

Hello Everyone,

During this half term we will be thinking about animals and creatures. Don't forget to send me pictures of the wonderful work that you are doing at home to nursery@castle.emat.uk or they can be uploaded onto the EExAT.

This week we are talking about dinosaurs and whether they're alive today. We will be using words like: 'past, today, alive, extinct'. Please read books together about dinosaurs if you have them. Talk about how they move and what they looked like. Are they plant or meat eaters? (Herbivores or carnivores)

How many can you name? Can you draw some too?

Language Fun -

Our story this week is: Dinosaur Roar.

Here is a link to the version of the story online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MMiiXIFNZA&safe=true>

Can you make up your own silly version of the story e.g.

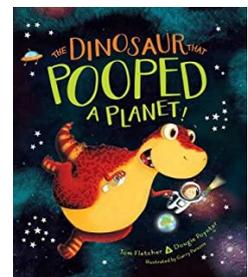
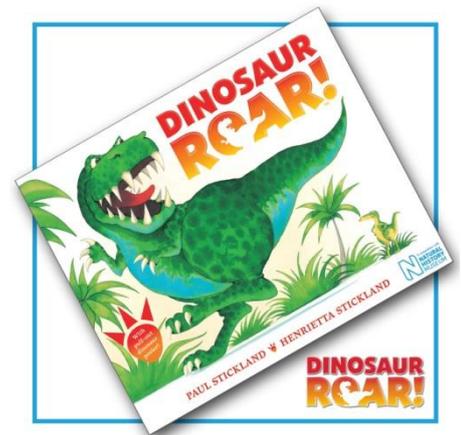
Dinosaur hairy, dinosaur scary,
Dinosaur dancing, dinosaur singing,
Dinosaur spotty, dinosaur spiny,

This is a really fun story to watch and listen to together.

The children love it.

This is a link to a version on CBeebies Storytime.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a82WeOmE5YM>



Keep reading stories together as often as you can!

Let the children read them to baby brothers and sisters too.

They can make up their own version, if they can't read the words.

Keep practicing writing your name. If you can do this, try your surname or other family members' names.

Maths Fun

Sock Problem - using some socks

Count all the socks. How many do you have?

Can you sort them into pairs. A pair has two.

How many pairs do you have?

Now think about how many pairs of socks you would need for your soft toys. Make an estimate (a sensible guess). Then see if you're right by putting socks on them. What about these: spider, bee, bear, snake, dog...

Can you draw the animal and the number of socks they would need.



Counting and Numbers



Make some number cards together. Match the correct quantity to the numbers. You could use dried peas, sweets, raisins, pasta pieces, pennies.

Draw around your hand or foot. How many small things can you fit inside? Count them carefully. Can you write the number too?



Creative Fun

Floating and sinking...? Fill the bath, sink or a bowl with water. Then using a selection of objects from home. Make predictions about which will sink to the bottom or float on the surface. Then test them out. You could use coins, a small stone, a yoghurt pot, a spoon, a sieve, a cork a milk bottle lid, an apple etc.

Make up your own version of Old MacDonald had a farm, substituting the animals for dinosaurs:

Old Mac Donald had a far e-yi-e-yi-yo,
And on that farm he had a stegosaurus e-yi-e-yi-yo,
With a stomp stomp here, and a stomp stomp there, here a stomp,
there a stomp, everywhere a stomp, stomp... etc.

If you have making things such as playdough, egg boxes, recycled boxes and tape at home... here's some ideas:



Physical Fun -

Practice fastening the buttons on your shirt, trousers, doing up your zip. Can you put on and fasten your coat all by yourself?

Try out Joe Wicks 5 minute workout:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3LPrhI0v-w&safe=true>

Have fun!

Additional ideas can be found on these Government recommended websites:

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>