

Hokusai

This week the Year 6 teachers have asked if we could look at Hokusai

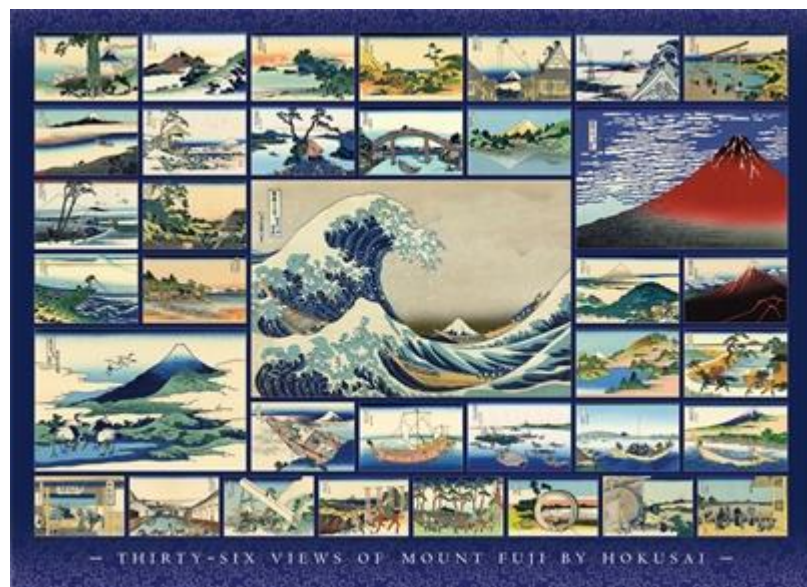
Hokusai (1760-1849) was a Japanese artist and printmaker.

He is best known for the woodblock print series *Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji* which includes the iconic print *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*. The paintings were completed over a series of years, each showed the mountain from a different viewpoint and in different weather conditions.

Here are a few...



I found a jigsaw puzzle with all 36 pictures! I think that this would take a long time to complete!



Fact file:

Hokusai began painting as a young child

He was known by at least 30 different names during his lifetime! It was common for Japanese artists to change their names but Hokusai did more often than any other major artists.

He also loved moving house and it is thought that he lived in more than 90 dwellings during his lifetime!

Apparently both Monet and Degas were 2 artists who admired his work!

He worked very hard and it is thought that he produced more than 30,000 pictures! Take a look at some online and choose your favourite.

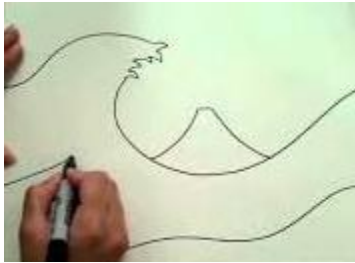
The Great Wave off Kanagawa



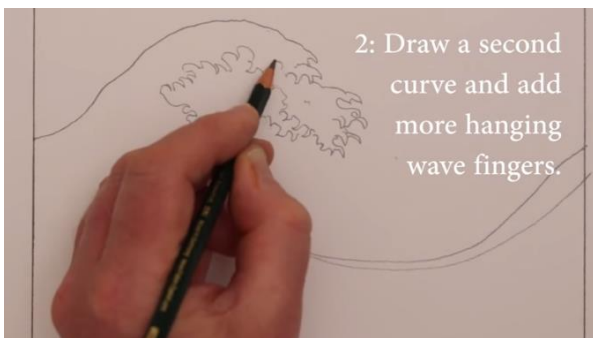
Art activities

Have a go at recreating Hokusai's great wave.

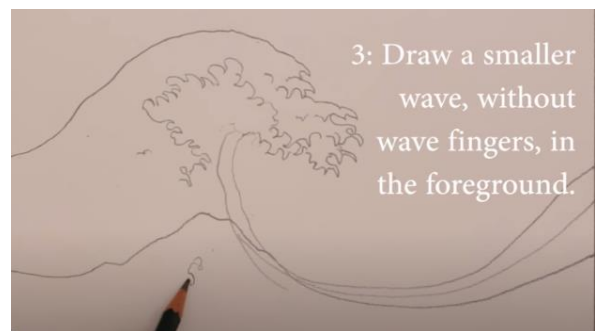
Build the picture in stages



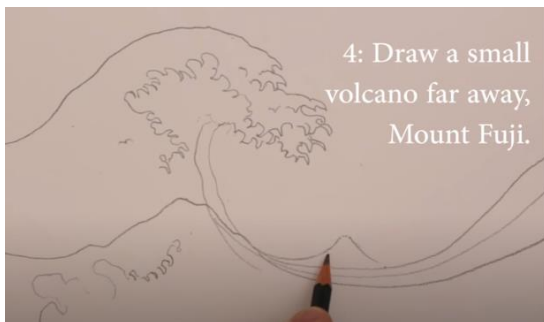
1. Draw a wave using a sharp pencil and invent the details of the wave fingers



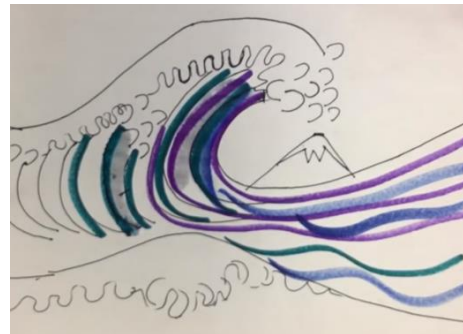
2: Draw a second curve and add more hanging wave fingers.



3: Draw a smaller wave, without wave fingers, in the foreground.



4: Draw a small volcano far away, Mount Fuji.



5. Add colour – you could use paint or felt-tips, crayons or collage. Start with the wave, then the boats, finally paint your back ground.



Hokusai Inspired Artwork

Look at these images and see if any inspire you to produce your own Hokusai creations! Send in pictures of your finished work!

