



Leonardo Da Vinci

KS2 Learning Resource

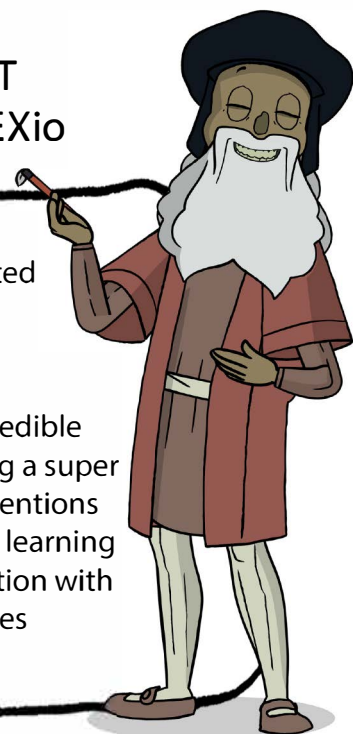
Curriculum links: History, Art, Science, DT

Watch Here: <https://youtu.be/bgRG0lyEXio>



Watch the dead famous come to life in this comedy animated history chat show based on the popular "Corpse Talk" graphic novel series by Adam and Lisa Murphy.

In this episode, our host Adam is joined by amazing artist, incredible inventor and all-round genius, Leonardo Da Vinci! As well as being a super successful painter, Leonardo came up with many innovative inventions including robotic knights, helicopters and diving suits. Leo loved learning and was interested in many different subjects. In fact, his fascination with nature and science was so intense, he would dissect corpses to find out more about them!



Dig up the Past

When you've watched the episode, can you answer these questions?

Where in Italy was Leonardo born?

Can you name one of Leonardo's famous paintings?

What inspired Leonardo's helicopter design?

Fun Fact

Many of the pages in Leonardo's notebooks were written in reverse and could be read by holding them up to the mirror. It is thought that this was because Leonardo was left-handed and wrote from right to left to avoid smudging his ink.

Dead Quick Challenge

Leonardo Da Vinci was endlessly curious about the world around him. If he walked into your classroom right now, how do you think he would react? What items do you think he would find particularly fascinating? What questions might he ask?



Deadly Dates

Leonardo Da Vinci was born in Italy in 1452.

He died in France in 1519.

Become a portrait artist

Who would you like to draw a portrait of?

Perhaps your favourite sports person or singer?

Print a large photograph of this person's face.

Now, cut the picture in half vertically and stick one half onto a piece of paper.

Using drawing pencils, complete the portrait by drawing the other half of the face on the piece of paper.

Think particularly about shading and proportion.

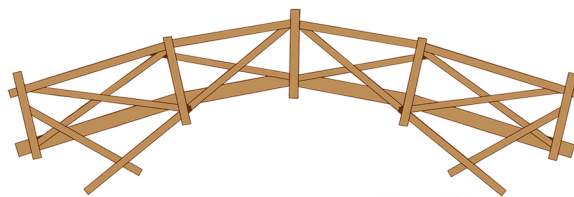
When you have finished, why not create a coloured background for your portrait?

Display your pictures in your classroom to create your own class art exhibition!



Build A Bridge

Leonardo designed many different bridges in his notebooks. Work with a group to design and make a bridge of your own. You can use straws, paper, lolly sticks, string, sticky tape, elastic bands and blue tac. Can you make a bridge that is 30 cm long and supports 250g? Top tip: Triangles are the strongest shape; how could you incorporate triangles into your bridge design?



Before You Go

Leonardo wrote and drew his ideas in notebooks. Why not start your own 'ideas notebook'? Fill your notebook with drawings, observations and genius inventions of your own!



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