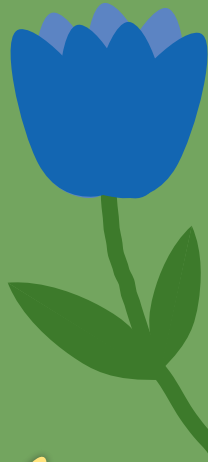




TALK, LISTEN AND QUESTION TOGETHER

Jonathan is an artist who makes joyful art in different materials. He awakens our senses with colour, pattern, sound and texture. Sprinkling humour throughout, he explores myths and legends. *Touch Wood* is a journey celebrating nature, craft and storytelling. The gallery could almost be a stage set where something is about to happen.



Jonathan has created a cast of characters. Find one that you would like to be friends with.

Imagine the story it might tell.

Think about whether it's from the past or maybe a guide for the future. What would you like to share with the character?

What makes you you?

Is it your experiences, your dreams, or a mixture of both?

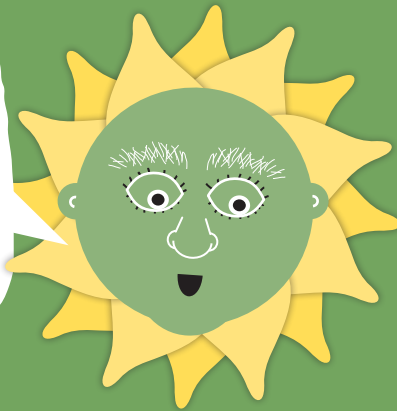
Why do you think we tell stories?

Spend time together noticing the sounds and smells, patterns and textures.

How does the exhibition make you feel?

What is the first thing you notice? Why?

What are you most curious about? Why?



Jonathan spent time in Wakefield Cathedral and discovered a carved wooden figure, hidden under a seat. He's made it into an enormous artwork and given it a new identity. This figure is no longer hidden or small.

Seek out this artwork. It's called *Be fruitful and multiply*.

Why do you think it may have been hidden hundreds of years ago?

Sometimes we hide who we are or how we are feeling to others.

It's not always safe for people to be themselves. Think about how we can help people feel safe and comfortable.

How might this figure be feeling in this exhibition?

Seek out *No one had paid them any particular attention*, this is inspired by the Green Man. He appears in different cultures, often to symbolise the cycle of life, death and rebirth. He is thought of as kind and connected to nature and our land. Spend some time looking at this sculpture. Imagine the stories he has heard.

There are many different types of materials using lots of traditional making skills.

See how many ways of making you can spot.

Think about how people share skills like sewing and gardening and pass these down to others.

Talk about why it is important to learn different skills.

What have you learnt from someone else?



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