

Dinosaur Planet



Stomp, crash, roar! Watch out – there are dinosaurs about! Yes, that's right, we're travelling back in time to the age of the dinosaurs.

This half term, we'll visit a museum, look closely at ancient fossils and study reptiles to understand how dinosaurs may have lived and eventually died out. We'll learn about the great fossil hunter, Mary Anning, and follow in her footsteps, studying dinosaur teeth and bones to find out what dinosaurs liked to eat. Learning dinosaur names, creating puzzling riddles, writing fantastic fact files and creating exciting dinosaur stories are some of the other activities we'll be involved in this half term. We'll also use our artistic skills to make model dinosaurs and to design dinosaur landscapes.

At the end of our project, we'll invite you to a dinosaur party to share our knowledge with you. We'll invent some dinosaur games to play and entertain you with our wonderful dinosaur music.

| ILP focus | Knowledge and understanding of the world |
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| Language, literacy and communication | Fact files, poetry and riddles, non-chronological reports, narrative, writing for different purposes |
| Mathematical development | Measurement, programming a floor robot |
| Knowledge and understanding of the world | Events beyond living memory, significant individuals – Mary Anning, plants and animals, locating continents and oceans |
| Physical development | Tactical games |
| Creative development | Large and small-scale modelling, stop-frame animation, designing and making, percussion, dance |

Help your child prepare for their project

Dinosaurs are fascinating! Why not visit the library, choose some dinosaur books and practise reading and writing dinosaur names together? Alternatively, research amazing dinosaur facts together online. You could also make a mini Jurassic Park from cardboard boxes and craft materials to make model dinosaurs feel at home!