Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo da Vinci was an Italian artist and engineer. Some of his art is famous today all around the world.

Growing up

- Leonardo was born in 1452 near Vinci in Italy.

- Leonardo got his first job aged 14. He worked in a studio helping a famous artist called Verroccio.

- Leonardo learnt how to work with metal and wood. He also learnt how to draw and paint.

- He became very good at painting. Leonardo helped Verroccio paint many of his best works.

Drawings and paintings

- Leonardo moved to Milan in 1482.

- A duke in Milan noticed Leonardo's talent. He paid him to create paintings. 'The Last Supper' is one of the most famous works Leonardo painted for him.

- Leonardo also created many drawings. He filled hundreds of notebooks with drawings of nature.

- He also drew human bodies and machines. He was the first person to draw an idea for a helicopter!

Death

- Leonardo died in France in 1519.

- The 'Mona Lisa' was found in his studio after he died. This painting is now one of the most valuable in the world.

Fun Fact

Leonardo was close friends with King Francis I of France.