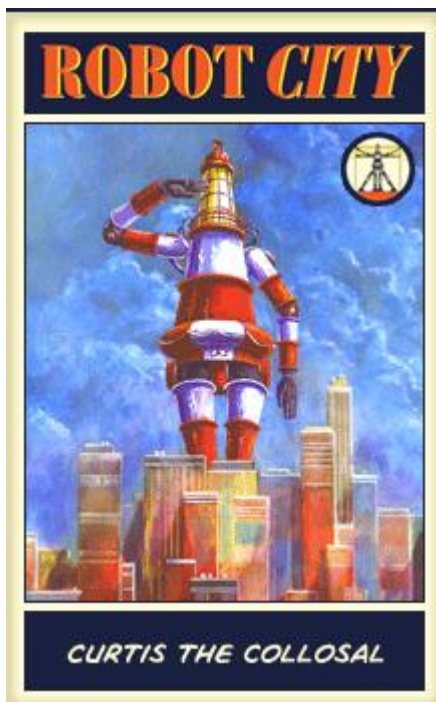




An exciting day was spent with Paul Collicutt exploring his Robot City <http://www.robotcity.co.uk/>

Preparation before the workshop was done, exploring the website and learning about the roles of the different robots. One of the favourites proved to be Curtis who is a coastguard robot. His head resembles a lighthouse and he has extendable legs to cope with the uneven seabed. There are emergency lifeboat compartments in both his forearms and high pressure fire hoses. He also has a highly advanced communications turret and is able to seal and pressurise his body compartments and cabins so that they are watertight and he can then submerge if needed to operate under water. Curtis has become so well known that he is now the image used for the Robot City logo.



During the course of the day Paul spoke to the children about his Robot City and shared his drawings which in turn inspired the children to create their own versions of the robots. These robots then became the focus for a writing task.

I had the most amazing day. Paul sat next to me. He really liked my drawings and we swapped lots of ideas.

The Robot City was amazing, it was so cool.

I enjoyed drawing robots, I didn't like writing about them, although my labelling improved.

The children were very motivated and enthused to meet the author and their research beforehand proved to be useful. The children were inspired by the artwork, it would have been lovely to have extended the time allocated for writing.