



LANGUAGE THROUGH THE ARTS



Language learning offers a creative and exciting opportunity to integrate the arts. Integrating music and visual arts into language lessons can foster motivation and encourage active and engaging language learning experiences .



“All of us are watchers of television, of time clocks, of traffic on the freeway but few of us are observers. Everyone is looking, not many are seeing. - Peter M. Leschak



Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination... And life to everything. - Plato



iamanartist.ie

Google Arts and Culture

Hugh Lane Gallery, Van Gogh Museum

literacyshed.com

Stimuli

Pop, classical, opera, jazz, traditional Irish music

Songsinirish.com

TV and radio advertisements

Movie soundtracks

Comprehension

When integrating language learning with the arts, comprehension skills help children gain meaning from the text.

Using the arts as a stimulus, comprehension skills can be developed in an inclusive way.

Creativity

Engaging with the arts allows the children to express understanding of their world in a personal way encouraging them to be creative and take risks.

Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Teaching and modelling subject-specific language based on the chosen stimuli.

This can include the visual and musical elements.

Visual arts: Example - form, shape, texture, colour.

Music: Example - tempo, pitch, tone.

Response - oral, written, visual, musical

- What was the artists/ composers intent?
- How does this piece of music / art make you feel?
- What do you hear/see?
- Does this piece of music / art remind you of anything?
- Do you like the title the composer / artist chose for this piece?
- Create a piece of art / music based on what you feel / see/ hear.

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