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Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery

Spring

The artist

John Berney Crome painted landscapes and seascapes and is associated with the Norwich School of Artists. He was born in 1794 in Norwich and sometimes made trips to Holland, Belgium and France to develop his painting skills. He exhibited his work in many exhibitions. He died in 1842 in Norwich.





This painting is called 'Great Gale at Yarmouth on Ash Wednesday' and was painted in 1836 by John Berney Crome, who was living in Great Yarmouth at the time. The combination of a huge gale and high tide struck the town in February 1836. It was reported that 'such a scene of general devastation never in the memory of the oldest inhabitant presented itself'. Crome painted this scene with great energy, depicting a boat at the mercy of the sea, the beach completely submerged, waves battering house fronts and menacing storm clouds in the sky.



Talk together

- Describe the scene in the painting above.
- How would you feel if you were in the boat?
- How do think the people who lived in the seafront houses felt during the storm?
- Discuss the different types of weather found during spring.

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Get counting

How many white tulips can you count?

How many purple ones? How many tulips are there altogether?





Ideas for home

ART: Use fabric, clothes, and sheets laid out on the floor to create your own spring picture. You could lie in the picture and have someone take a photo!

MUSIC: Sing 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'.

DRAMA: Pretend to be aboard a ship on the stormy sea. Rock up and down and roll from side to side.

IMAGINATION: Look out of the window or lie on the grass in the garden and look up at the clouds. What shapes can you see?







