

ARTIST OF THE MONTH APRIL 2025

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 'Artist of the Month' basket next to the art gallery display or email it to enquiries@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk with the title 'Artist of the Month'. Please enter by Wednesday 30th April 2025

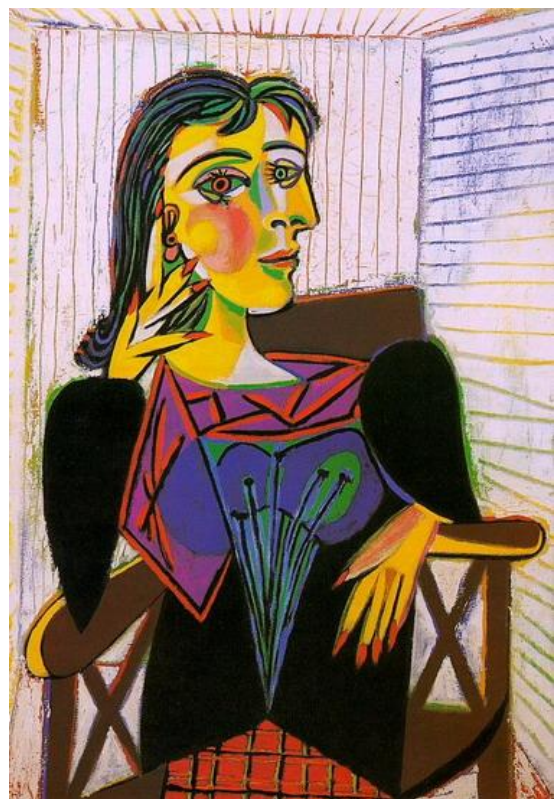
This month's artist is: **Pablo Picasso**



'Three Musicians' (1921)



'The Weeping Woman' (1937)



'Portrait of Dora Maar' (1937)

Pablo Picasso was a famous artist from Spain who loved to create all kinds of art. He was born on October 25, 1881, in a city called Málaga. Picasso was very talented and started drawing and painting when he was just a little boy. By the time he was a teenager, he was already creating amazing artwork!

One of the coolest things about Picasso is that he didn't just stick to one style of art. He loved to experiment and try new things. He is best known for starting a style called Cubism. In Cubism, Picasso painted people and objects from lots of different angles all at once, making them look like they were made from cubes and other shapes. It was a totally new way of seeing the world!



Picasso also went through different periods in his art. For example, during his **Blue Period**, he painted mostly in shades of blue and his pictures often looked sad. Later, during his **Rose Period**, he used warmer colours like pinks and reds, and his paintings became happier. He even made sculptures, ceramics, and designed costumes and sets for plays!

Picasso's creativity and imagination were endless. He made over 20,000 pieces of art in his lifetime! He passed away on April 8, 1973, but his art continues to inspire people all around the world. Picasso showed us



that it's okay to think outside the box and try new things, and that art can be anything you want it to be.

Find out more about Pablo Picasso by following the link below to take you to his artist page at the Tate Gallery. Or scan the QR code to take you to the website.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-pablo-picasso>



With your grown-ups you could visit the website below and look at the thousands of pieces of art that Picasso created in his lifetime. Here you can see all his works of art grouped into the many different periods of his art from his early works, his blue and rose periods, African period, Cubism, Classicism, Surrealism through to his later works. I am sure you will find a piece of art created by Picasso that inspires you.

<https://www.pablo-ruiz-picasso.net/periods.php>

Your turn

What do you think of Pablo's work? If you drew a portrait of your best friend in the style of Picasso, how would it look? Look below for some inspiration.

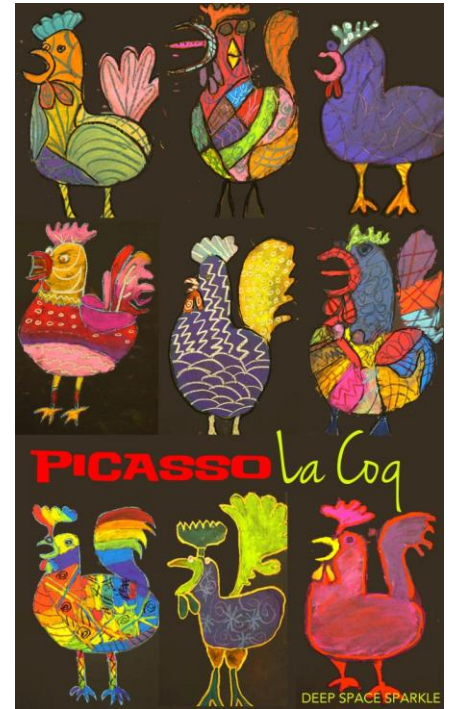
You could create a Picasso inspired portrait of yourself as a self-portrait or a portrait of a friend or family member.



Or create a colourful and surreal portrait inspired by Pablo Picasso's portrait of Dora Maar.



Or create a colourful chalk drawing of a cockerel inspired by Pablo Picasso's **Le Coq**.



Remember, Picasso showed us that it's okay to think outside the box and try new things, and that art can be anything you want it to be. So if you have your own ideas and inspiration that's great. We look forward to seeing your creations.