

---

## **Dinosaur Facts!**

Read the poster and look at the table of information.

Look at all the pictures and think about why pictures are used on the poster.

Look at the poster and count how many different colours and sizes of letters are used.

Why is the writing like this?

On the poster a table is used to show lots of facts about different dinosaurs. This does not mean a real table with legs but lots of squares or rectangles put together. The activity grid explains how to use the table.

When you have finished having a look at the poster try the activities in the grid.

- I can use pictures to help me understand the information poster.
- I can look for clues and key words to find out what the text is all about.
- I can explore the information on the poster.
- I can make links between the information on the poster and new information that I find about my topic.

# DINOSAURS



THE first dinosaurs lived over 200 million years ago. They lived on the land, in the sea and flew in the air.

Some dinosaurs had two legs whilst others had four. The smallest dinosaur was the size of a chicken and the largest measured 35 metres long.

The dinosaurs had different eating habits. Some dinosaurs ate only meat. Other dinosaurs ate only plants. The plant-eating dinosaurs were so big they had to eat all day long to keep their strength up.

A British scientist called Richard Owen thought of the name 'dinosaur'. The name came from the Greek words *deinos* and *sauros* which mean 'terrible reptile'.







As dinosaurs were reptiles they laid eggs. Most dinosaurs dug a hole in the ground for a nest. The mother dinosaur guarded the eggs. She chased away other dinosaurs who tried to steal them. After many weeks the eggs hatched and within a few minutes the baby dinosaurs could walk.

Dinosaurs no longer roam the earth. However, we know that they lived millions of years ago because people have found their teeth, bones and claws. These parts of the dinosaur are studied by special scientists. By looking at these parts the scientists gather clues about how and where dinosaurs lived.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The **Tyrannosaurus** had 50 razor sharp teeth each the size of a banana. They could run at 40km per hour.

The **Apatosaurus** swallowed stones which stayed in the stomach to help them digest their food.

Name	How do you say it	What they looked like	Length (metres)	Eating habits	Home
Anchisaurus	An-ki-saw-rus		2.5m	Herbivore	South Africa
Apatosaurus	A-pat-oh-saw-rus		21m	Herbivore	North America
Scelidosaurus	Skel-ih-do-saw-rus		4m	Herbivore	Europe
Stegosaurus	Steg-oh-saw-rus		9m	Herbivore	North America
Triceratops	Try-ser-a-tops		9m	Herbivore	North America
Tyrannosaurus	Tie-ran-oh-saw-rus		15m	Carnivore	North America Asia

## GLOSSARY



carnivore - meat eater

herbivore - plant eater



## Dinosaur Facts!

Share then read the poster and talk about the interesting facts that you have found.

Next read the questions.

The answers are on the poster!

How many can you answer?

How do we know that dinosaurs ever roamed the earth?

How did dinosaurs keep their eggs safe?

When did the first dinosaurs live?

How did dinosaurs keep their eggs safe?

What did dinosaurs swallow to help them digest food?

What is a carnivore?

Name the dinosaur that lived in Europe.

Name the dinosaur that was 21 metres long.

Can you use the information on the poster to ask or write more questions?

**Who What When Where How**

Create a fact file with dinosaur information from the poster!

You will need...

- name of dinosaur
- picture or drawing of dinosaur

Plus, information about...

- eating habits
- home
- teeth
- length
- special facts

Can you use your fact file to give a short talk about your favourite dinosaur?

This poster uses a table to organise information.

Read across the table to find out about one dinosaur. When you read across it is called a row.


Read down the table to compare the dinosaurs. When you read down it is called a column.


Can you find out more dinosaur facts and put them on the blank table?

How many words can you make out of the word Apatosaurus?



a p a t o s a u r u s

Write a list of dinosaurs.

Can you write the dinosaur names in alphabetical order?

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz