

Chinese New Year

As Chinese New Year approaches, why not have a go at creating this beautiful Cherry Blossom artwork in your creative journal. The vibrant colours are uplifting and help to create positivity, whilst painting is known for its relaxing benefits.

The cherry blossoms have a special significance, as they are the first trees to bloom and can be seen doing so even as snow is melting after a harsh winter. They represent the promise of spring and a renewal of life, as well as symbolising power and strength.

Instructions:

- 1. First, paint an ombre background using acrylic paints.
- 2. Next use a straw to blow ink to create branches.
- 3. Hold 5 cotton buds together and dab pink and white paint in clusters to create the blossom.
- 4. Finish off by writing 'Happy New Year' in Mandarin.

