of-derby/>



The screenshot shows the Derby Museums website. The top navigation bar includes 'MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY', 'MUSEUM MAKING', and 'PICKFORD'S HOUSE'. Below this, there's a menu with 'What's on', 'Collections & Galleries', 'Visit', 'Venue Hire', 'Learn', 'Get involved', and 'About'. The main content area features a gallery of paintings. A prominent text box reads 'COLLECTION Joseph Wright of Derby' followed by a short biography: 'Born in Derby in 1734, Wright is an internationally renowned artist, whose paintings and works on paper adorn the walls of major galleries the world over. Derby'. A QR code is visible on the right side of the page.

