

Nursery Home Learning

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Hello Nursery,

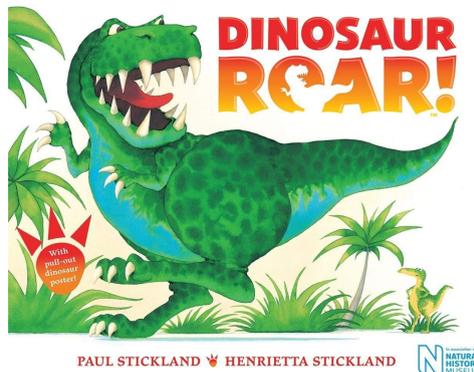
We hope you have all enjoyed your half term break - the weather has been so fantastic! I think I've picnicked every day, have you? As we begin the last term of the school year we will be started a new topic;

Dastardly Dinosaurs!

This week we will be looking at the story;

Dinosaur Roar!

By Paul and Henrietta Stickland



Literacy Activities;

-Read and reread the story - which are the rhyming words in the story; can your children fill in the missing rhymes if you don't say them e.g. Dinosaur roar, Dinosaur squeak. Dinosaur fierce, Dinosaur..... Can you make up any more rhymes for the story and add your own verses?

-There is a version of the story on YouTube read by the 'Singing Hands' team, it is in English and uses signing to tell the story too

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBa_rvNEqSw

-Although the dinosaur names aren't used in this story, I'm sure there are a few you already know...diplodocus, Tyrannosaurus Rex, triceratops... You could find out more names and think about the initial sounds in each name and the number of syllables. Which dinosaurs have the same initial sound? Which one has the most syllables?

-Start a 'Dinosaur Fact File' about some of your favourite dinosaurs, you could build this up over the next few weeks. You might want to find out about where and when the dinosaurs lived, what they ate, their size and colouring. I have included a

simple 'Fact Page' with the Home Learning this week which you might like to use, but this doesn't have to be done on paper, you could record a 'documentary' style video and upload it to Tapestry.

Maths Activities;

If you have some 'small world' dinosaurs they would be great for the next few activities but if you don't you could print out a set of dinosaurs from the Twinkl website and use those

-Can you sort the dinosaurs based on their appearance e.g. how many legs they have, what colour they are, if they have a long neck or a short one or if they have a spiky tail or not? How many dinosaurs are in each group? Which group has the most/least?

-There are lots of comparisons made in the story e.g. long, short, fast, slow; Can you find out which dinosaur was the longest? Or which was the fastest? Which was the heaviest? You could use some of these facts in your 'Dinosaur Fact File'.

Other Activities;

-There are some grrrrrr-eat dinosaur songs and dances which you might like to learn;

'We are the dinosaurs'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82ooOpjLzr8&feature=youtu.be>

'Dinosaur Stomp'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Imhi98dHa5w&feature=youtu.be>

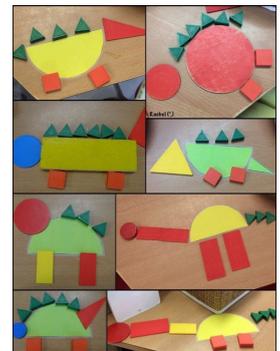
'Dinosaur Rap'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhQkUowpNNo>

-There is a game on BBC called 'Dinosaur Discover' it is aimed at KS1 children but if you do it together there is lots you can get out of it

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdp4382/articles/znc3y9q>

-Get creative; can you make your own dinosaurs using 2D shapes, or using a paper plate, paint and collage? Will you make your favourite dinosaur or create a new one?



Reception Ready Section

For some of our children it's time to begin looking towards September when they begin their Reception Year. We will add a few skills here each week which you can work on to ensure your children are ready for learning in their new class.

-Independence - skills like putting on their own socks, shoes and coats (and being able to fasten them up, zips and buckles can be tricky!) are really important skills to have mastered before starting Reception. It's also important to practise pulling legs/sleeves the right way on jumpers and trousers.

-Being able to recognise their own name, including their surname - you could make this into a game and 'hide' names around the house or garden, can they find just their name?

-Tidying up - such an important skill to have; it teaches children to respect their own and shared resources and also helps them with sorting and classifying objects. You can also find ways to turn this into a game; Can you put the duplo away before the timer runs out? Can you find all the red bricks to go away and I'll do the blue? Maybe you could use a special 'tidy up song', the 'Tidy Up Rhumba' has been popular in Nursery this year! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4cczzBsmZ4>

Ongoing activities to do Daily;

Keeping Fit Fun

9am - PE with Joe Wicks (a fun workout to get you going in the morning - has anyone done this everyday??)

https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=the+body+coach+

There are also some other great places to subscribe for fitness and fun on YouTube; Go Noodle -gets you moving and dancing

https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=gonoodle

Cosmic Kids Yoga - storytime and yoga together

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Daily Literacy and Maths Activities;

Daily Calendar; you could sing a day of the week and month of the year song; lots of these on YouTube (we do the days to the 'Addams Family' tune but you could learn a new one and send us a video on Tapestry, we also generally start out song with Monday as it's the first day of our Nursery week), discuss and write the date, discuss the weather T*

Stories and Songs; these two are so important to do daily. By doing these daily children will hear more words, hear more rhymes and also develop skills which support the whole of the curriculum.

Stories; Children should hear, where possible, 5 stories a day! It may be the same story a few times, or different ones. Once your children have heard a story verbally

from you, you may want to look for an animated one online, this can sometimes be quite Americanised so take the time to find something appropriate.

Songs; We make up songs in the Nursery all the time which support our routines, I'm sure you've heard our recent 'Hand Washing' song. But, you could also make your own up which support your routines at home; maybe a getting up/dressed song, bedtime song or even a setting the table song. We'd love to hear them, so upload to Tapestry, we're also very happy to help you with these...just ask! As well as this you can also sing along with your favourite songs and Nursery rhymes...singing really does make you feel better and puts a smile on your face! There are some lovely 'Barefoot Book' songs online;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25_u1GzruQM&list=PLomaGUp7cdUkPJgFg9PLOCaQzSDsWo2UR

This is the link to Songs on the BBC School Radio site;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx>

Counting; this could be something to do with your daily routine e.g. putting the spoons/knives out for breakfast, counting and sorting socks, fruit in your fruit bowl...

This is a link to a counting song we use on YouTube daily;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85M1yxIcHpw>

Twinkl

There are lots of resources you can access through 'Twinkl', which has free parent access at the moment;

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/how-to-utilise-twinkl-during-the-coronavirus-shutdown-a-guide-for-parents>

Tapestry

We are regularly checking in with Tapestry so please keep us updated with all the activities you are doing. You can also use Tapestry to send us any questions you may have about your Home Learning.

Take care all,
The Nursery Team

Dinosaur Fact File

Dinosaur Name:

Picture:

Fact 1

Fact 2

Fact 3

