**ACTIVITY TIME**

**Pink!**
Margaret Wild and Judith Rossell

An adorable new picture book about accepting yourself and finding your strengths from award-winning author Margaret Wild and award-winning illustrator Judith Rossell.

**What makes us the same? What makes us different?**

**You will need:**
- You and your pre-schooler
- Pink! activity sheets
- Coloured pencils
- Colourful craft items such as feathers, pop sticks, glitter, paper or wool
- Glue stick
- Scissors.

**What to do**

1. Use your coloured pencils to colour in the dinosaurs. You could decorate them in the same colour or make one green and one pink, similar to the story.
2. Decorate your dinosaurs with the different craft items. You could use items from your pantry too, such as rice or pasta.
3. Try to decorate each dinosaur with a different colour, texture or pattern.
4. When you have finished decorating, talk with your pre-schooler about the dinosaurs, what makes them the same and what makes them different. “Is one smooth and one rough?” “Do they both have long tails?” “Are they different colours?”
5. Have a discussion about their similarities and differences. Ask your pre-schooler what they notice.

**Other ideas**

Make the dinosaurs environment using a collage of objects found in your garden such as leaves and flowers. You can talk to your pre-schooler about camouflage by using the same coloured leaves as your dinosaur picture. “When the dinosaur is the same colour as the leaves, it is easier for her to hide”.

Cut out your dinosaur shape and play hide and seek in the garden. Try encourage your pre-schooler to hide the dinosaur in colours that match their colouring in. “If we hide the green dinosaur in the green leaves he will be harder to find because he is camouflaged”.

Create your own dinosaur fossils using flour, salt and water to make a dough. Press leaves or flowers to make an imprint in the dough, or mould a dinosaur bone. Leave the dough to dry overnight.

**STEM Focus**

Children are constantly learning about themselves and others around them. By talking about our differences and our similarities as well as sharing stories with characters who have different backgrounds and experiences, we can raise children to celebrate and value diversity, be accepting of others, and also be proud of themselves and their family traditions.

**Songs to sing**

*We’re Going On A Bear Hunt, Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes, 10 Little Dinosaurs* – www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjmGTbNLj6Q

**Key message**

Children learn through being engaged and doing.
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