Overview

In this topic we will be learning about the artists, Claude Monet and Henri Matisse. We will be finding out about Monet's life and creating a timeline and a fact-file. We will be looking at different paintings, finding out about the impressionist movement and researching his water lily garden to use as inspiration to design and make our own edible miniature gardens. We will be researching Matisse to help us to experiment with tearing, cutting and sticking a range of materials. We will be linking these artists together to create a Monet inspired life cycle collage.

Knowledge & Understanding

In this unit, the we will:

- Use a range of materials and media creatively to create a life cycle collage.
- Use drawing, painting, tearing and cutting to develop and share our ideas, experiences and imagination.
- Develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, texture, line, shape, form and space. We are going to research the artists Claude Monet and Henri Matisse
- Learn about the work of Claude Monet and Henri Matisse and talk about their work making links to our own artwork.

Cross Curricular links

History
- *The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements – Claude Monet*

DT
- *Designing and creating an edible garden inspired by Monet's water lily garden*

Science
- *Creating a frog life-cycle collage, seasons paintings (Monet)*

English
- *Creating a Monet fact-file*

Music
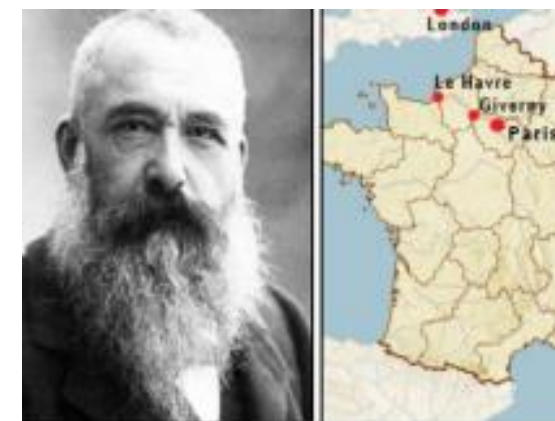- *Listening to and discovering jazz music just like Matisse*

Key questions

What does collage mean?
Why is Monet significant?
Which technique did Matisse use?
Where were Monet and Matisse born?
Are there similarities between Monet and Matisse?
Can you find France on a map?

Who was Henri Matisse?

Matisse was a French artists who developed a technique he named 'drawing with scissors'
He was born in Northern France in 1869
He loved bright colour
He painted large pieces of paper and used scissors to cut them into interesting shapes
Matisse designed and created stained glass windws for a chapel

Topic vocabulary

Collage, texture, join, natural, recycled, synthetic, tear, colour

Monet lived between 1840 and 1926. He was born in Paris, but spent much of his long life in the northern French village of Giverny.