


FAMILY ART TRAIL

Welcome to Orleans House Gallery

Art can tell stories, share ideas and even send messages. Sometimes these might seem obvious to you and sometimes they might not seem obvious at all! Pick your favourite activities to explore, play and share your ideas.

Each activity includes some ideas to talk about. Either use our suggestions or make up your own. There are no wrong answers!

Try these activities in the Octagon Room, the Main Gallery, the Study Gallery, the Interpretation Area, the Stables Gallery and the woods and gardens. You are welcome to take photos and videos in our outdoor spaces.

For some activities you might like to use a paper and pencil - 
You can find these at reception.

Being safe: The woods and gardens are home to lots of different plants, insects and creatures. Look closely and you might see them around you, exploring, eating or sleeping! Remember to be gentle and explore carefully so you don't disturb them. Watch out for stinging nettles!

Watch out for artworks in the inside spaces and make sure to only ever touch artworks if you are invited to do so.

The Conversation

Choose an artwork that shows two or more people and imagine a conversation they might have.

- Who could they be?
- How do they know each other?
- What are they doing?

The Day Trip

Choose a picture of a place and imagine you are there. Tell someone what it would be like to spend a day here.

- What could you hear?
- What could you smell?
- What could you do here?

The Mime

Choose an artwork that shows a person and strike a pose to copy them as closely as you can.

- What are they doing?
- What are they thinking about?
- How are they feeling?



The Artist

Find an artwork and choose someone in your group to imagine that they are the artist. Interview them to find out everything you want to know!

- Is there a story behind this piece?
- How did they make it?
- Are they happy with how it turned out?

The Mind Reader

Choose an artwork you like the look of but don't tell anyone what it is!

Describe it in just 3 words and see if the others can work out which one it is.

- Is it big or small?
- Is it colourful?
- How does it make you feel?

The Wildlife Artist

Artists often find inspiration in nature, but what if we could make art for nature to enjoy too? Visit the woods and design an artwork that could be enjoyed by something that might live here.

- Who or what would you design your artwork for?
- What would your art look like and what would it be made of?
- What would wildlife enjoy about your art?

The Local Historian

Artists have been making pictures of Orleans House for hundreds of years. You might even see some today! Make a sketch or take a photograph of the building to remember what it is like today.

- What can you see and hear happening around you?
- What does it feel like to be here?
- What might Orleans House have been like in the past and what could it be like in the future?

The Colour Seeker

Artists choose colours to have different effects and to make us feel different emotions. Have a walk and see how many colours you can find.

- What do the colours remind you of?
- How do the colours make you feel?
- How could you use these colours in an artwork?

