

**Weekly Program**

**Week 6**

**Activity Booklet**

**Dinosaurs**



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Dear All,

While we currently are unable to meet each week Thames Ridge will be producing a weekly program pack for you to share with each section offering a range of activities and challenges to keep us all scouting during this difficult time.

We will be using this to support all the young people in their continued efforts to work towards their top awards and to offer comfort to those whom scouting forms a vital part of their weekly routines. We will endeavour in this time to ensure no young person misses out on the values and support scouting provides.

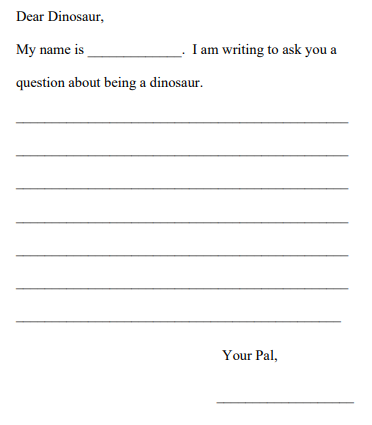
If you have any suggestions of questions relating to what we are offering please send in your thoughts to [ddc-program@thamesridgescouting.org.uk](mailto:ddc-program@thamesridgescouting.org.uk) also please send in any photos of the activities that have been produced by your group for us to share with others in the district group to [photos@thamesridgescouting.org.uk](mailto:photos@thamesridgescouting.org.uk)

Yours in Scouting

The District Team

**Grand Howl**

Make an Dinosaur from clothes or materials in your home to start your meeting and take a selfie with it.

**Activity 1**

Imagine you could write a letter to a Dinosaur, which one would you write to and what would you ask

**Dippy the Dinosaur**

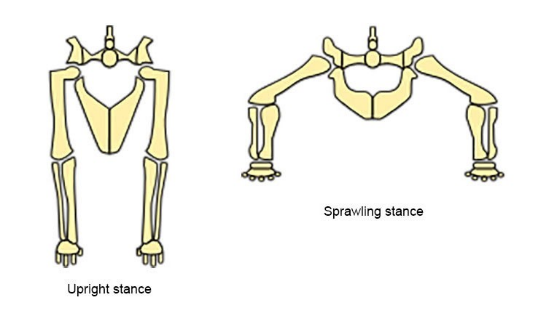
Dippy the Diplodocus is 115 years old this month! This majestic cast was unveiled at the Natural History Museum in London in 1905 and became a star, featuring in cartoons, in news reports and even on film and television. He is not at the Museum at the moment but on an adventure across the UK.

To celebrate Dippy this week we will be looking at Dinosaurs.

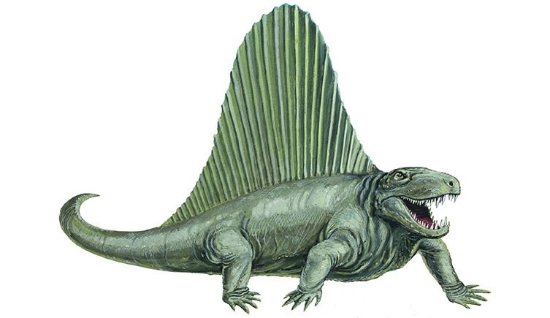
**Dinosaurs**

Dinosaurs are a group of reptiles that dominated the land for over 140 million years (more than 160 million years in some parts of the world). They evolved diverse shapes and sizes, from the fearsome giant [***Spinosaurus***](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/dino-directory/spinosaurus.html) to the chicken-sized ***[Microraptor](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/dino-directory/microraptor.html" \t "_self)***, and were able to survive in a variety of ecosystems.

One of the reasons for dinosaurs' success is that they had straight back legs, perpendicular to their bodies. This allowed them to use less energy to move than other reptiles that had a sprawling stance like today's lizards and crocodiles.

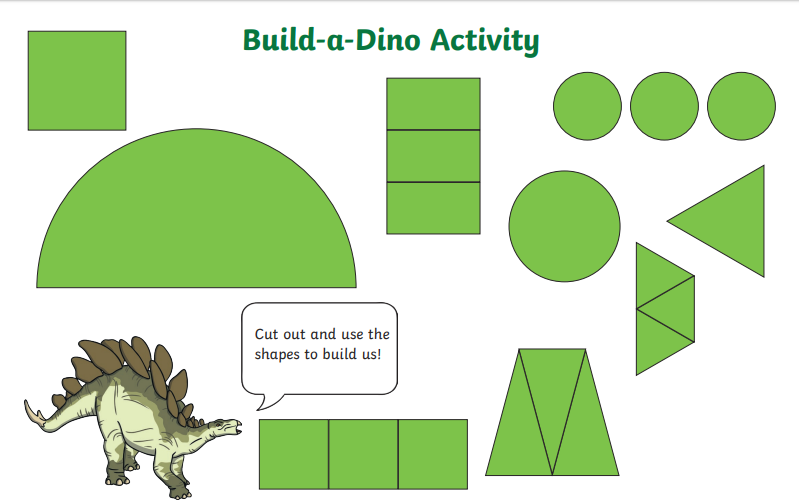
With their legs positioned under their bodies rather than sticking out to the side, dinosaurs' weight was also better supported.

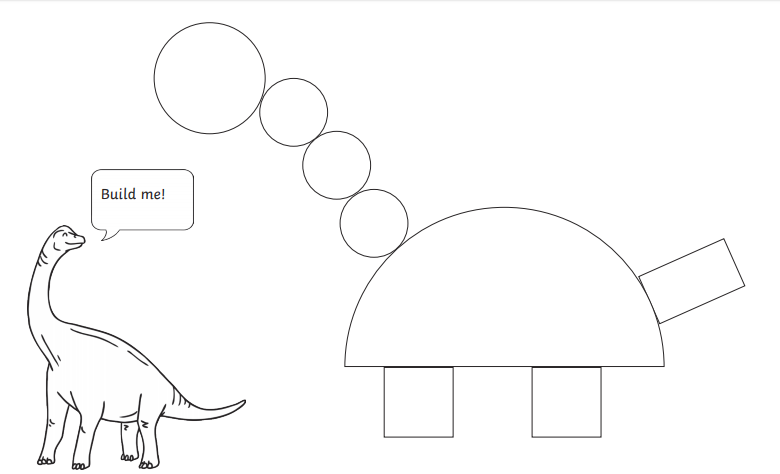


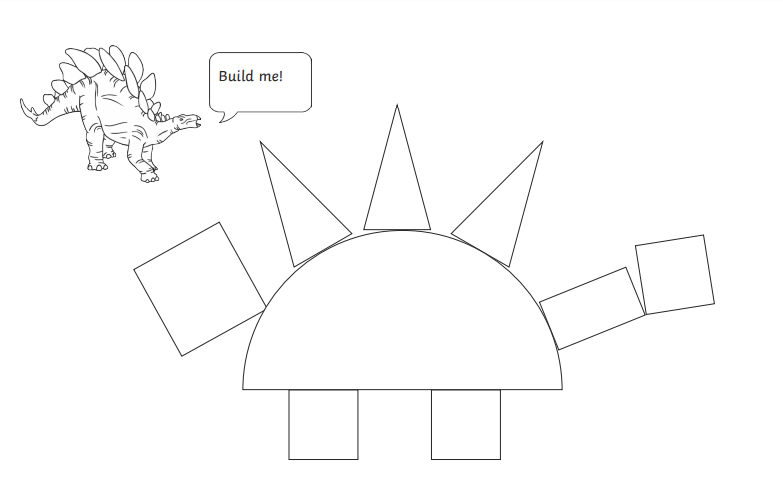


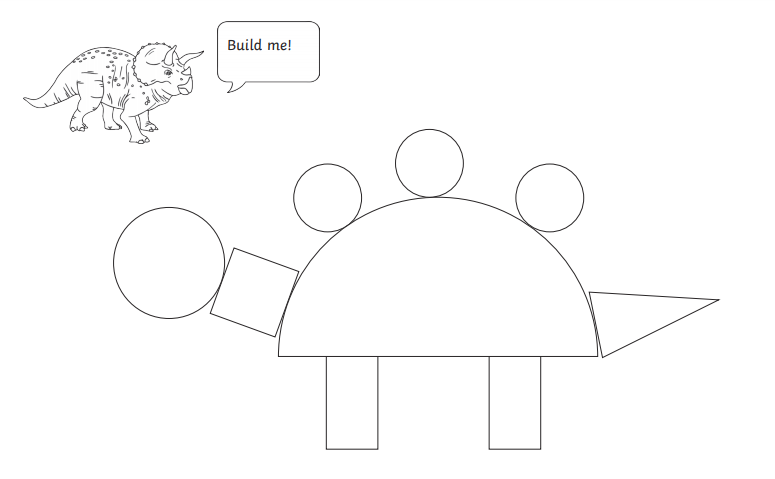
Despite its prehistoric appearance, *Dimetrodon* was not a dinosaur

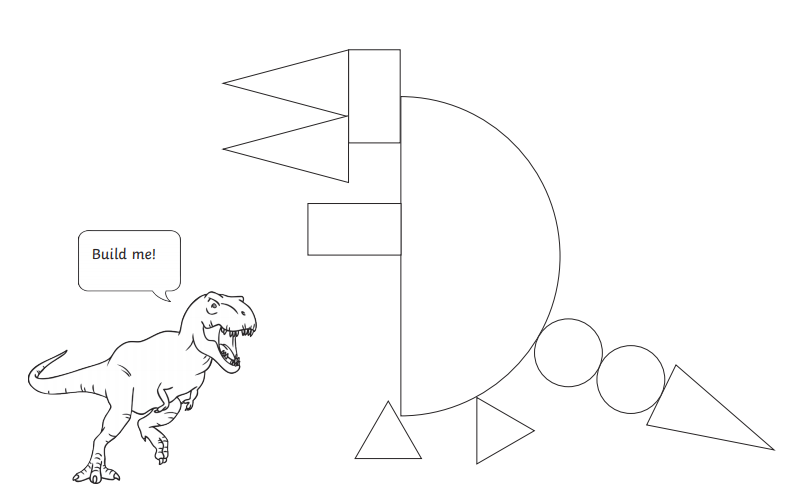
Many dinosaur species became extinct around 66 million years ago, but a group of living dinosaurs are still with us today: birds.



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**Activity 2**



**Exploding Dinosaur Mud**

These dinosaurs are stuck in the mud! They need a magic potion to set them free from their lava rocks!

**Supplies:**

* Baking Soda
* Coffee Grounds (optional)
* Sand
* Green Food Colouring
* Vinegar
* Water

**How to Make Exploding Dinosaur Rocks:**

Add an entire box of baking soda (16 oz), two cups of coffee grounds, sand to desired texture, and a couple drops of green food dye for fun.

Mix all the items together in a bowl and create balls of dirt adding a small dinosaur toy if you have them to the middle as they are rolled together.

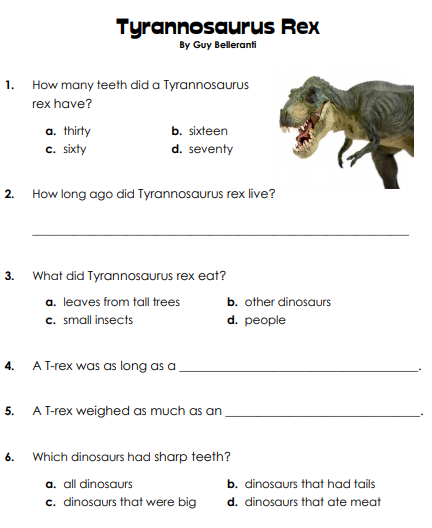
Rocks will need to dry for a couple of hours, normally about 3-4 hours in full sunlight to harden fully.

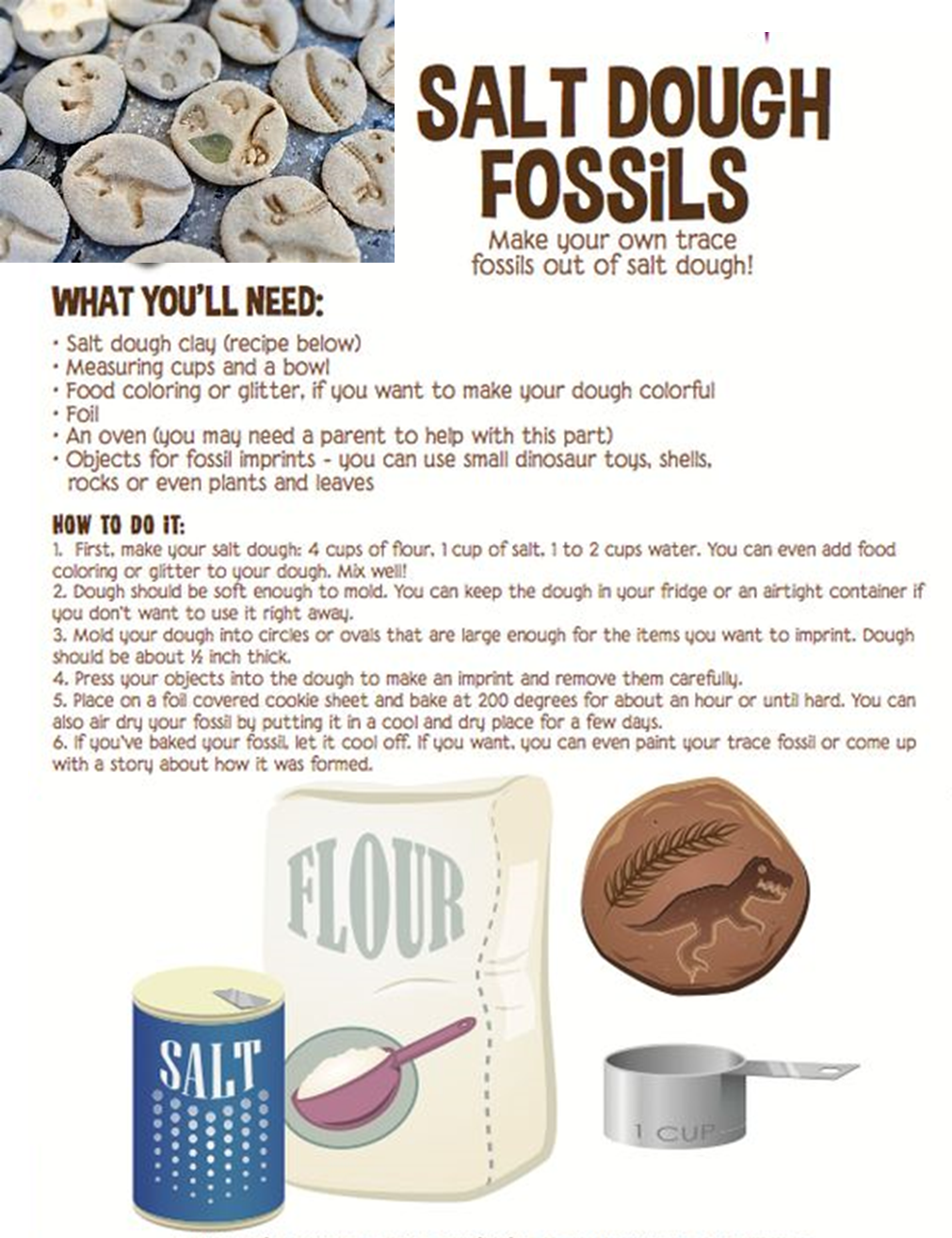


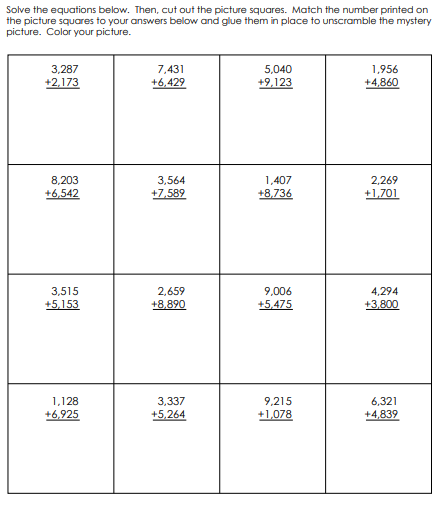
**Tyrannosaurus Rex Info Hunt**

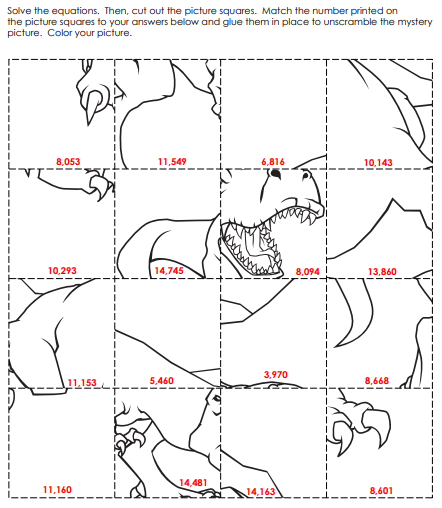
Read through the information on the T-Rex and then answer the questions about it.

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**Problem solving**

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**Closing Ceremony**

Practice grand howl to end your meeting

**Scouting at Home**

What else can I do to link my activities to scouting?

Below is a list of some other activities that we could try to show the different skills we have through scouting, link to the international theme.

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| **Skill** | **Description** | **Achieved** |
| **communicator** | **Make a entry about all the things that are different between your day now and before lockdown** |  |
| **International** | **Find out 3 facts about 6 counties you would like to visit** |  |
| **Science** | **Carry out a science experiment** |  |
| **Athletics** | **It’s an important to exercise even when you’re stuck at home. Make a video showing how you warm up in order keep fit in your house. Measure your heart rate before and after you do your exercise.** |  |
| **Book reader** | **Create poster showing how you would look after a book and about libraries** |  |
| **Chefs** | **Plan, cook and serve a balanced 2 course meal for your family** |  |
| **Cyclist** | **Make a presentation showing what you need to do to maintain your bike to keep it safe** |  |

**Please keep scouting and send in pictures of all you achieve to the group and district so we can all share in each other’s accomplishments.**

**Yours in Scouting**

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