

LARKIN WITH TOADS

What is Larkin 25?

It is 25 years since the death of Phillip Larkin, one of Britain's best known and loved modern poets. As a writer of international renown and Librarian at Hull University for 30 years, Larkin occupies a special place in the city's roll of honour. Larkin 25 is a series of initiative and events aimed at commemorating and celebrating Larkin's life, work and contribution to the cultural heritage of his adopted city of Hull.

Larkin with toads is a two tiered public art and education programme taking place in Hull and the East Riding. It will see a multitude of specially commissioned fibre glass toads popping up around the area. In addition, 25 selected schools will work with an artist, professional to create their own response to Larkin's work. Our school has received a blank mini toad to be used for a competition for the most imaginatively decorated mini toad. Create your own geometric patterns, collect a photograph from each pupil and use these to cover the toad, paint it with acrylic paints referring to modern artists for inspiration, it's up to you.... The final date for the toad to be decorated painted etc is 14th July, our school will keep the toad but a JPEG has to be sent of the final winner to the Larkin 25 Project Manager. The chosen ones will be entered into a special toad gallery on the Larkin 25 website.

The starting point of this competition brief is Larkin's famous poems Toads and Toads Revisited. For inspiration and ideas visit: www.larkinwithtoads.co.uk / www.gopenquins.co.uk / www.goelephants.co.uk / www.gosuperlambananas.co.uk