

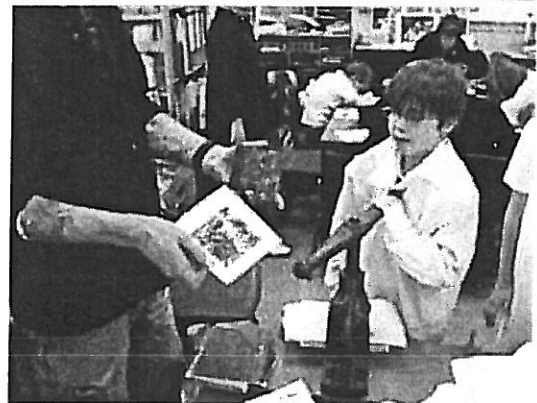
Artworks and Resource Box Services

- The use of the Artworks Collection as a learning resource was enhanced through the development of a new "Held in the Hand" box. 13 artists from across the UK were commissioned to create tactile objects small enough to be "held in the hand". This small collection is housed a special box that includes support material and artist information. It is now available to go on loan to schools and community groups in Leicestershire to inspire a range of creative projects. Each object is designed to provoke a different response to both visual and tactile stimulus. Each will also be used to explore the nature of different materials providing a rich source inspiration for learning especially in art and creative writing as well as other cross curricula subjects.?
- A pilot programme involving artists working with teachers using Artworks in selected schools was successfully completed. The project demonstrated how the art from the collection can be integrated into non art disciplines and cross curricula activities to support creative learning in schools. It was found that art can help less confident children with their vocabulary and descriptive language and was particularly effective with creative writing activities
- Over 43,000 people used Artworks and Resource Box in the year. This includes, education sites from nursery to university, community groups, historical societies, independent museums, hospitals, prisons and charities covering an age range of 4 to 103.
- Resource Box delivered over 1000 loan items in a single term. The majority of these were used by schools to enhance national curriculum topics.
- 37 new loan boxes were created for Resource Box. These include a range of Faith boxes, replica Roman armour in child size and character boxes for creative writing and reminiscence.

Arts & Outreach, Open Museum – Resource Box

Darren Schofield, Brocks Hill Primary School

"Thank you for sorting out such a good selection of Roman artefacts. We have had a great term with the topic. We had an Ofsted inspection this term and they graded us "Outstanding" with one of our strengths being our rich curriculum full of "hands-on" working. I am very grateful for the part your service has played in this, providing great resources to enrich our work"



Artworks and Resource box activities