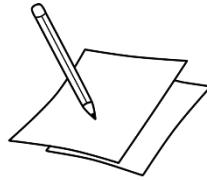


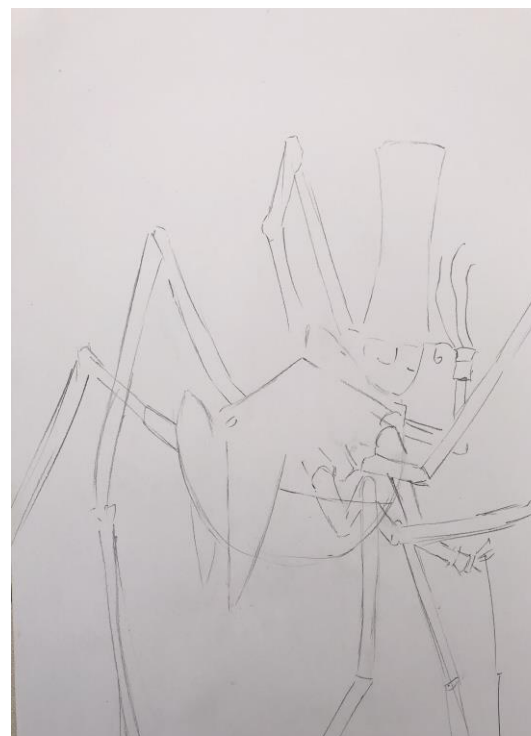
Art Challenge No. 2 – To draw book characters from observation



Choose a favourite book character you would like to draw. For example, the Gruffalo or Harry Potter. I have chosen The Spider and the Fly, a poem by Mary Howitt and artwork by Tony DiTerlizzi.



Lightly sketch an outline of the character. Focus on proportion – how the body and limbs fit together, making sure arms and legs are not too long or short.



When you are happy with your light sketch you can begin to add more detail.



Now you can add colour or continue to use a pencil to shade in your drawing. Focus on areas of light and dark to create contrast. This will help your drawing look more 3D.



Next focus on the character's face and try to show their emotion. Are they happy, excited, sad, cross, etc? I have tried to show that the spider is scary!

I used an HB pencil and then a 3B pencil, which is a really good way to make the shading darker. You can also use a rubber to create light areas.



Finally, take your time. Great Art does not happen quickly!

