# Newport Infant School— History

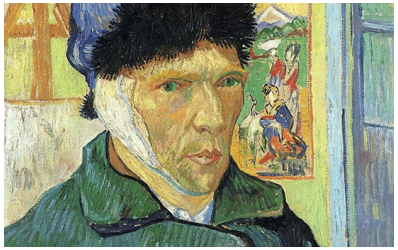
**Topic: Van Gogh** | **Key Stage 1 Year 2** | **Strand: Historical Significant Individuals**

## What should I already know?

- An Artist is someone who produces art-work.
- Media like paint, crayons and pastels are used to create artwork.
- WWI started in 1918.

## What I will know by the end of the unit

- Van Gogh is a significant Artist who lived in the past.
- He was born in the Netherlands in 1853.
- Initially he painted farmworkers and landscapes using dull dark colours.
- He moved to Arles in France when he became an adult.
- Van Gogh met Camille and his family and they became friends.
- He painted portraits of Camille's family and himself.
- He used brighter colours: yellow and orange in his work while he lived in France.
- Van Gogh painted the famous paintings- Sunflowers and Starry Night.
- He became ill, sad and depressed and chopped off part of his ear.
- Van Gogh died in 1890 by shooting himself (aged 37)
- He only sold one painting in his lifetime.
- He is now very famous and people from all over the world know of him and go to see his paintings.



Van Gogh self portrait



Arles



Van Gogh 'Starry Night'



Van Gogh 'Sunflowers'

1853 VG born | 1890 VG died | 1918 WWI | 1939 WW2

(Timeline)

## Vocabulary

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| Arles | A town in France. |
| Artist | A person that produced art for a living. |
| Brushstroke | A painting technique. |
| Easel | Equipment used to hold paper. |
| Gallery | A place where famous artwork is kept for people to look at. |
| Landscape | A horizontal position. |
| Netherlands | A country in Europe. |
| Painting | A piece of art made using paint. |
| Palette | A tool to hold paint and mix colours on. |
| Portrait | A vertical position. |
| Shade | How dark a colour is. |
| Sketch | Pencil drawings. |
| Sunflower | A bright, yellow and tall flower that |
| Texture | How something feels. |
| Tint | How light a colour is. |

## Key Skills

- Use language of chronology (before, after, the now) to order events. (WWI and when VG was born/died)
- Ask and answer questions
- Use computers, books & powerpoints to find out.
- Talk about the lives of Significant Individuals.
- Use stories to understand key features of Van Gogh's life.