

Caroline Haslett Primary School

Art

Year 5

Insects

Knowledge

Louis Bourgeois 1911-2010

She was a French American sculptor nicknamed 'Spiderwoman' because of the spider sculptures she made. The largest spider sculpture she created is called *Mamon* and is over 9 metres tall! It is made of steel and marble.



Jennifer Angus

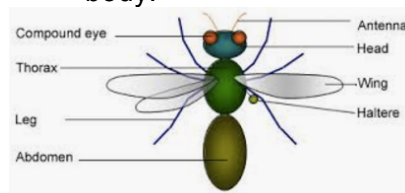
She is a Canadian artist famous for her insect designs. She pins dead insects to the walls in patterns that repeat. All of the insects she uses are real. She hopes her work will make people interested in insects, so they will help fight against the destruction of their habitats.



Insect art – Angus

Vocabulary

- **Insect** – a small animal that has 6 legs and generally one or two pairs of wings.
- **Arthropod** – an invertebrate animal with an exoskeleton, a segmented body and jointed legs [insects and spiders].
- **Thorax** – the middle section of an insect's body that bears the wings and legs.
- **Abdomen** – the back section of an insect's body.



Activities

- Produce an annotated observational drawing of an insect using a range of techniques to add interesting effects (shadow, tone, texture, line, form)
- Create a watercolour painting of a butterfly/moth, mixing colours to enhance form
- Explore the works of the sculptor Louise Bourgeois particularly her spider sculptures
- Create an insect shadow puppet selecting and combining materials to maximise contrast between shadow and light
- Explore the insect patterns of artist Jennifer Angus and use as inspiration to design and make a 3D insect sculpture from paper and tape
- Enhance the sculpture using paper maché techniques to provide a visual and tactile quality

Skills

- Learn about the work of great artists in history
- Improve mastery of art and design techniques (shape, shadow, tone, texture, line, form, colour, pencil drawing, watercolours, shadow, light, combining materials, sculpture, papier maché)