

**Evaluation of Autumn Topics  
2015**

**Year 1:**

**History Focus:**

**Autumn 1:**

***Walking with Dinosaurs***

**Autumn 2:**

***Tomb Raiders***

**Explorers:**

***Howard Carter***

## Topic overview

### Walking with Dinosaurs

We introduced the topic on the transition day back in July by having a day based around the book '*Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs*', we explored the dinosaurs in the bucket and tried to name them. We then created our '*bucketful of year ones*' ready for September whereby we created a bucket with our favourite things and what we wanted to find out about dinosaurs.

In the first week in September Miss Shearstone showed a video of a dinosaur running around the playground at school, our job was to be detectives and find clues, we found a few foot prints and some food, but no food. We then used the clues we found and the video footage to identify the dinosaur as a triceratops, we then researched him more and wrote key facts.

After studying this dinosaur in detail we looked at the Mesozoic era and how it changed through the different periods of time. We created paintings to show the colours of the world back then.

We broke the Mesozoic Era down into Jurassic, Triassic and spent a few weeks researching these different periods and which famous dinosaurs were alive then. We then created a whole class timeline to show what we found.

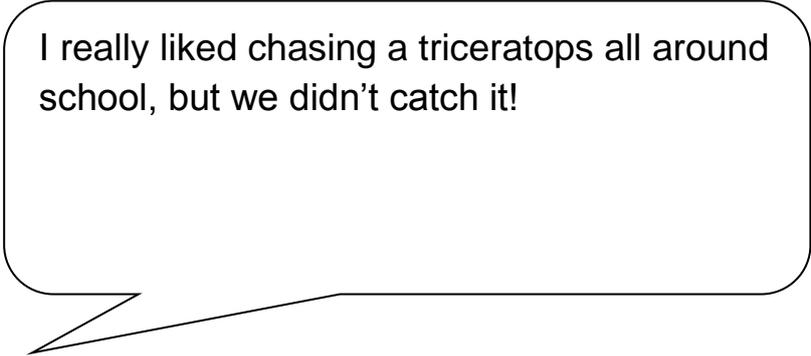
We linked a lot of this topic to our science topic '*Animals including Humans*' and compared body parts of dinosaurs to different animals to see which animals alive today remind us most of dinosaurs.

### Dinosaur workshop

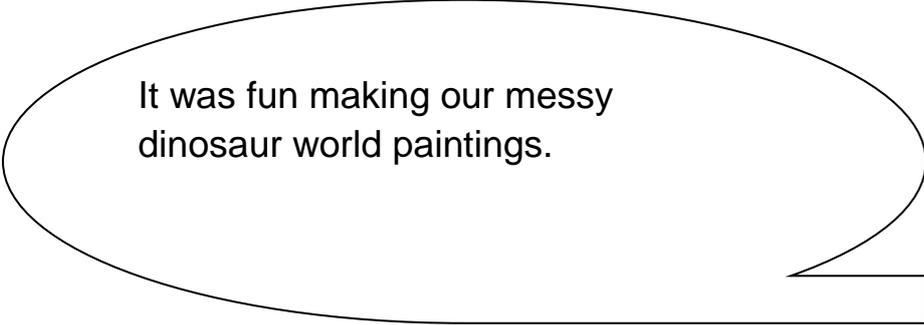
We had a dinosaur workshop come into school to show the children a variety of different bones and footprints from various dinosaurs.

The children loved it and were all asked to prepare questions of things they wanted to know. Throughout the morning the children got chance to touch and photograph all the different objects and learn more about the dinosaurs which they came from.

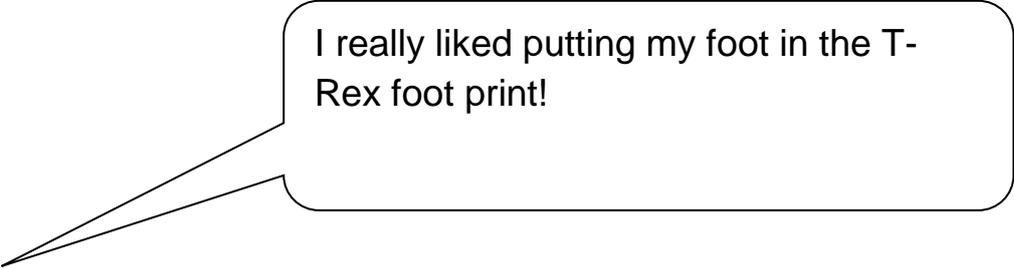
The children were then taught all about dinosaur fossils and even made some copies of the fossils themselves to take home.



I really liked chasing a triceratops all around school, but we didn't catch it!



It was fun making our messy dinosaur world paintings.



I really liked putting my foot in the T-Rex foot print!

# **Tomb Raiders**

To start the topic the children were shown a variety of objects (clothes, jewellery and shoes) from the Ancient Egyptian era. They were asking questions to help them figure out where they were from. After we found out it was Egypt we researched where that is on a map. We looked at pictures of Egypt now and discussed how it is different from England.

The children received some letters from Egypt but they weren't written with words, they had pictures. We looked at Hieroglyphics and decoded the messages. We created our own Cartouches using clay and stamps to display our names in hieroglyphics.

We looked at the importance of the River Nile too and linked this to our science work and tried to build a replica of a boat that could float using our knowledge of everyday materials.

## **Howard Carter**

We briefly studied Howard Carter as the English archaeologist who found the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun. We wrote diary entries as if we were him, and how he must have felt to have found such an incredible part of history.

## **Egyptian Workshop**

Early on in the topic we had an Egyptian workshop in school where the children had further opportunities to develop their knowledge of Ancient Egypt in a more creative way. They made wooden cartouches and painted them in beautiful bright colours.

Later on in the day the children learned an Egyptian dance which they performed to KS1 staff and we recorded on the iPads.

I liked painting with the glittery paint and writing my name in hieroglyphics.

The best thing was pretending to be Howard Carter. He wore funny hats and found the coolest things.

I loved the Egyptian dance, I even taught it to my mummy!

## Dinosaur Workshop –



## The dinosaur in school –

## Egyptian Workshop –

