

# January

## Communication Enrichment Class: January 2021 Newsletter

Happy New Year everyone! We hope that you all had a safe and relaxing winter break, and are having a great new year so far. 2021 will hopefully be much brighter and more exciting than 2020 (please!). North Yorkers is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic situation, and we will notify everyone once we believe it is safe for the class to return to in-person. Currently, the class will remain online, using Skype and the blog until further notice.

To begin class, we are going to set our own individual intentions for the year. Everyone will choose one word that will be your focus for 2021 and we will discuss them together. Let's start the year with positivity and hope for what's to come!

We are also going to begin the year by looking at famous visual artists, including painters and sculptors, and their works. We will look at artists from the past and present, and different types of art such as impressionism, cubism, contemporary art, and many other styles. We will also explore the lives of the artists, what was or is known about them, and where they got the inspiration for their work. If there are any suggestions for artists that you would like to learn about in class, please let us know!

An interactive website that has lots of information about art is Google Arts and Culture. On this website, you can learn about different pieces of art, various artists, as well as several cities and museums. There are also puzzles, crosswords, and other games about art that can be played on the website! Here is the link:

<https://artsandculture.google.com>

As always, feel free to reach out at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Also, please let me know if you are having issues with connectivity online, and I will do my best to assist!

Sincerely,

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