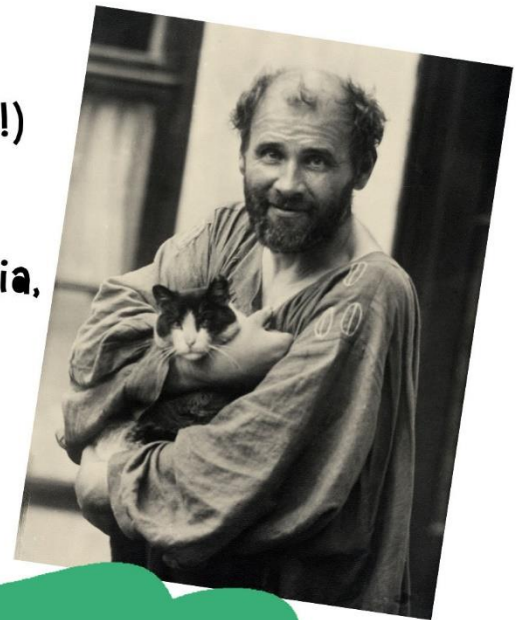




This is Gustav Klimt.
He liked cats (see the photo!)
and making very big
paintings, often on walls.
He lived and worked in Austria,
nearly 100 years ago!



This is **one** Klimt's paintings. It is called **Tree Of Life**.
There are lots of symbols in the tree to tell us
about life.

Like a tree,
we grow taller
and bigger as we
get older. This
tree has reached
the heavenly
skies!

Each of the branches
could be an important
event in our
lives, like our first day at
school, or a marriage!

The colourful flowers are
the fun and happiness on Earth.



Triangle leaves

These eyes in the tree are
watching and protecting us. Perhaps
by those who love us the most!

The black bird reminds us
that everything, even a
bird, has a beginning and
an end.

Spots of bark
on the tree trunk

The new life of a tree starts as
a seed in the earth.

Life is so precious.
It deserves an expensive
and important colour
like gold!

Klimt's Printed Trees



What you will need:

- Plasticine
- Sticks or pottery tools
- Piece of card or cardboard
- Ink pads or paint (and brushes) - Gold ideally!
- Paper
- Aprons and covered tables for messy work
- Cleaning-up facilities

We are going to print a beautiful tree looking at Klimt's style of painting, including some swirly branches and triangle leaves (see picture above). We will make a stamp of our tree from 3D materials, and then use it as a print to make 2D art works.

1. Warm-up your plasticine in your hands. Mush it up so you can squish it into shapes.
2. Roll a piece of plasticine into a short, sausage shape. Place it on your cardboard to make a tree trunk.
3. Roll some more thinner sausages from the plasticine. Curly them up to make a swirly branch. Add them to your trunk.
4. Make another sausage. This time, using a stick or pottery tool, cut out triangles so that they look like Klimt's leaves. Add these to your tree.
5. You can use a stick to draw some circles or protective eyes into the trunk of your tree.
6. When you've built your tree from plasticine, cover the tree in ink or paint (we used gold). Carefully lay a clean piece of paper on top of the tree. Gently rub the paper to pick-up the ink/paint. Peel off the paper to reveal your printed tree!

(You may be able to make several prints from the same plasticine tree!)