



# Sir Christopher Wren

Christopher Wren was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1632. Wren was educated at Westminster School and then Oxford University. Wren's interest in architecture began from his study of physics and engineering. In 1666, the Great Fire of London destroyed much of the medieval city, providing a huge opportunity for Wren. He drew lots of plans for rebuilding much of the city but many were not allowed. Instead, he designed 51 new churches – including St. Pauls Cathedral. He was then offered the chance to work on many other famous buildings. Wren died on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1723.

#### **Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford**

## St. Paul's Cathedral, London

#### Royal Observatory, Greenwich







## **Key Vocabulary:**

Textures - rubbing, copying
Media- pencils, charcoal, wax
crayons, pastels.

Techniques -texture, shape and space

**Printing- blocks** 

Collage- creating an image using a range of different materials, such as photographs and pieces of paper or fabric.

Questions: Why did Christopher Wren design buildings? How many buildings are designed by him?

Websites: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-ks1-ks2-proud-to-be-an-architect/zbf76v4">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-ks1-ks2-proud-to-be-an-architect/zbf76v4</a>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYV8D007qRc

https://kids.kiddle.co/Christopher\_Wren

The children will be exploring different buildings. They will draw the building using a range of drawing materials, such as, pencils, charcoal, wax crayons, pastels and felt tip pens. Furthermore, they will create a collage and contribute a piece of work towards the whole class collage.