

RTÉ This Is Art!

Teacher Activity Plan

Step 1:

Introduce the Theme (5 mins)

- Tell students about the competition and this year's theme: "This Is Nature!"
- Explain: Nature can mean anything, from real plants and animals to imaginary creatures, dream worlds, feelings or even new universes you invent.
- Remind them: There's no right or wrong way to respond to the theme

Step 3:

Create Artwork (20-30 mins)

- Use any materials available: pencils, paint, crayons, collage, mixed media.
- Let imaginations run wild. Realistic, abstract or completely made-up is all welcome.

Step 5:

Share & Submit

- Let students share their work and statements with the class.
- Remind them to submit their entry with the help of a parent/guardian on the This Is Art! website.

Step 2:

Brainstorm Ideas (10 mins)

- Quick class brainstorm:
 - What words come to mind when you think of nature?
 - Encourage unusual answers too (e.g. "a volcano of rainbows," "a monster made of trees").
- Students pick one idea they'd like to explore.

Step 4:

Write an Artist Statement (10 mins)

- Explain: Each entry needs a short Artist Statement, a few sentences to tell us about your art.
- It should include:
 1. What you used to make it
 2. What your artwork is about
 3. What inspired you
- Keep it short. 3 to 5 sentences is perfect.

Key Notes for Teachers

- No special skills or equipment needed.
- Focus on creativity and originality, not "perfect" drawing.
- Every child's perspective is valid and worth submitting!