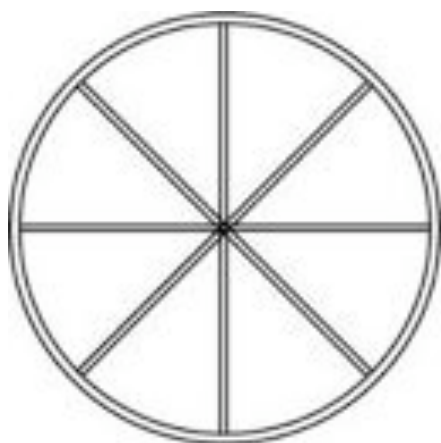


Workshops at Sandgate Primary

Weather Wheels Project

Artist: Deborah Crofts



Working on the idea of what shape and colour is the weather, artist Deborah Crofts ran two workshops with years 1 and 2 and Sandgate Primary School. The ultimate aim was to create two large scale weather wheels reflecting the range of weather types including moveable pointer.

In week 1 ideas were generated in short exercises such as 5 minute sketches where the artist said something like "everyone paint rain!" and then "everyone paint stormy skies!" and so on. Children were given weather wheel templates and a month in between the two workshops allowing time to explore the theme in class and personal journals.

Inspiration was drawn from the artist's own paintings as well as other past and contemporary artists and so exploring a range of styles and techniques.

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Wheel sections in progress



Rainbow Drawing

Weather Wheel Construction

1. A square background could be created with the circular shape painted on top, this could be constructed out of four boards and batons at the back. This would give a flexibility allowing for the wheel to be taken apart and reassembled as required.
2. Triangles could be cut separately so that they can be added later and also allow for groups of children to work on sections separately.

