



Craft Activity

Theme: Dinosaurs

Intro: Dinosaurs walked the Earth a very long time before humans. It is believed that they lived about 250 million years ago and became extinct around 65 million years ago. Sauropods had long necks and tails, whilst Theropods had hollow bones and 3 toes on their limbs. The word dinosaur comes from the Greek language and means 'terrible lizard'. This is because of their size, not because they were scary. A person who studies dinosaurs is known as a Palaeontologist. (pay-le-an-to-lo-gist) Learn more about dinosaurs at Playgroup today!

Craft activity: Sparkly Dinosaur

Children will need: Half a paper plate, head and tail template, cardboard roll, scissors, sticky tape, coloured pencils, glue, glitter.

Instructions:

Add colour and decoration to the head, tail and paper plate body.

Glue on some glitter. Tape the head and tail to the body. Cut 2 cardboard rolls for legs and make small

slits to the top of each roll and push onto the plate. You may like to draw on some toes.

Extension Idea: Make a name for your sparkly dinosaur.

This can be your own name with "asaurus" added to the end. e.g. 'Jackasaurus' or 'Ellasaurus'.

Fact: There have been over 700 different dinosaurs discovered. Sauropods are the largest and heaviest dinosaurs, with the largest one discovered being the Argentinosaurus. Spinosaurus is the heaviest theropod.



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activities:

Dinosaur Playdough Prints: Provide playdough and plastic dinosaurs for children to see what prints the dinosaurs make in the playdough.

Dinosaur Play Tray: Put small plastic dinosaurs into a tray and cover with sand. Provide brushes for children to use to find the dinosaurs.

Outside Activity: Dinosaur Swamp

Create a muddy swamp in a large plastic shallow tray. Add some dirt to shallow water along with plastic dinosaurs, stones, leaves, grass, bark, sticks.

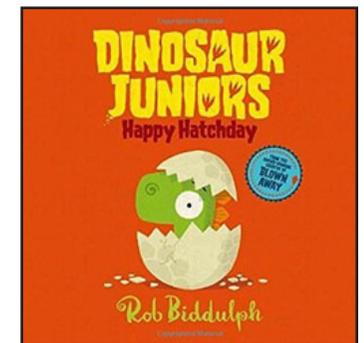
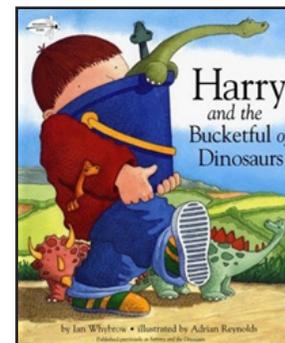
Group time ideas:

- Who made a sparkly dinosaur today in craft time?
- Did you give your sparkly dinosaur a name?
- Do you know the names of some dinosaurs?
- Who has a favourite kind of dinosaur?
- Show some pictures of dinosaurs and practice saying their names.



Book Suggestions:

Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow
Dinosaur Juniors Happy Hatchday by Rob Biddulph





Five Enormous Dinosaurs

Five enormous dinosaurs letting out a roar,
One went away and then there were four.
Four enormous dinosaurs munching on a tree,
One went away and then there were three.
Three enormous dinosaurs didn't know what to do,
One went away and then there were two.
Two enormous dinosaurs having lots of fun,
One went away and then there was one.
One enormous dinosaur afraid to be a hero,
He went away and then there was zero.

Dinosaur Stomp

Dinosaurs have great big feet that stomp stomp stomp.
Dinosaurs have great big teeth that chomp chomp chomp.

Stomp stomp stomp and-a chomp chomp chomp.
Stomp stomp stomp and-a chomp chomp chomp.

Stomp-a-saurus! Stomp! Stomp!
Chomp-a-saurus! Chomp! Chomp!

Dinosaurs have great big feet that stomp stomp stomp.
Dinosaurs have great big teeth that chomp chomp chomp.
Dinosaurs!

Dance Dino

The dinosaurs were dancing 'round the prehistoric swamp.
They shook their heads,
Swished their tails
And did the dino stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp.

Dance dino, dance dino, stomp, stomp, stomp.
Dance dino, dance dino, stomp, stomp, stomp.

They shook their heads,
Swished their tails
And did the dino STOMP!
The Dinosaurs were running through the prehistoric mist.
They shook their heads,
Swished their tails,
And did the dino twist, twist, twist, twist.

Twist dino, twist dino, twist twist twist
Twist dino, twist dino, twist twist twist

They shook their heads,
Swished their tails,
and did the dino TWIST!

