

Dear Parents,

Our friends at Animate Arts have invited us to take part in their new project entitled, Art Builders at Home. Art Builders At Home is an Arts Council funded programme for primary school teachers and pupils during lockdown. Having worked with Animate Arts in previous years, we are very excited to accept their invitation and share with all our pupils, both in school and working at home.

So far, we know that six professional artists have been commissioned to design and make Art Builders Toolkits which will focus on a different world-famous artist. In each toolkit there will be a filmed workshop guiding participants through practical activities. The toolkits will be digital resources that require low-cost, easy-to-find materials, so all pupils are able to take part relatively easily. We have been asked to collect cardboard again so please start collecting your old boxes/packaging at home!

We will be sent further information in due course and share details of the toolkits once they are released to us. Animate Arts have named Tuesday 30th June as **Art Builders Day** and would like us to kick start our projects on that day which we will do our best to work towards. We will be invited to send in images of our Art Builders At Home creations, to be included in a virtual reality (VR) 360 film Animate Arts will be making as a grand finale to the project and would hope to have our own virtual celebration of our efforts!



Please watch this short video from Jo Dyer, Artistic Director who explains this for the children! <https://youtu.be/6ZaPbty7idE>

We hope this will be a welcome opportunity for a wave of creativity throughout our school community and to reconnect as we work towards a shared goal whilst supporting wellbeing.

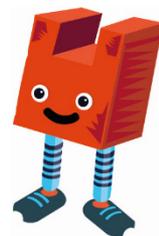
You can find Animate Arts across the usual social media channels. They are also inviting children to name their mascot (pictured right). Please do add your entries if you are able to!

Facebook www.facebook.com/animateartscompany

Twitter @animate_arts

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I look forward to sharing the next stages of the project with you, next week.

Mrs Clark.

NB: For pupils who are in school for Art Builders Day could we please ask that you leave cardboard in the pagoda on Friday 26th June to allow us to quarantine for the requested three days. Many thanks.