Zara’s Art Studio: My Van Gogh Masterpiece

Learning objective: To explore the style of Vincent van Gogh and express personal responses to his art through drawing and descriptive language.

Welcome to Zara’s Art Studio! Today we are looking at the swirling stars and bright colours painted by Vincent van Gogh. Use this fact-file to record what you see in his paintings and create your own art inspired by his style. Remember, Zara loves to look for patterns!

Word bank: swirly · bright · yellow · blue · stars · paint · patterns · happy · calm

1. The Painting: What colours can you see in the painting? Tell me about the colours.

2. The Feeling: When you look at the painting, does it make you feel happy, calm, or excited? Why?

3. The Lines: Van Gogh used lots of swirly lines. Can you describe how the lines move on the page?

4. My Art: If you painted a picture of the night sky, what would you put in it?

5. Reflection: What is your favourite part of the painting and why?

Extension challenge: Try painting your own version of a starry night using only yellow and blue paint. Use your brush to make little, swirly dashes just like Van Gogh did!