



Banksy is a British street and graffiti artist. He likes to remain anonymous and not let people know his true identity. He often draws in high visibility public places such as on buildings or train stations. His paintings are often about politics and war and other important topics.

[Who is Banksy? Click here on the CBBC newsround to find out more.](#)



- Banksy has managed to keep his true identity a secret. Many people think he is a man called Robert Gunningham born in Bristol and is 50 years old.
- Many people have been critical of Banksy's work, viewing it as vandalism and not art.

What do you think?

Valentine's Day- a girl firing red plastic flowers from a catapult appeared on a house wall in Bristol.

[Click here to see a BBC report about Banksy's recent home working artwork featuring lots of rats!](#)





His work often contains a political message (often anti-war or anti-establishment) and he often incorporates images of rats, apes, soldiers, children and policemen.

He began to use stencils and by 2000 most of his work was produced by stencilling.



His work can be found in towns and cities all over the world, from Bristol and [London](#) in the UK, to San Francisco, Melbourne, New Orleans and the Israeli West Bank.



This festive-themed artwork highlights homelessness in Birmingham.

Your TASK is to draw your own Banksy inspired artwork, based on his superhero.

Draw your own superhero. Who would it be? What would it be wearing? What magic/special powers would it have? What's its name? Write a few sentences next to your artwork describing your superhero. **Have fun and be creative!**



A new artwork by Banksy has appeared in a hospital corridor to pay tribute to the nation's hero nurses and doctors. The piece, entitled Game Changer, is now on view at Southampton General Hospital.

It shows a boy dressed in dungarees playing with a nurse superhero toy, with figures of Batman and Spiderman in a waste paper basket on the floor.

The nurse, wearing a cape, face mask and a white apron featuring a red cross, has her arm raised as if she is flying. Banksy left a note for hospital workers, saying: 'Thanks for all you're doing. I hope this brightens the place up a bit, even if its only black and white.'

Please email your teachers a photo of your finished art work as we would love to see it.