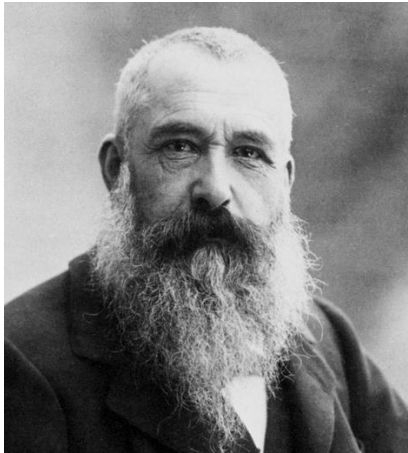


Dear Children,

My name is Claude Monet and I was born on 14th November 1840 in Paris, France.



My real name was Oscar but everyone knew me as Claude. When I was at school I liked to draw funny pictures of people a bit like comic drawings. These were called caricatures.



Can you guess what I used to draw this?

My father was a grocer and my mother was a singer but I always knew I wanted to be an artist so I went to art school.

When I was older I moved to your country, England where I began to use oil paints and paint landscapes.

I understand that you have been looking at my painting of the Lily Pond. I hope you like it and thank you for learning about it and me.

I would love to know a little bit about you. What is your name, how old you are and what you like doing in your spare time? Do you know what you might want to do when you grow up? Please write it all down in a letter and maybe post it to your school so your teacher can have a look.

Thank you.

Claude Monet

P.S Maybe you could try drawing a caricature of someone in your family.