

In Art, the children will learn about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and study her pieces of art. Then they will be looking closely at a range of plants and flowers and sketching them in their Art books. They will use these ideas to create a collage using a variety of materials including paint.



Georgia Totto O'Keeffe was born on 15th November 1887 in Wisconsin, USA. The landscape in Wisconsin was very important to Georgia, which became evident in her later work. She studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and had her first gallery show in 1916.

Georgia began experimenting with painting close up views of flowers. She used oil paints in vibrant, bold colours. Painting the flowers at such a close range makes the viewer see the object in a completely different way.

Georgia O'Keeffe began to lose her eyesight in 1972, and painted her last unassisted painting. She wrote a book and in 1977, at 90 years old, said; "I can see what I want to paint. The thing that makes you want to create is still there."

Georgia O'Keeffe is recognised as being a pioneer of American modernism. She was highly praised for her art, which was unusual for a woman in a male dominated art world. She died on 6th March, 1986 aged 98 years old.

Georgia O'Keeffe painted thousands of paintings in her lifetime. The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum opened in Santa Fe in 1997; it displays over 3000 of her works.