

Activities Pack: Toddler Department

Ideas for home learning



Activity One

Dinosaur Fun

What you will need:

Dinosaur children

Colouring sheets (attached)

Dinosaur foot prints (attached)

Dinosaur masks (attached)

Activity

In toddlers, we know how much the children love dinosaurs, so today's activity should be a favourite at home.

For the children that enjoy colouring, see attached dinosaur colouring sheets.

For the children that love an adventure, see attached dinosaur foot prints, which can be used to make a trail inside the home or outside in the garden. The children can count the foot prints as they go around the trail, making dinosaur sounds, wearing the dinosaur's masks (which are attached).

EYFS LINKS

16-26 Months

Communication and Language

- Understands simple sentences.

Mathematics

- Says some counting words randomly.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Plays cooperatively with a familiar adult.

Understanding the World

- Is curious about people and shows interest in stories about themselves and their family.

22-36 Months

Mathematics

- Recites some number names in sequence.

Understanding the World

- Notices detailed features in the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

Beginning to make-believe by pretending.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and Exploring

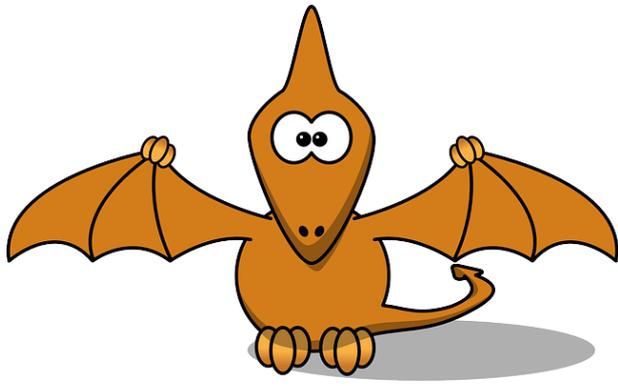
- I can take on a role in play.

Active Learning

- I can pay attention to details.

Creating and thinking critically

- I can make predictions.



Activity Two

Dinosaur Story

What you will need:

Dinosaurs if you have them.

Story about dinosaurs (attached is Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs)

Dinosaur masks

Activity:

Find a cosy spot at home, line the dinosaurs up and use as props through the story and family members can wear the dinosaur masks attached.

Together read the story, making dinosaur sounds throughout and see if you can remember the dinosaur names.



EYFS LINKS

16-26 Months

Communication and Language

- Listens to and enjoys stories.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Imitates and improvises actions they have observed.

Understanding the World

- Is curious about people and shows interest in stories.

22-36 Months

Communication and Language

- Listens with interest to the noise's adults make when they read stories.

Physical Development

- Turns pages in a book, sometimes several at once.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Seeks out others to share experiences.

Literacy

Repeats words or phrases from familiar story.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and Exploring

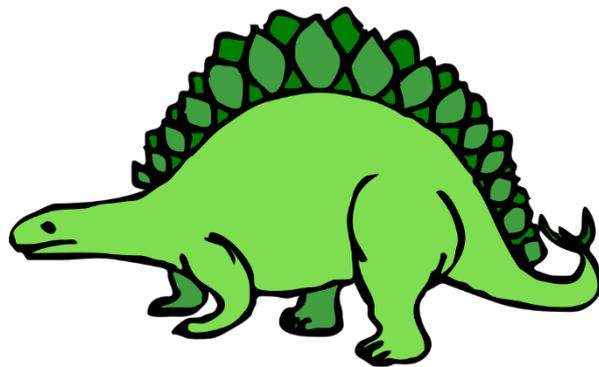
- I show particular interests.

Active Learning

- I am not easily distracted.

Creating and Thinking Critically

- I can make links.



Activity Three

Water Play with Dinosaurs

What you will need:

Dinosaurs or other toys that might need a wash

Bowl of soapy water

Sponges, cloths or brushes

Activity:

Just like the story Harry cleaned all his dinosaurs,

See if the children would enjoy some water play washing their dinosaurs.



EYFS LINKS

16-26 Months

Communication and Language

- Rigid attention, may not appear to hear.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Plays alongside others.

22-36 Months

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

- Expresses own preferences and interests.

Understanding the World

- Enjoys playing with small world toys.

Communication and Language

- Understands simple sentences.

Characteristics of Effective Learning.

Playing and Exploring

- I can engage in open-minded activities.

Active Learning

- I can be involved and concentrate.

Creating and Thinking Critically

- I can find new ways to solve problems.

Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs

Nan thought the attic needed a clear out.

She let Harry help.

Harry found an old box

All grey with dust.

He lifted the lid.....

DINOSAURS!

Harry took the dinosaurs downstairs.

He unbent the bent ones.

He fixed all the broken ones.

He got up on a chair and washed them in the sink.

Nan came to see and say, "Just what do you think you're up to?"

"Dinosaurs don't like boxes", Harry said.

"They want to be in a bucket".

Sam came in from watching TV.

She said it was stupid, fussing over so much junk.

"Dinosaurs aren't junk", Harry said.

The next day, Harry went to the library with Mum.

He took the dinosaurs in their bucket.

He found out all the names in a book and told them to the dinosaurs.

He spoke softly to each one.

He whispered,

"You are my Scelidosaurus."

"You are my Stegosaurus."

"You are my Triceratops."

And there were enough names for all the Apatosauruses

and Anchisauruses and Tyrannosauruses.

The dinosaurs said "Thank you, Harry."

They said it very quietly, but just loud enough for Harry to hear.

After that, the dinosaur went everywhere in Harry's bucket.

They went shopping.

They went to the garden centre.

They went to the beach.

When Harry had a bath, the dinosaurs had a bath.

When Harry went to bed, the dinosaurs went to bed.

Sometimes they got left behind.

But they never got lost for long because

Harry knew all their names.

And he always called out their names,

Just to make sure they were safe.

One day, Harry went on a train with Nan.

He was so excited, he forgot all about the bucket.

Nan dried his eyes.

"Never mind", she said.

"I'll buy you a nice new video."

Harry watched the video with Sam.

It was nice, but not like the dinosaurs.

At bedtime, Harry said to Mum, "I like videos.
But I like my dinosaurs better

Because you can fix them, you can bath them,
you can take them to bed.

And best of all, you can say their names."

Harry was still upset at breakfast next
morning.

Sam said, "Dusty old junk!"

That was why Sam's book got milk on it.

Nan took Harry to his room to settle down.

Later Nan took Harry back to the train station
to see the Lost Property Man.

The man said "Dinosaurs? Yes we have found
some dinosaurs.

But how do we know they are your dinosaurs?"

Harry said, "I will close my eyes and call their
names.

Then you will know."

.....there they were - all of them standing on
the counter

next to the bucket!

"All correct!" said the man.

"These are definitely your dinosaurs.
Definitely!"

And the dinosaurs whispered to Harry.

They whispered very quietly, but just loud
enough for Harry to hear.

They said, "You are definitely our Harry,
definitely!"

Going home from the station,

Harry held the bucket very tight.

Nan said to the neighbour, "Our Harry likes
those old dinosaurs."

"Definitely", whispered Harry.

"And my dinosaurs definitely like me!"

Endosaurus



Attachments

Colouring Sheets

Dinosaur Masks

Dinosaurs trail numbers

(will be uploaded separately)