

# Singing Challenge 2020

## 'Dippy's Explorers' KS2 activities.



### LISTENING CHALLENGE DIPPY'S EXPLORERS

This year's Greater Manchester Music Hub Singing Challenge Song is about a dinosaur called Dippy. Have a listen to it through this link.

<https://youtu.be/hrlgMv6QDPg>

Once you have had a listen you can work through the rest of the sheet. Try our online warm up session with Mrs Home, <https://youtu.be/RmKj0h7oIsk> or work through the activities below.



### WARM UP the body

Take turns shaking each arm and then each leg for 8 counts, then half it to 4 shakes, 2 shakes, then 1 shake. Finally leap into the air shouting Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Now let's see you hula hoop your hips for 5 seconds, then hula in the other direction.

Lift your shoulders up to your ears and scrunch up your face, now drop your shoulders and stretch your face wide.

Imagine that you are chewing a sticky toffee, make a really wide mouth. Once you have swallowed then clean your teeth with your tongue.

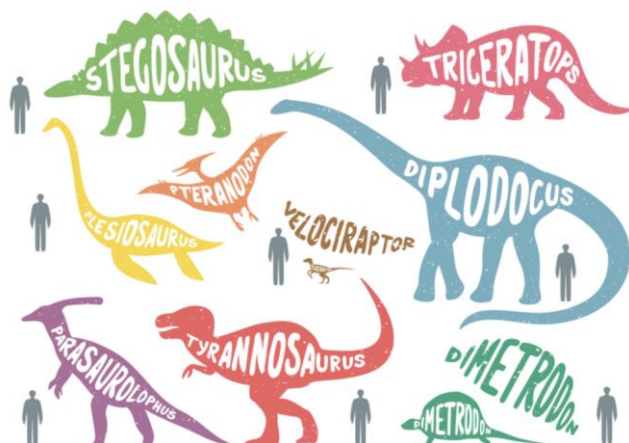
### WARM UP the voice

Buzz like a bee – catch an imaginary bee between your finger and thumb. Move the bee around high and then low. Make a buzzing sound following the bee up and down, whirling all around.

#### **Breathing**

Hiss like a snake for a count of 4. Breathe out for a count of 4. Do this 4 times.

Remember to make a balloon belly when you breathe in, keep those shoulders nice and relaxed and low.



### SINGING TIPS

**POSTURE** Remember to keep your spine nice and long. This helps you to sing better as it gives space to your lungs and voice box. Can you make your neck reach as tall as a diplodocus? Make sure your eyeballs stay looking forward, not at the sky

**WORDS** Make sure your words are clear so that we can hear the story you are telling. You may want to make up some actions to help you remember the words.

# Dippy's Explorers

Song track <https://youtu.be/hrIgMv6QDPg>

Backing track <https://youtu.be/yZJ9pKr8Z6w>

Practice the song in sections. The chorus is a nice easy bit to start with. Make sure that you listen carefully before trying to join in. If you are feeling confident you could try to sing with just the backing track.

Try to learn a new bit of the song each day, but don't forget to warm up before you sing.

In the song there is an instrumental section. Can you create your own music to fit in here? Try some body percussion or beat boxing, maybe play an instrument or make up a Dinosaur rap using Dino names to get you started. Perhaps you would rather create your own Dino dance for this section of the music! There are lots of video clips from different teachers across the 'GM Music Hub' that will help you to learn the different sections of the song. Look on **youtube** and search for **Dippy's explorers** to find them.

PERFORMANCE DATE – **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2:15pm**. Children from across Greater Manchester will be singing along in their homes, gardens and schools. Ask your grown up to video or photograph your performance and

## Verse 1

My story begins a long time ago  
In 1905, when I was first put on show.  
Designed to amaze, to blow your mind.  
To look like the real thing, to showcase my kind.  
Dippy's my name, have you heard of me?  
I'm a diplodocus from the dino family tree;  
A skeleton giant, each bone you see  
Is carefully copied; there were more like me.

## Chorus 1

Look through my eyes and you will see  
The wondrous stories that make our history.  
Step back in time, enjoy the ride,  
We're all explorers, we feel it deep inside.  
We're all explorers; what will we find?

## Verse 2

Ten giant Dippys sent throughout the world  
To share Dino knowledge with more boys and girls.  
A gift from the great Andrew Carnegie,  
The Natural History Museum was home for me.  
The years, they passed, the people came  
To learn about history, all our species and names.  
We all love to learn, to understand more,  
To unlock the mysteries, to open the door.

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The wondrous stories that make our history.  
Step back in time, enjoy the ride,  
We're all explorers, we feel it deep inside.  
We're all explorers; what will we find?

## Chorus 2

Dig deep for clues, look through the stones,  
Be a detective, and find long lost bones.  
Puzzle it out, open your mind,  
Have you found something? Is it one of a kind?  
We're all explorers; what will we find?

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## Middle 8

From the dawn of time (From the dawn of time),  
Before the age of men (Before the age of men),  
You'll find clues underground (You'll find clues  
underground),  
Showing how it all began (Showing how it all began).  
Giant mammoth bones (Giant mammoth bones),  
Fossilised like stones (Fossilised like stones),  
Close your eyes and imagine.

## \*Instrumental\*

## Verse 3

In World War Two I was taken apart,  
Stored in the basement at the museum's heart,  
Sheltered from bombs as they fell from the sky,  
With the people of London I kept spirits high.  
I've seen men on the moon, technology grow.  
New smartphones and tablets and electric cars go.  
The Olympic Games and the Queen's Jubilee.  
Who was here all the time? Yes, it was me!

## Chorus 1

Look through my eyes and you will see  
The wondrous stories that make our history.  
Step back in time, enjoy the ride,  
We're all explorers, we feel it deep inside.

## Part 1

Chorus 1  
Look through.....

## Part 2

Chorus 2  
Dig deep.....

We're all explorers; what will we find?