Year 2 Art

The Year 2 students have spent the last few lessons creating a mixed media fish fossil. What began as a small blank canvas board has now transformed into a highly textured, earth-toned fossil replica.

Utilising their observational skills, the students drew the bone structure of a fish. By using a mixture of wire, plastic tubing and match sticks, the students created a relief impression of the fish bones. This was then covered in layers of tissue paper, with sprinklings of sand adding realistic rock texture to their work.

The last, and most exciting step, allowed their fossil to look more realistic. Earth tones were created by applying soft pastels over the canvas board. Many different tones and colours were created through blending and rubbing the chalks with fingers into the board. Lastly, a darker oil pastel was rubbed over the raised fish bones to help define the linework.

The students were delighted with the transformation. Willow’s comments highlight the thrill of completing this work; “I love my fish fossil, it looks so realistic, like it has just been dug up!”

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