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*A view from my window*

Hi everyone! We are excited to share with you the **Oak Tree Federation** Lockdown Art Competition!

The theme for this competition is '**A view from my window**'. You can use ANY media (pencils, crayons, pastels, paint, collage, clay etc.) to create a piece of artwork which represents the view from your window.

You could create a representation of:

- The actual view from your window
- An imaginary view from your window (e.g., a window into your dreams)
- The view you want for the future when you look out of your window

Therefore, it is completely up to you what you want to create! We felt this idea was fitting for our competition as we are all spending a little more time at home and there are so many different views from our windows.

Please keep your artwork safe at home for the moment and when it's finished take a clear named picture and send it via email to the school office titled '**A view from my window**'. Once we are back at school the artwork can be sent in and we will make an exhibition of all the entries!

The closing date for submission will be **Friday 5th February**. All entries will be shared on the school website the following week, where our winners will be announced and prizes will be sent out! Watch this space to find out more about the prizes. This competition is for both schools in our federation and there will be prizes awarded at each school.

**Some suggested steps for getting started:**

1. Start sketching and gathering some ideas and views from your window, looking at composition and a subject or view that interests you.
2. Take your pen for a walk and sketch the view first.
3. Think about these questions:
4. Do you want to include the window frame or not?
5. Do you want to include an interior scene with outdoors?
6. What view do you get in different directions?
7. Is there something that is fun or sends a message?
8. Can ordinary everyday objects make an interesting subject?
9. Include the main shapes and ideas in your sketch. Include the tones so you pick out lights, darks and medium shades.
10. You can work in any medium that you like. Think about complementary colours and mix them rather than straight from the tube (if using paint).

**Links for Inspiration:**

[Click here](#) to watch a video of someone sketching 'The view from my window'.

[Click here](#) to see different photographs from around the world during lockdown showing 'A view from my window'.

[Click here](#) to see different views from windows all around the world.

[Click here](#) to listen to a lovely story, celebrating all the different views from windows across the globe.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Coakley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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