



Lanchester EP Primary School

Year 1



Autumn 1 Topic: **Dinosaur Planet**

Stomp, crash, roar! Watch out – there are dinosaurs about! Yes, that's right, we're travelling back in time to the age of the dinosaurs. The dinosaurs are on the prowl. They're rampaging across the dusty earth, swishing their enormous tails and baring their fearsome teeth. Let's explore the Dinosaur Planet. Imagine you're a palaeontologist (that's a scientist who studies bones and fossils). Dig deep and discover dazzling dinosaur facts.

This half term, we'll visit a museum, look closely at ancient fossils and study reptiles to understand how dinosaurs may have lived and eventually died out. We'll learn about the great fossil hunter, Mary Anning, and follow in her footsteps, studying dinosaur teeth and bones to find out what dinosaurs liked to eat. Learning dinosaur names, writing sentences about dinosaurs and creating fantastic fact files and exciting dinosaur stories are some of the other activities we'll be involved in this half term. We'll also use our artistic skills to make dinosaur pictures and to design dinosaur landscapes. In Geography we will explore our local area and create maps using symbols to represent different features.

Help your child prepare for their project

Dinosaurs are fascinating! Why not visit the library, choose some dinosaur books and practise reading and writing dinosaur names together? Alternatively, research amazing dinosaur facts together online. You could also make a mini Jurassic Park from cardboard boxes and craft materials to make model dinosaurs feel at home!

Memorable experience	Visit a natural history museum
Innovate challenge	Dinosaur museum
English	Fact files; Non-chronological reports; Narrative; Writing for different purposes
History	Events beyond living memory; Significant individuals – Mary Anning
A&D	Colour and Pattern, learning to mix colours and learn a variety of techniques to make patterns.
Computing	Basic computer, keyboard and mouse skills
D&T	Designing and making
Geography	Exploring our Local Area - mapping
Music	'Feel the Beat'. Playing a steady beat with a variety of tempo and dynamics
PE	Movement and motor skills
RE	Christianity - Belonging
Science	The Human Senses
Science investigations	Whose poo? Why do we have teeth?

