

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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Let's look at this week's story

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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



How does it make me feel?



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This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read through the information below about Klimt's painting and discuss why you think it sold for as much as it did.

A description of Lady with a Fan

With 'interweaving patterns and mingled rhythms, *Lady with a Fan* captures a young woman lost in thought as she stands before us', holding a fan and staring into the distance. 'Her identity remains unknown... She hasn't noticed our intrusion into the... space that she inhabits.' Grovier also notes 'a mystical phoenix (or Fènghuáng, a symbol of grace and virtue in Chinese mythology) with fabulous emerald fangled feathers.' While, opposite, 'boasting... feathers of... ultramarine, stands a long-legged crane, an emblem of wisdom..., while all around the unreal air explodes with bright bursts of pink lotus flowers, signifying... beauty'.

- Kelly Grovier for BBC Culture

[*Lady with a Fan*] is the last portrait Gustav Klimt created... [It] is something completely different - a technical tour de force, full of experimentation, as well as a heartfelt ode to absolute beauty.

Helena Newman, chair of Sotheby's Europe (the company who auctioned the painting).



Sotheby's

Lady with a Fan by Gustav Klimt

Gustav Klimt's final piece of artwork is the most expensive painting auctioned in Europe, selling for £85.3m.



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about Gustav Klimt.

Gustav Klimt was born in 1862 and died in 1918. He was an Austrian painter and illustrator and was one of the founders of the Vienna Secession in 1897. This was a group of painters, sculptors and architects who wanted to create change and become modern. They used expressive, natural and flowing lines and shapes that were more decorative than realistic in their works.

Klimt had a 'golden phase' when he used actual gold in his paintings. One of his most famous works is called 'The Tree of Life'.



Some of symbolist painter, Gustav Klimt's work.
His works were mainly paintings, murals and sketches.



Do you like Gustav Klimt's art?



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about three famous artists, who have produced some valuable artwork?



The Mona Lisa is a portrait by Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519). It hangs behind bulletproof glass in Louvre Museum, Paris, France. The Mona Lisa holds a Guinness World Record for the highest known insurance valuation for a painting. The valuation was £53.55m in 1962.



Source: @artistokeeffe
Twitter



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American artist, Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986) is famous for creating paintings of flowers, skulls and mountains. In 2014, one of O'Keeffe's floral paintings sold for £28.8m at auction, setting a record for an artwork by a female artist.



Source: Andrew Milligan sumo



Source: libby rososf

Kerry James Marshall (1955-present) is an African American artist and professor. In 2018, his 1997 acrylic and collage on canvas titled 'Past Times' sold for a \$21.1m.

For each artist, discuss where in the world they have links, when they may have painted their works and why they may be so valuable.



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Reflection



Artwork comes in many different forms and represents different things to each of us. It can bring great enjoyment and meaning. The value of art can be so much more than just the price that's paid!





Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Artwork can mean different things to different people. We can show respect to others and the things they value, even if these are different from our own.

Protected Characteristics



Our religion and/or beliefs affect our life choices or the way we live our life. Some artworks have meaning because they represent beliefs. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.



Sex



Sexual Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender Reassignment



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity



Race



Religion and Belief



UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to take part in cultural and creative activities. Enjoying artworks by others or creating our own can help us do this.



Useful vocabulary



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Can you use them in your writing this week?



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- Look at this week's poster image and share your thoughts on what you can see. What do you like about it? Is there anything you don't like?
- Looking at the painting itself on the assembly resource, talk about your initial thoughts. What do you imagine is the meaning behind the painting and do you think it is telling a story?
- Read through the information found on the assembly resource about Klimt's painting and talk about why you feel it sold for as much as it did.
- Watch this week's useful video about Gustav Klimt. Can you share one fact that was particularly interesting?
- Why do you believe some people choose to pay so much for certain pieces of art?
- Can you think of a piece of art you have created that means a lot to you? Or something that someone else has created.
- What do we mean by something's value? Is it always about how much it costs? Talk about the other meanings of value/s. Can you think of something that can mean a lot to one person, but not to others?

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KS1 focus

Who was Gustav Klimt?



- This week's poster image shares a painting by a famous artist called Gustav Klimt. Have you heard of this artist before? Do you know anything about him? Have you ever seen any of his paintings before?
- Look at resource 1, which shares some information about Gustav Klimt. Does anything surprise you? Is there anything else you would like to find out?
- Focus on the four pieces of art created by Gustav Klimt. Can you see flowing and natural lines? Do you think they look more decorative than realistic?
- Discuss what you like about each of Gustav's pieces. Is there anything you don't like?
- Gustav Klimt played a huge part in the style of art that was created at the time. He moved away from the traditional art to a more modern style. What do you think modern means? Do you think Gustav Klimt's paintings can still be described as modern now?
- Think about some of the art you have created or you have displayed at home or in your classroom. What lines, colours and shapes can you see? What has been painted? Is it decorative or realistic? Do you know when it was painted? How does it compare with any of Gustav Klimt's paintings?

Reflection

Gustav Klimt was an artist. His paintings are famous and still enjoyed by many people around the world.



KS2 focus

What are some of the most valuable artworks in the world?



- Make a list of any famous artists or artwork you have heard of. What do you know about them? Why do you think they are famous? Do you know the value of any of the artwork?
- Look at resource 2, which shares some information about three famous artists, who have produced valuable artwork. For each, discuss where in the world the artist is from, when the works may have been painted and why they may be so valuable.
- Resource 2 shares examples of valuable paintings. What other artworks do you believe may have value around the world e.g., sculptures, cartoons, mosaics, photographs? Do you think different places in the world may value certain artworks more than others?
- Look back at your list of famous artists and artwork. Do you know where in the world the art is now? What nationality was the artist? Can you locate these places on a world map?
- Think about what contributes to artworks being valuable e.g., who the artist is/was, who has owned the art (celebrity or famous gallery), how rare it is. If an artwork had been owned by a celebrity you like, would this make it more valuable to you?
- Discuss what type of artwork is valuable to you. What is the subject of it? What does it represent? Does it reflect something about you e.g., your culture, traditions, values?

Reflection

There are so many different artworks all around the world. Who created it, who has owned it and what it represents can all contribute to its value.



KS2 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Read and research to find out more about a famous artist. Think about:

- Who would you like to find out more about?
- Where and when were they born?
- What was their early life like?
- When did they first discover a passion for art?
- What was their artwork like?
- What are some of their most famous pieces?

Use your research to create a fact file or biography about your artist. Share them with others so you can learn more about other famous artists around the world.

Option 2

Some artwork has huge monetary value; other artwork has value in different ways. It might be it represents something of value such as a special moment in time, someone you care about, your culture, your beliefs, a hope for the future etc. Use this opportunity to create a piece of artwork that you can value because of what it represents. Think about:

- What is important to you?
- What will your artwork represent?
- How will you use colour, tone, line and shape?
- What media of art will you use? Painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking?
- How do you want your artwork to make you/others feel?



KS1 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Complete some art activities.

- Use chalks to create art on the playground.
- Collect natural objects such as leaves, grasses, twigs to create a collage.
- Make a junk model sculpture.
- Use a tablet or camera to create some photography.
- Create a painting of something that matters to you.

Once you have created your art, think about the following:

- Which art activity did you enjoy the most/least?
- Which of your creations are you most proud of?

Option 2

The artwork below is for sale! Answer the following:

- How much would it cost to buy the sheep model and the boat painting?
- How much would it cost to buy the colour painting and the boat painting?
- How much would it cost to buy all three artworks?
- If you paid with a £1 coin, how much change would you get for each?

25p



50p



10p



Create your own artwork gallery with items for sale. Add price labels to each and take it in turns to buy and sell!



This week's useful websites

This week's news story

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-66036688

This week's useful video

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www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXQ7n0ezr_A

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Buck Supermoon



Pictured: The full moon rising - just after sunset - as seen from Grandview Point at the Grand Canyon, USA **Source:** Grand Canyon National Park Facebook page

An amazing supermoon has appeared in our skies for three days. A supermoon is when the Moon appears to be much larger than usual because it is closer to our planet. This happens as the Moon's orbit is not a perfect circle due to the Earth's gravitational pull, it is an oval shape. The Moon is less than 365,000 kilometres from Earth, which is around 22,000km closer than normal. The first full moon after Summer Solstice (the longest day, 21st

June) is often called the Buck Moon due to the fact that at the beginning of summer, buck deer begin to grow their new antlers; they begin to emerge from the top of their heads covered in a soft, velvety fur. Many people from all over the world have been posting beautiful, dazzling photos of the Moon as they see it where they live.

Is this something you would like to take photographs of?

Top Team Player

Belgium's record holding shot put and hammer throw champion, Jolien Boumkwo, displayed great team spirit at the European Athletics Team Championships in Poland when she stepped up to run the 100-metre hurdles and save her team from getting disqualified. Jolien stepped out of her comfort zone and ran the 100-metre hurdles after her teammate was injured. Even though she finished last, she cleared every single hurdle, earning a very important point for her team! 'I thought I would take one for the team. I didn't think

about it, I just went for it,' said Boumkwo, 'It was really heartwarming all the support, the crowd was screaming and I cannot believe how many people are so kind. When I was younger I used to do some heptathlons, it was 10 years ago when I last did hurdles. But now in my training I do hurdles, for mobility and to be flexible. It is not a new movement, but to do it here [at a major championships] is a whole new world, but I really enjoyed every second of it.'

Do you think it is important to be a team player?



Pictured: Jolien Boumkwo taking part in one of her specialised sports **Source:** Jolien Boumkwo facebook page

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Swift Bricks

10,000 bricks with built-in bird houses have been installed into UK homes to create nest holes for swifts. Swift bricks are normal building bricks with a hollow inside. The small migratory birds have suffered due to renovations of old buildings, which have sealed up the small holes that they would use to nest in. The nesting bricks can also be used by other small birds and it is hoped that they will help to increase declining bird populations. 'The great advantage of swift bricks and boxes is that they can work just as well in inner city areas with very little green space as anywhere else,' notes Dr. Guy Anderson,



Pictured: Swift Source: Canva



Pictured: A Manthorpe Swift Brick
Source: Manthorpe BP Twitter page

the RSPB's migratory birds program manager. He adds that, 'Swifts can travel pretty long distances to find their insect food – all they need is a nest site.' Swifts are amazing flyers that spend 10 months of the year in the air. They have an impressive top speed of 69mph. They can do most things whilst still flying. They drink by skimming water as they fly over rivers and lakes with their mouths open. They eat by catching flying insects and airborne spiders. Astoundingly, they can also fly whilst closing one eye and turning off one half of their brain. They fly all the way to Africa before returning to the UK to nest.

Do you think all homes should have swift bricks?

Last week's topic:

Should everyone learn the Countryside Code?

I think that we should learn all about the countryside, like we learn about road safety. It's just as important.

Evie



I think that everyone should be respectful of all outdoor spaces - I love exploring the countryside and visiting parks, but I like it when they're clean. My family and I take our litter home and smile at people we see and I think everyone should do the same.

Cassie

I think you should be aware of how to behave in the countryside but I don't think the Countryside Code is something you would need to memorise.

Freddy

I want to enjoy my park but there are no bins, so there's lots of rubbish!

Sam

Let us know what you think about this week's news?

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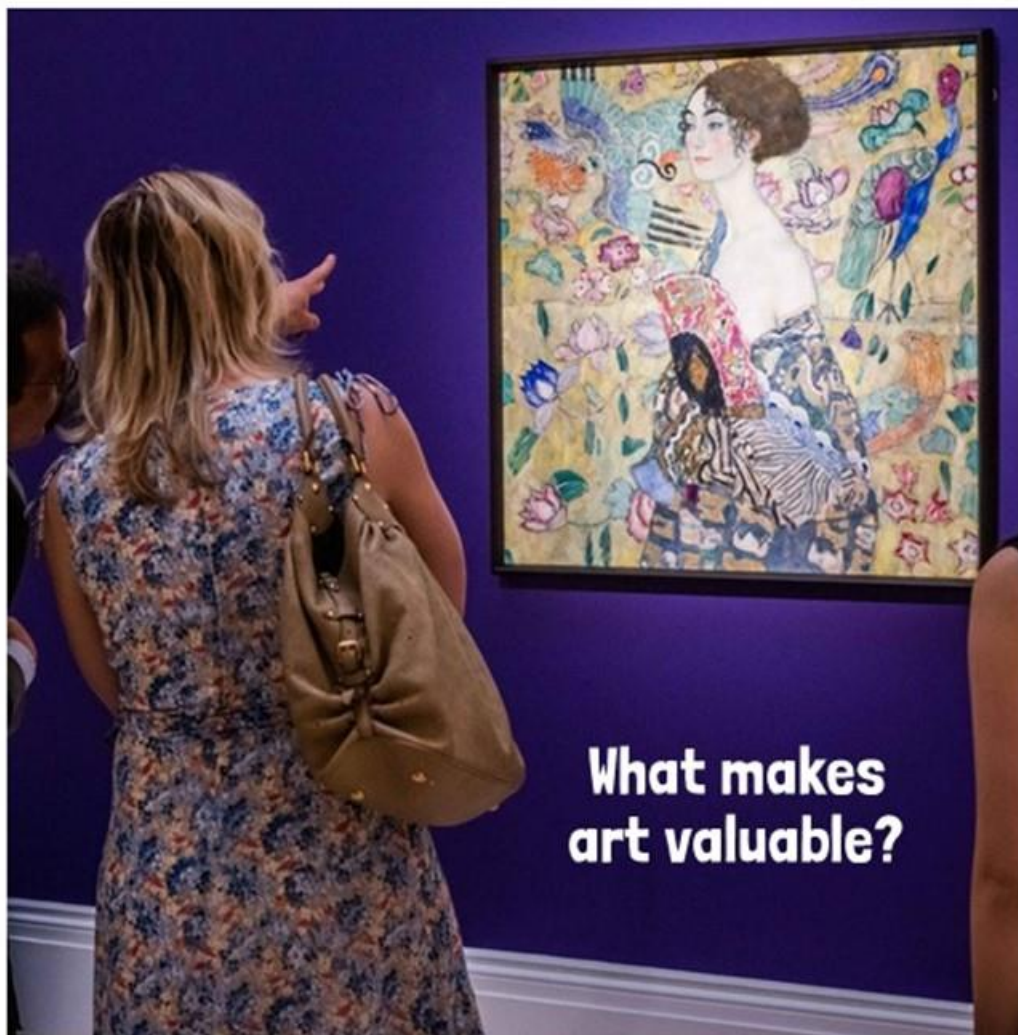
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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you enjoy looking at or making art?
- > Is there any artwork displayed around your home or in your room?
- > Talk with people at home about why they feel some people choose to spend so much on pieces of art.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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