



Inspired by Life



Although times have been turbulent for us all this past year, at St Anne's we have used our own lives and the world around us in the most beautiful way – to inspire our creativity and artwork!

Pupils throughout school recently shared their experiences of the pandemic using art, in order to contribute to a 'Covid Time Capsule', organised by the local council and displayed at a commemoration site at Beacon Country Park. From drawings to capture memories, to word art to express the mixture of emotions felt, there is no doubt that children should feel proud of their creations, which will now become part of history.

Two pupils feeling extra proud this term include Eve Phillips from Year 2 and Evie Forshaw-Williams from

Year 4. Both children had successful poster entries in the local Recycling Superhero competition, with Eve's poster (below) set to feature on the side of council recycling vehicles...look out for one heading your way soon!



In addition to these local campaigns, children at St Anne's have also entered a national competition to design a new postage stamp, to commemorate the events of the past year. Entries have recently been submitted and the standard was extremely high, so we are feeling hopeful!

Throughout the Summer Term children have experienced a variety of art activities in class, using life around us as inspiration. Year 1 used iPads to photograph their favourite plants and flowers as they explored the school grounds. They then used their photographs of cherry blossom, poppies and other interesting plants as the basis for their observational drawings back in class. Using coloured pencils, it was clear to see from the fabulous,

detailed drawings the care taken and attention paid.

Year 2 children looked at the artist Cezanne and his style of observational drawing to help them complete their own wonderful still life creations. They used colourful pastels and chalks to portray the different shades and tones present in fruit.

Year 3 pupils looked a little further back in time, exploring life during the Stone Age, creating some fabulous artwork inspired by materials used all that time ago. They experimented with charcoal to create authentic cave drawings (see below) and even clay to recreate stone monuments...messy but fun!



As the Summer Term continues, so do the creative experiences across school. Whilst Year 6 are exploring local artists as inspiration for their own 'seaside art', many year groups will be working artistically outdoors to develop our school grounds. Clearly life around us has inspired the children of St Anne's this term, but even more so their creativity and artistic ability has inspired many others in our wider community. Great work everyone!