

Y5/6 – Assembly Plan 2

Can a piece of art change how people think?

Preparation:

- Collect images of impactful art:
 - Banksy murals
 - Protest posters
 - Black Lives Matter murals
 - Climate change artwork (e.g. melting Earth, Greta Thunberg portraits)
- Prepare short background facts about one or two of the artists or artworks.
- Optional: Display examples of children's art that carries a message (anti-bullying, kindness, environmental).

1	1. Welcome & Question (2 mins) Show the <i>Big Question</i> on the screen: “Can a piece of art change how people think?” Ask: Have you ever seen a picture or mural that made you stop and think?
2	2. Art That Speaks (3 mins) Show an image of a powerful mural or protest artwork. Ask: • What do you notice first? • What do you think it’s trying to say? • How does it make you feel?
3	3. Banksy & Street Art (3 mins) Introduce Banksy briefly — a mysterious street artist who uses walls as canvases. Share an example: the girl with the balloon, the dove in a bulletproof vest. Ask: Why would someone choose to paint art in the street?

4	4. Art That Changed the World (4 mins) Explain how art has been used to support causes: • Posters during war • Murals during civil rights marches • Graffiti for climate justice • Portraits for women's rights Children realise that art is a powerful way to share a message.
5	5. Children's Voices Matter (3 mins) Share an example of a child-led art campaign or artwork made to raise awareness (e.g. anti-bullying, saving the oceans, promoting kindness). Ask: If you could make a poster or mural to share a message, what would it say?
6	6. Key Message (2 mins) Art isn't just decoration — it's a voice. And everyone, no matter their age, has the right to use it. Art can inspire, challenge, change, and unite.
7	7. Reflection (2 mins) Close your eyes. Imagine a message the world needs to hear. Now picture how you would turn that into a piece of art. What colours would you use? What images? Open your eyes — your artwork could make someone think differently today.

Music

“Man in the Mirror” by Michael Jackson – encourages personal responsibility for change

Or

“Roar” by Katy Perry – inspires confidence to speak out

Cross-Curricular Links:

Art: Exploring symbolism, expression, political and protest art

PSHE: Social issues, values, confidence, making a difference

History: Art in historical protest movements

English: Visual literacy, persuasive messaging

Citizenship: Activism, voice, community involvement