Swoop

By Rachel Burch

In this resource Head of Art at Burton Hathow Preparatory School Rachel Burch takes us through how she developed and implemented a creative project aimed at students across the whole of Key Stage 1 and 2. As children 'migrate' back to school after months of digital lockdown learning, Rachel has used this low budget project to re-engage and energise the students' creativity.



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"Rachel has contributed some great resources to AccessArt and we really like how this idea captures the concept of 'returning' – something that school children will have processed over the past year. We love how this activity encourages hands to feel and move paint about freely – to experience its qualities and tactile nature. You could try this in your setting using different migratory birds such as Ospreys or Swifts as inspiration, with the children looking at images of these birds before trying some observational drawing." – Rachel, AccessArt.

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