

Reception

Term 4 topic: Dinosaur Discovery!



Young children are natural scientists. Their curiosity leads them to ask interesting questions, observe the world around them and try to figure out how everything works. Dinosaurs are one subject that particularly fascinate most children. Whether it is their truly larger-than-life image, or the fact that you can't visit a live dinosaur in a zoo, children tend to have lots of questions about dinosaurs. In our Dinosaur Discovery topic we will be asking questions and talking about ways to figure out the answers to those questions together. Studying dinosaurs is a great way for children to use their observation skills. We will identify dinosaurs by name or make guesses about how the dinosaurs moved or what they ate by looking at dinosaur pictures.

Reception: Dinosaur Discovery/ Early Years Foundation Stage links

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zones of Regulation • Pantosaurus - Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. • I understand I need to exercise to keep my body healthy. • I understand how moving and resting is good for my body. • I understand which foods are healthy and not healthy so I can make healthy choices. • I know how to help myself go to sleep and why sleep is good for me. • I can wash my hands thoroughly and understand why this is important after going to the toilet and before eating. • I know what a stranger is and how to keep safe if a stranger approaches me. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE - Dance • Scissor skills • Bikes and scooters • Using the playground and climbing equipment • Balancing
Communication and Language	Literacy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Bucket Time' - Attention circle times • Philosophy question – Are dinosaurs real? • Show and Tell with our Star Boxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Phase 3 Phonics</u> New GPCs: <u>ur</u>, <u>ow</u>, <u>oi</u>, <u>ear</u>, <u>air</u>, <u>er</u> New tricky words: my, by, all, are, sure, pure Multisyllabic words • Writing - Making a dinosaur fact book • Reading Practice Sessions 3 x per week • Daily story times • World Book Day
Mathematics	Understanding the World
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 and 10 • Comparing numbers to 10 • Bonds to 10 • 3D shape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinosaur Discovery - fossils, carnivorous dinosaurs, herbivorous dinosaurs, omnivorous dinosaurs, flying reptiles, swimming reptiles, extinction of the dinosaurs • Special person - Mary Anning • Gardening club • RE – Spring and Easter

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More complex patterns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest School • ICT - using simple computer programs on laptops
<p align="center">Expressive Arts and Design</p>	<p align="center">Key vocabulary</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salt dough fossils • Dinosaur crafts • Forest School craft • Music - rhythm and songs with Charanga, exploring instruments • Dance - moving like dinosaurs! 	<p>Dinosaur, fossil, observing, studying, scientist, palaeontology, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, tyrannosaurus rex, pterodactyl, stegosaurus, brachiosaurus, diplodocus, triceretopics, spinosaurus, reptiles, diet, habitat, prehistoric, features, eggs, fiction/ non-fiction</p>

Key texts

