

# Young Pavement Artists Competition 2010



## Plants in the picture

### Introduction

Using the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign and National Geographic Kids factsheets plus any relevant secondary resources, introduce pupils to plants that survive the extreme – for example cactus plants.

### Development

Using the factsheet photos and illustrations look carefully at the features, colourings and characteristics the many types of cacti and discuss their unique attributes as a class.

Talk about the positioning and proportion of features.

Discuss variations in colour, patterns and texture of leaves, flowers and spines.

Using the 'Top tips: Chalking techniques' sheet encourage pupils to experiment with shading, tinting and perspective to achieve these types of variation and interest in their artwork.

### Independent activity

Pupils choose which type of cacti they would like to include in their drawings, which can be composed on paper or pavement.

N.B. If using paper, pupils may find it easier to sketch their outlines in pencil first before using chalks.

Ensure a range of chalks and charcoal are available for pupils to choose, and remind them that their drawings aim to show the beauty of these amazing plants as they are, with careful attention to detail and colour.

### Plenary

Take time to evaluate and discuss pupils' work: find out which techniques they used. Were they effective? What would they improve or try next time? Is it clear which animal they have drawn from their careful use of detail, colour and texture?

If time permits, peer evaluation is always beneficial. Encourage each pupil to say something they liked about the drawing, and something they thought could be better.

Don't forget to photograph your masterpieces to enter the Young Pavement Artists Competition 2010!