



Illustration: A robot viewing artwork at a museum.

### What is contemporary art?

- **Contemporary art is art that was made from the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century onwards.**
- **This includes works of art by artists who are living and working today.**

### Investigate

The art on display in the Hastings art gallery is called contemporary art.

Using the Internet or books at home, investigate what the term contemporary art means and who are famous contemporary artists. Can you choose a favourite artist? What is it about their work that you enjoy?

### Write

All computers, like the robots in this article, follow algorithms to complete tasks. These algorithms are implemented using coding.

Coding is all about creating a sequence of clear and straightforward instructions. However, you don't need a computer to practice coding.

Use one of the coding activity sheets contained in the resource pack to write your own instructions to practise creating coding.

### Explore

Art can take many forms. You may have artworks on your walls at home, ornaments and sculptures on shelves or mantle pieces or even illustrations and drawings in your books.

Pretend your home is an art gallery and explore some of these artworks.

Look closely at each piece and discuss with someone at home:

- why you chose these artworks;
- why you like them;
- how they make you feel;
- what you think they mean to the artist;
- what stands out?