Computer Art

This half term, children have been using the computer to create different pieces of art. To do this, we have used the program Microsoft Paint. If you have Microsoft on your computer you can find this in two ways:

• press the Windows button and search 'Paint'

or

• go to Accessories and find it there

If you don't have access to Microsoft Paint, then don't worry! You can use any paint or art program available on a computer or tablet or, if that isn't possible, then you can draw the art on a piece of paper.
Mastering Mondrian
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<th>Who is Mondrian?</th>
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<td>Piet Mondrian was a Dutch artist who lived between 1872 and 1944.</td>
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<td>He started his working life as a primary school teacher!</td>
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<td>Mondrian became famous for creating art on a white background with straight lines and blocks of primary colours (blue, red and yellow).</td>
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<td>His artwork has been widely copied, from buildings to dresses!</td>
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<td>As an artist, he worked mainly in Paris.</td>
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<td>He went back to school to learn about fine art.</td>
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Mondrian’s Style

These artworks have all been made in the style of Mondrian. What is similar about them? What is different?

This artwork is actually made from Lego!
Making a Mondrian

We are going to use a computer program to make our own Mondrian work of art!

What do we need the computer program to do?
Draw straight lines.

Fill spaces with colour.

Draw straight lines.
You will need to change only COLOUR 1 for both line and fill functions.
Your turn...

Select the line tool; try and draw a straight line. Is it perfectly straight? What happens if it’s not?

Use the line tool to split your page into 6. Now select the fill tool, and add a different colour to each square. Has it worked? If not why not - can you spot the problem?

Now you’ve practised using these skills, you can have a go at producing your own Mondrian artwork but remember to take your time!

Remember to only use primary colours - red, blue and yellow - when adding colour. You can leave some blocks white.
Remember, if you don't have Paint at home, you can use any paint or art program on a computer or tablet.

If it is not possible for you to use a tablet or computer, then you can produce your art on paper. You will need to use a ruler to draw straight lines. Colour it in using primary colours (red, blue and yellow) just like Piet Mondrian.

Have fun!