



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Golden Thread Junior Gallery Newsletter. In this edition we are celebrating the start of the new season by exploring artworks made by both historical and contemporary artists which capture the season. Inside you will find fun creative activities inspired by Spring to try at home, discover our Work of the Month and have the opportunity to create your very own Japanese Cherry Blossom artwork.

Spring Is Here!

We are finally coming into the Spring season! We are waking up to brighter mornings, longer days and nicer weather. Springtime is a time of rebirth; flowers begin to grow, the trees turn green, animals are born and we slowly see the seasons turn towards summertime! Throughout history, artists have celebrated Spring and have been inspired by the beauty and life it awakens.

To the right you will find three examples of famous historical artists who have captured Spring in their paintings, Georgia O'Keeffe, Vincent Van Gogh and Claude Monet.

To this day artists are still inspired by Spring. On the next page you'll find two contemporary artists who have captured the season in their paintings.

Historical Artists



COTTONWOOD TREE IN SPRING, GEORGIA O'KEEFFE, 1943



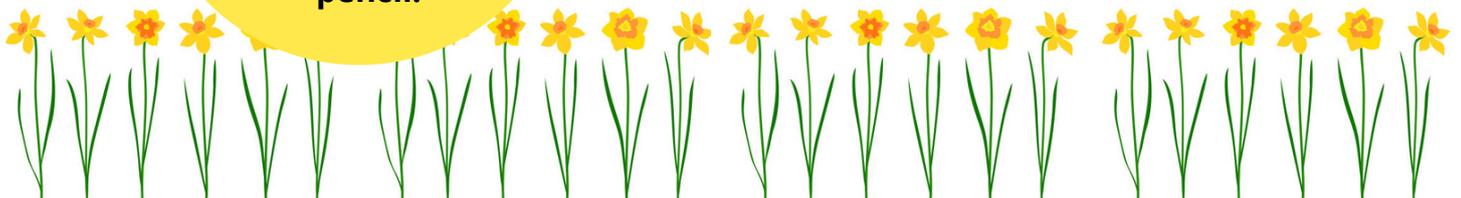
HARD-WON JOY ... ALMOND BLOSSOM BY VINCENT VAN GOGH, 1888



SPRINGTIME, CLAUDE MONET, 1872.

Did you know...

Picasso could draw before he could walk. His first word was the Spanish word for pencil.



Contemporary Artists



VIGNETTE (THE KISS), 2018, KERRY JAMES MARSHALL.



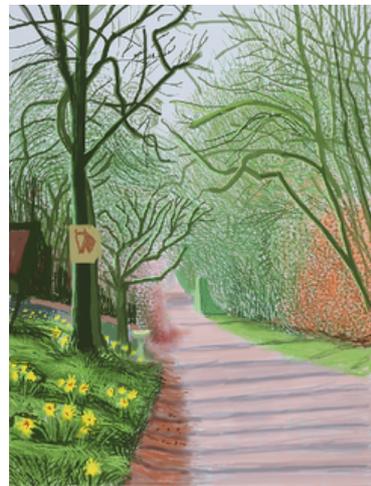
Kerry James Marshall

Kerry James Marshall (born. 1955) is an American artist and professor. He is known for his bright and colourful paintings of black figures. His work explores the African American experience, what is it like to grow up in America as a Black person. Marshall's paintings have been exhibited in America and all over the world. His work is also held in famous museum collections in America such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Here are some examples of Marshall's paintings that have been inspired by and capture Spring.



David Hockney

David Hockney (born. 1937) is an English multimedia artist. He is known as a painter, printmaker, stage designer, and photographer. He is considered one of the most influential artists of the 20th Century, and one of the main artists connected to the Pop Art movement, a style of art that was bold, bright and colourful. We featured Hockney in our last issue, however his work is a great example of an artist who captures Springtime in their work. At the start of the pandemic, he created the daffodil piece and captioned it 'Do remember that they can't cancel Spring'. His spring paintings are created to inspire hope.





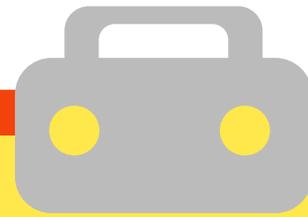
Work of the Month

Anna, aged 10

Well done Anna! We loved your painting of a fox sitting in the woods. The colours are lovely and your fox is very cute!

Don't forget, all our online workshops are always available free on the GTG website for you to do at home on our new Art & Learning page!

Weekend Task



Make Your Own 3D Spring Daffodil

What you will need:

- A lollipop stick
- A bun case
- Yellow Card or Paper
- Green Paint
- Yellow or Orange Paint
- Glue
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Paint your lollipop stick green. Leave to dry.
2. Paint your bun case yellow or orange. Leave to dry. Or leave white if you'd rather.
3. Using your yellow paper or card cut the shape of your Daffodil flower out. Make sure to give your flower 5-6 petals. If you don't have yellow paper or card at home you could colour in white paper or card.
4. Glue the green lollipop stick to the back of the yellow flower shape.
5. Glue the painted bun case to the front of the yellow flower shape. Make sure its in the middle of the flower!

March to April is known as Cherry Blossom season in Japan. Millions of tourists travel to Japan at this time every year to watch the Cherry Blossom Trees or 'Sakura' come into bloom. Can you add the cherry blossom flowers to bring Spring to the bare tree below? Think of creative and experimental ways to create your flowers. You could use bubble wrap as a stamp with pink paint, make a 3D flower from pink tissue paper or use the ends of an empty toilet roll to create your flowers.



Share your work with us!

We've missed having you in the gallery and your amazing art hanging in our Junior Gallery! We would love to see what you have been working on at home. You can send your artwork to us via post, or simply send us a picture of your masterpiece via email or social media. Please make sure you have the permission of your parent or guardian beforehand.

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