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Sharing the heritage of St Leonard's Flamstead



Session Plan: Key Stage 2

Subject: A Colourful Past

Learning Objectives	Link to National Curriculum	Resources
To learn how medieval painters created their church paintings. To learn the significance of the murals in St Leonards Church, Flamstead, from a range of perspectives.	 History How the Church will have looked at different stages in its early history Local history study (Non-statutory) Religious Education Making sense of the text All applications Making connections Connecting texts and Christian living Understanding the impact How did and do Christians live in their everyday living? How did and do Christians see the world? Related Subjects (Non-statutory) Art Communication (Statutory) Science 	Resources can be KS2 Paint PowerPoint Watercolour paint blocks to grind Stones to grind paint to powder Brushes and water pots PVA glue to mix with water and paint For the adventurous or for demonstration: eggs as an alternative to PVA glue. Who's Who: stories in audio and text (short versions)
Section Propagation		

Session Preparation

- Review PowerPoint and the Painter's Story.
- Collect art materials

Session Outline

Introduction: 15 minutes Look through PowerPoint.

For Religious Education:

Discussion points: select from -

- Why were churches painted?
- What stories were the paintings telling?

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- What deeper messages were the paintings conveying?
- Which messages might have had most impact when they were painted?
- Which painting has most meaning for you today?
- Why do you think the Doom painting was repainted? How did the style change?
- Why do you think that the Reformation wanted to remove or cover up these paintings?
- Imagine what a church would have looked like with colourful paintings everywhere. How is that different to places of worship we know today?

For History

Discussion points -

- What is the timeline for the Church's appearance through the paintings? What are the key dates for the paintings' history?
- What art do children most know or like?
- What messages would they show through art today?

Activity: 35 minutes

- Teacher to demonstrate how to grind and mix paints.
- Children to make their own paints and then create artwork.

Plenary: 10 minutes

Paintings to be shared among class.

Potential Stretch or Follow-Up

- What is your message in your artwork?
- Why is it important to you?