

Playgroup SA

*Playgroup Weekly
Session Planner*

Book - Dinosaurs on the Loose

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Dinosaurs on the Loose! Is a funny book about Dinosaurs running about in shops, hairdressers, and café's! Making lots of mess and getting up to all sorts of mischief...

Craft activity: Hand Paint Dinosaurs

Children will need: Paint, paint brushes, A4 paper/card.

Instructions: Paint hand with colour of your choice, press hand down onto the paper or card. Wash hand, then add fingerprints to decorate the dinosaur and also add a tail using fingers or a paintbrush.

Extension ideas:

Dinosaur collage – make as many handprint dinosaurs as you would like, and for the tails or body – decorate with texture. Use furry materials, faux leather strips, crumples crepe paper or tissue paper.

Fact: Dinosaurs haven't roamed the earth for around 65 million years!



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



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Make a Dinosaur Garden. Take some dinosaurs outside and let the children build a garden for them using whatever they can find in the outdoor space. Or if you don't have any plants etc in your outdoor space, bring some items in to Playgroup or ask the children to bring in some leaves, branches, flowers etc to Playgroup ready to make their dinosaur garden.

SENSORY ACTIVITY

Dinosaur Dig - Frozen Dinosaurs:

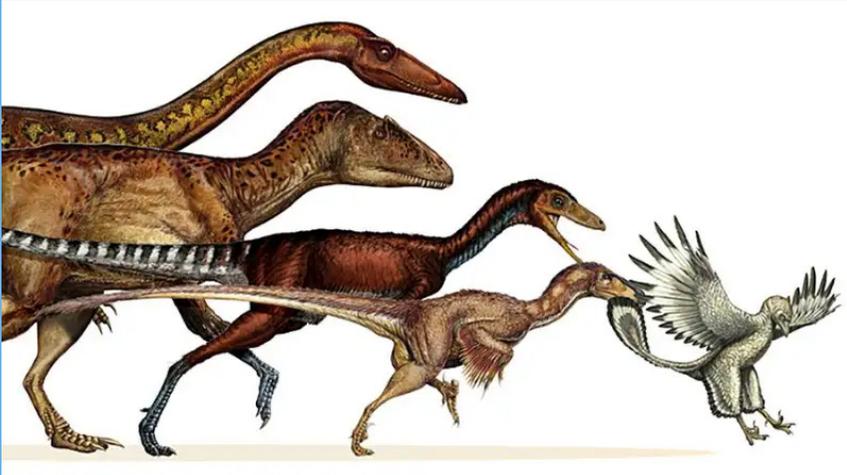
You will need: Trays, water, empty freezable containers, dinosaurs, eggs, chopsticks, spoons, salt, water.

Instructions: Freeze some small plastic dinosaurs and eggs in empty ice cream containers or similar overnight. Place frozen blocks into individual trays or one large tray, give the children some tools to dig the dinosaurs out from the ice. Let them add some salt to watch how that melts the ice or use pipettes to drop water onto the ice to watch it melt away.

COVID Safety: Ensure the excavation tools are wiped over after each children's use. Or give each participating child their own set of tools to use.

GROUP TIME IDEAS

Read the wonderful book – Dinosaurs on the Loose! Ask which dinosaur the children think made the most mess. Who is their favourite dinosaur? Ask the children if they have a favourite dinosaur that they can name.



Birds are commonly thought to be the only animals around today that are direct descendants of dinosaurs

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Dinosaurs on the Loose! By Amanda Tariau and Mark Osberg
Dinosaurs Love Underpants by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort

