

### 3.Create

Now you have spent a while **exploring** your ideas around the “Helpful Hands” theme, and **developing** one or two of these ideas into try-outs and experiments with materials, colours and techniques, you must be ready to **create** something!!!

Your creation can be 2D or 3D, it can be one medium or mixed-up media! It can be a drawing or painting on paper, card, canvas or??? which has extra bits glued on, or stitched on – it is down to you to decide what your response is to “Helpful Hands”

In my FaceBoook Live video on May 13<sup>th</sup>, I showed how to prepare some backgrounds, pieces of canvas, cardboard boxes etc in case children did not have suitable materials by using up odds and ends of household emulsion paint etc or creating washes of thinner, watercolour paint on A4 printer paper – things around in many household...

In the video on May 20<sup>th</sup>, I began creating from my “Helping Hands – Growing food and tending plants” idea from section **2 Develop** and decided to begin to create Gardener’s



hands in the style of Daniel Mackie, illustrator... I posed my hand to carefully pick out a seedling, drew around the outline and began to add detail to the finger ends, as I noticed that the head and feet of the animals he studied had elements that identified them as the creature...

I then continued to fill the hand shape with growing plants, stems, flowers and maybe I would include gardening implements like a fork, trowel etc.

Next I returned to two more of the backgrounds created last week, one by rubbing pencils and pastels over pieces of thick card and the other by scrunching up cellophane from a salad bag and dipping in acrylic paint and ‘printing’ onto my emulsion-covered cardboard box background to add interest...



Here are two more backgrounds onto which I have begun to create artworks linked again to the “Helpful Hands Growing Things” ideas and have used a tissue paper hand to represent growing plants and on the right, a silhouette using the same pose as the Daniel Mackie hand...



Here I have shown how I've combined collage ideas and painting by raiding the Otter Garden Centre leaflet that came through my letterbox last week!! Lots of images of growing things in there...



Here is a piece of fabric, which I primed with emulsion paint last week in small rectangles. This week, I used a piece of paper that I had previously cut out a hand from, as a stencil and with a soft, thick paintbrush painted acrylic paint through to create yet another background to develop...I'm thinking of adding 3D bits to this...

Both Jenny and I were very impressed with some artwork delivered to us via email this week from one of our Primary School artists. Not only had she developed her ideas really well; Wendy from Parkfield Primary incorporated emotions into her final piece – so appropriate for Mental Health Awareness Week!



In fact, it led me to explore another idea of “Connecting Helpful Hands” – My family is pretty wide-spread within the UK and I wanted to demonstrate some connection with each part...so I thought about my friend Susie Thomas of ‘Rocket & Co’ and ‘Rocket and Bird’ and began trawling through an old ‘AA Book of the Road’ I had found at my parents up in Newcastle, at the end of 2019. I decided to use the hand shape, and find all of the towns and villages represented by my extended family...still developing this idea, but am really enjoying this one and the memories it brings to mind...



So in conclusion, **3.Create** may lead you on to further exploration and development of ideas and indeed, to produce further artwork....isn't CREATIVITY a marvellous thing???

**Your artwork can be painting, drawing, collage of mixed media, a sculpture, use fabric anything you have to hand at home, or at school...anything that you create in response to "Helping Hands" as a theme...**

Coming next – (together)

**4. Record / Evaluate**

**5. Display**

**Work to be displayed on Go Create and Taunton Live Websites at the end of this project.**