Lesson 2: Children in the past

In this lesson children will explore the theme of Children in Art further. They will look at another painting of children; Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose by American painter, John Singer Sargent. They will also look at Children's Games by Pieter Bruegel. Children will build on their previous learning and will explore the art works before describing what they see. At the end of this lesson, children should understand that we can find out about people's lives long ago by looking at art. They will use the pieces they have studied as inspiration for their own piece of art later in this unit.

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Learning Objective	Core Knowledge	Activities for Learning	Key/Related Vocabulary	Assessment Questions
To understand that art can tell us about how children lived in the past.	Art can tell us about people in the past. Artists can paint what they see.	Show children 'Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose' by John Singer Sargent. Discuss what they notice. Explain that this painting took the artist over a year to finish. He only wanted to paint when the sun was setting to paint the light correctly. Also, he painted real children and they don't stay still for long! The children in the painting are called Polly and Dolly Barnard. The children are lighting Chinese lanterns. The title comes from a song that children used to sing. The artist took so long to paint this picture that all the flowers died and he had to use artificial ones! Have printed colour copies of Pieter Bruegel's Children's Games on the tables. Children can sketch any toys or games they see children playing into their art books. Adults to move around each table and discuss what children notice. What does this picture tell us about the past? Highlight that the children are playing with toys that we might not play with today. What would a picture like this look like if we painted it today? If there is time, children can draw some of the things they play with in school/at home.	painting art/artist games/toys past today changes difference	*What can you tell me about children in the past?* *How can we find out about children in the past?* *How to artists tell us about children in the past?*

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Prior Learning



What is an artist?
What is this a painting of?
Who is William Hogarth?

Children Playing in Art

Understand that we can learn about how children used to play by looking at art.

Children in Art

To observe children depicted in art and be able to explain what is shown, who the children might be, what they are doing, how they might be feeling etc.

Painting our friends

To be able to create a piece of art showing how we play with our friends.

Core Knowledge

Visual Arts Unit Plan– Year One

Paintings of Children

Creative application of knowledge

- Look at a range of pieces of art depicting children.
- Discuss how what we see can give us clues about the children.
- William Hogarth, The Graham Children, 1742 (National Gallery, London)
- Draw or paint some children in a scene, perhaps from a photograph of the class or a photograph of siblings.

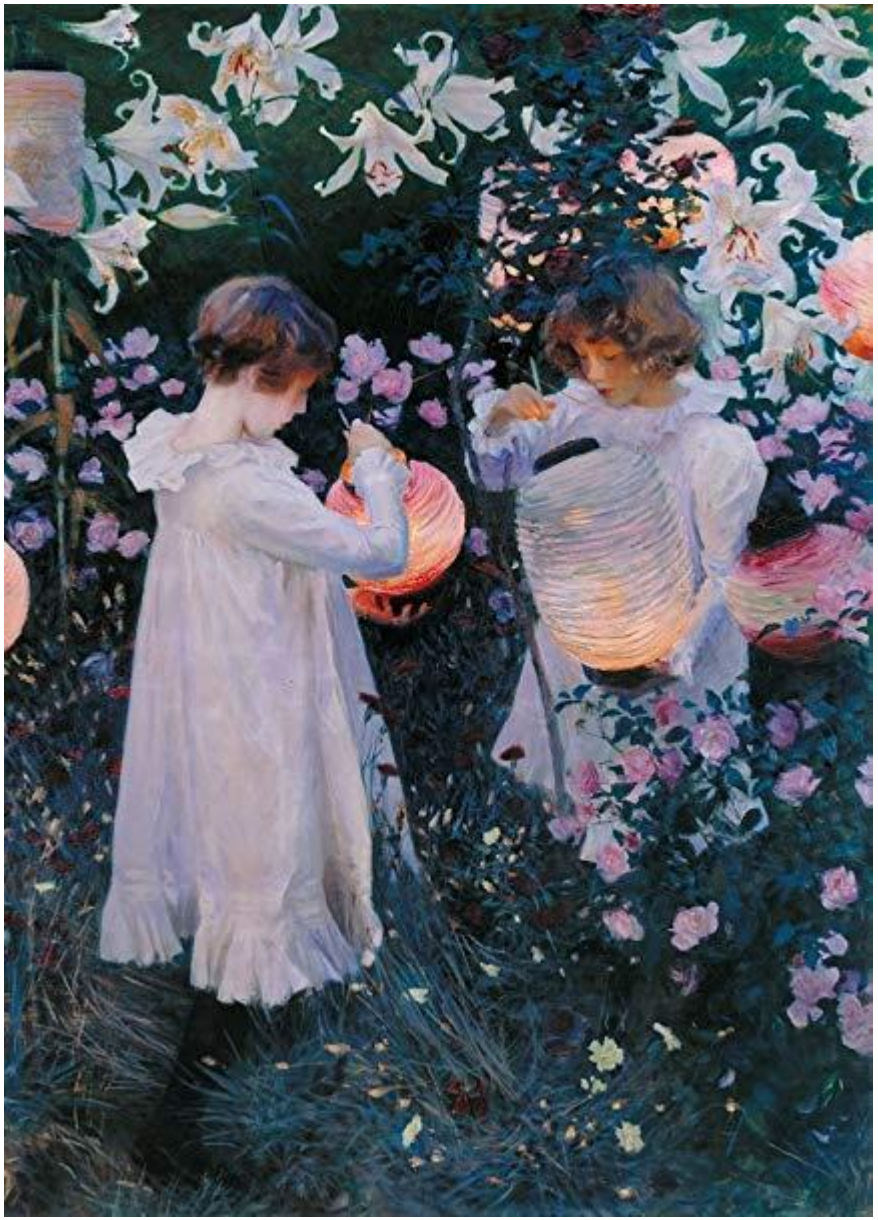
- Explore the different games that the children are playing in 'Children's Games'.
- Sketch different positions of children playing.
- Pieter Bruegel, Children's Games, 1560 (Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna)
- John Singer Sargent, Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose, 1885-6 (Tate Britain, London)

- Take some photos of the class participating in various play activities.
- Enlarge the photo on a colour photocopier if possible.
- Ask children to choose a photo and use it to help them create a painting or drawing of play.
- Discuss what name or title could be given to the art the children produce.

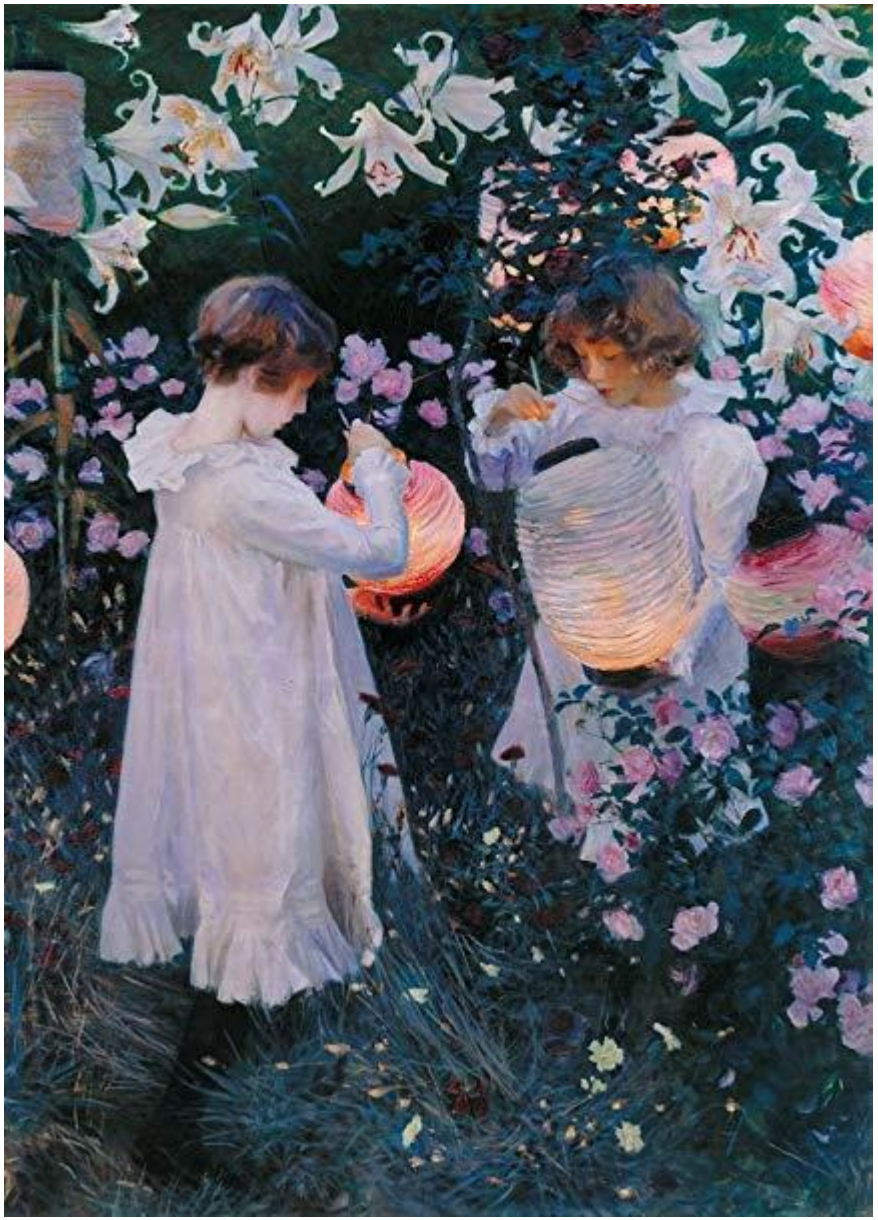


Key Vocabulary

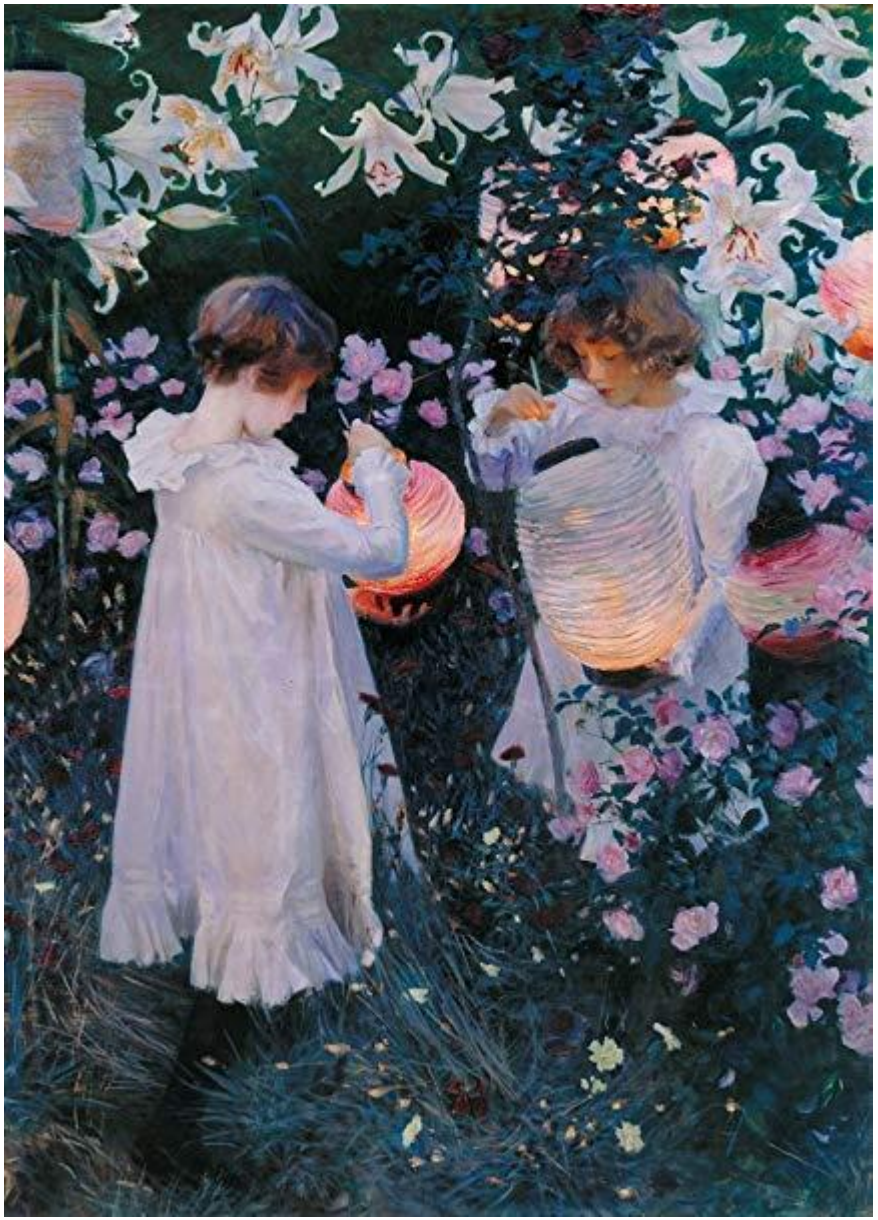
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This is 'Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose' by John Singer. This painting took over a year to finish. He only wanted to paint when the sun was setting.



The children in the painting are called Polly and Dolly Barnard. They are holding Chinese lanterns.



The title comes from a song that the children used to sing. The artist took so long to paint this picture that the flowers died and he had to use artificial ones.

This is called Pieter Bruegel's Children's Games.



Talk Task: What games can you see the children playing?

Task

You have got a copy of this picture on your tables.
You need to sketch any toys or games that you can see the children playing.



And finally…

What can you tell me about children in the past?

How can we find out about children in the past?

How do artists tell us about children in the past?