

Artist Led Workshops

dot-art Schools works with a wide range of artists to offer your school one-day artist-led workshops in a variety of different techniques, media and subjects. All our workshops are delivered by experienced artists with full DBS clearance and public liability insurance, and can be tailored to meet your specific requirements.

Artist	Madeleine Pires
Workshop	<i>Chinese Brush Painting</i>
Details	<p>This session will begin with a brief history of Chinese art and the main ways it differs from Western painting styles. This will be followed by a demonstration of brush technique and posture, and then the first exercise for the children to practise, finishing in painting a long flowing orchid stem, adding simple orchid flowers.</p> <p>The second exercise teaches more techniques to do with ink and dilution, and adding watercolour, by painting the remaining “Four Gentlemen” - four plants used to teach the fundamental elements of Chinese brush painting: the plum blossom (梅), the bamboo (竹), and the chrysanthemum (菊). (The other plant is the orchid (蘭) which we used as a model in Exercise 1.) These all represent different things in Chinese culture: e.g. strength, peace, purity etc.</p> <p>The session finishes with children choosing and painting their own Chinese-inspired picture – trees, landscapes, birds, etc.</p>
Age Range	Year 5-6
Materials	<p>Provided by artist:</p> <p>30 Chinese paintbrushes (assorted sizes) 120 sheets of rice paper 120 sheets of watercolour paper Chinese ink</p>



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	<p>Provided by school:</p> <p>Access to computer to show slides on PowerPoint; A4 copier paper for practising; 30 paint palettes with wells/jam jar lids; water pots; spare watercolour brushes with pointy tips; watercolour paints; drying rack/area</p>
Cost	£275 (dot-art Schools Participant) / £295 (non-participant) + £80 materials (based on 30 students)

