

# Ladybird Learning



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This week we have continued with our new curriculum theme of 'Dinosaur Roar!'.  
We have...

- Become palaeontologists! Palaeontologists are scientists that find out what life was like on Earth long, long ago. They look for fossils, such as the bones of dinosaurs, mammals and reptiles, teeth, footprints or the imprints of plants and shells. We all agree it is a really interesting job.
- Looked at pictures of palaeontologists in action and watched video clips to find out more about their role. We then had fun using tools to see if we could uncover any fossils in some very ordinary rocks- what a surprise we had when we found dinosaur skeletons! We used our information books to try and find out which dinosaurs we had uncovered.
- Used our phonic skills to write labels for tools we might need in our new role as palaeontologists.
- Helped collect 'interesting' words for Vocab Viper (our friendly classroom snake!). He loves words that describe things such as 'tempting', 'collapsed', 'constructed'. We thought of words that Vocab Viper might like when describing the different parts of dinosaurs and, after sharing the book 'Dinosaur Roar', we came up with 'long' neck, 'sharp' teeth and 'gigantic' jaws.
- Explored mass in our maths sessions. We used the balance pans to compare different objects and identify which were heavier and which were lighter. We then thought about 'how heavy' each object was, using cubes to balance each object and record our findings. We know that the heaviest object needed the most cubes to balance it.
- Tried out different joining techniques as part of our D.T. sessions. We used glue, staples, sticky tape, paper clips and split pins to join two pieces of card together. Some of these techniques joined the card pieces together and stuck them firmly, others joined the card pieces but allowed the pieces to move freely. We chose the technique we thought would be best when making a munching T-Rex. Look at our webpage to see what we did.

## Home Challenge



The children have been particularly engaged with our dinosaur learning and we have been wowed by the knowledge the children already have on the subject!

This week's home challenge is to find out a few more unusual 'dino' facts to share with the class. You may have your own information books about dinosaurs at home or possibly have some on loan from the library. If not, there are plenty of child-friendly internet sites that you can visit. Please remember internet safety first! Always have a grown-up supporting you when using the internet. Choose your favourite fact to share with the class. If you have a printer, feel free to print off the 'My dinosaur fact' sheet attached or why not make your own sheet. When writing your fact, remember to sound out each word carefully, listen to all the sounds you hear in each word and use finger spaces between each word as you write your fact. We want to put your facts on display in class so use your best handwriting.

### Sites to visit:

Let Andy guide you with some dinosaur facts on the Cbeebies webpage:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curation/dinosaur-facts>

DKFindOut has some great facts about dinosaurs too:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/dinosaurs-and-prehistoric-life/dinosaurs/>

Or why not visit the Natural History Museum online:

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/dinosaurs.html>

Happy fact hunting Ladybirds!



# My dinosaur fact

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