Arts Award With Dippy



We are a registered centre for Arts Award and can both support you in working towards Arts Award at any level and assess the portfolios. For levels above Discover, these will then need to be externally moderated.

- You can find the costs of moderation and certificates at: https://www.artsaward.org.uk/site/?id=1378.
- We have staff who are trained advisors so you will not need to incur that cost
- The use of the log books is voluntary—you can just make your own portfolio if you prefer

It's easy to do a Discover or Explore level Arts Award with your class centred around a visit to Dippy. Bronze, Silver and Gold require more individual work but we are also able to support those working at these levels.

Overleaf you can find suggestions of ways in which your class could achieve a Discover or Explore level Arts Award centred around a visit to Dippy. These focus on dinosaur based activities, but our exhibition is also about environmental issues and local nature which would also form great ways in which to explore the arts—we can talk you through lots of options!

Please contact the Learning Team on 0191 208 6865 for advice and booking.

Discover Level

Part A: Discover

Find out about different types of art and what you are already doing. Talk to us about our Artist's Toolkit!

Part B: Find Out

Find out about an artist or artists and their work. A good way to do this with Dippy would be to find out about artists who draw dinosaurs and how they get them as accurate as possible—this is called palaeoart.

Part C: Share

There are lots of ways to do this: you could hold a school assembly, put something on your website or do a display for parents. Remember that you are sharing not just work you have produced yourselves, but what you have done through parts A and B.

Explore Level

Part A: Inspire

Find out about what participants already do around the arts and different artforms. Talk to us about our Artists Toolkit!

Part B: Explore

Find out about artists and arts organisations (at least one of each). You can find out about the Great North Museum: Hancock on your visit as we are an arts organisation! A good way to explore an artist around the Dippy exhibition would be to find out about artists who draw dinosaurs and how they get them as accurate as possible—this is called palaeoart.

Part C: Create

Create a piece of artwork which demonstrates art skills, in art form (or more than one). This could be a piece of your own palaeoart, a dance inspired by your visit, a banner inspired by the banners project you will see on your visit, a video about endangered animals.... It can be individual work or something produced by the full class, so long as everyone can demonstrate that they took part in the creation.

Part D: Present

There are lots of ways to do this: you could hold a school assembly, put something on your website or do a display for parents. Remember that you should be sharing not just your own creation from part C, but also parts A and B.