



What are we learning

In the first half of term we will be learning about Dinosaurs – where they lived, what they looked like, what they ate, what made them different from each other, why they are no longer here? We will use stories to help us learn such as ‘Dinosaurs Love Underpants’ and ‘Dinosaur Roar.’ We will all be using different books in our Junior classes and be learning different facts about dinosaurs. After half term we will be finding out more about the prehistoric eras of history from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will find out about life as a cave man – what I ate, where I lived, how I kept warm, what I wore and compare the differences to our own lives. We will be experiencing life as a caveman in Forest School making fire and cooking our own food.

Books, DVDs, Experiences you might like to share with your child

The Flintstones	Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura
Land Before Time	Ug: Boy Genius by Raymond Briggs
The Good Dinosaur	
Andy’s Dinosaur Adventures	
Cave Baby by Julia Donaldson	
Walking with Dinosaurs	
Ice Age	
National Geographic	
The Dinosaur Train – YouTube song	
The Something o Saurus by Tony Mitton	
Tyrannosaurus Drip by Julia Donaldson	
There’s a Diplodocus at the Door by Chris Jarvis	
Dinosaur Roar – Paul Stickland	
Let’s Talk About Dinosaurs by Britta Tenkentrup	
Stomp, Chomp Big Roars, Here Come the Dinosaurs by Nick Sharratt	
How to Grow a Dinosaur by Caryl Hart	
How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson	

Activities you could try at home

Gather together some playdough or some empty boxes and create your own dinosaur. You could use a book or a toy to help you build it. You could paint it when you have finished making it. Ask someone to guess what type of dinosaur it is.

Take a blanket outside and watch the clouds on a cloudy day. See if you can spot any clouds that look like dinosaurs. Do they have spikes or long tails? You could ask a friend or family member to play with you. Who can spot the most?

Create your own dinosaur. Draw a picture then write its name underneath. You could ask a grown-up to help you write some adjectives to describe your new dinosaur. Is it scary or friendly? Is it large, long or scaly?

If there are 10 dinosaurs in the forest and 4 get lost, how many are left? Use your fingers to help you.

Can you think of some more words that start with the sound ‘d’? Try to write a list of six.

Think of a dinosaur and describe it to a friend or someone in your family. They have to guess which dinosaur you are! Remember to use adjectives to describe the dinosaur. E.g. “I am big. I have a long neck and a long tail. I like to eat the leaves in the trees.” You could use an information book to help you find out what they look like.

Places to visit

Dinosaur Adventure at Paultons Park, The Sussex Dinosaur Museum, Natural History Museum, Weald and Downland Museum, Paradise Park at Newhaven, Southwater Country Park, Crystal Palace Park.

