Zara’s Colourful Circles: Exploring Kandinsky

Learning objective: To explore the art of Wassily Kandinsky, identifying shapes and colours to create an abstract composition.

Look at the circles and shapes in the patterns. Answer the questions to help Zara the zebra plan her new masterpiece!

Wassily Kandinsky was a famous artist who loved to paint music. He used lots of different shapes like circles and squares, and he used very bright colours to make his pictures feel happy and exciting. Sometimes, he painted circles inside circles, which looked like colourful targets!

Word bank: Circle · Square · Triangle · Bright · Pattern · Colour · Abstract

1. Zara wants to paint a circle. Can you draw a circle in the space below? (2 marks)

2. Kandinsky used lots of bright colours. Name two colours you would use to make your painting look happy. (2 marks)

3. If you saw a painting with squares and triangles, would it have straight lines or curly lines? (1 mark)

4. Why do you think Kandinsky painted circles inside circles? (2 marks)

5. If a paint set costs £4 and a paintbrush costs £1, how much money do you need to buy both? (2 marks)

Draw: In the large box below, draw your own Kandinsky-style picture using at least three different circles and three different bright colours.

Extension challenge: Find a partner and look at each other's drawings. Can you point to a circle in your partner's work and tell them which colour it is?