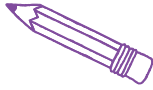


# ACTIVITY TIME

## Featured Stories Program

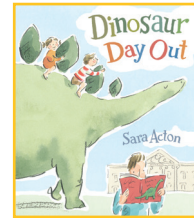
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### DINOSAUR DAY OUT

By Sara Acton

Sally and Max love dinosaurs. When their favourite museum exhibition is closed they spend the day exploring the city instead. Together with their dad, they play amongst the leafy city gardens, take a ride on a train, and enjoy an ice-cream by the harbour. *Dinosaur Day Out* is a beautiful story that captures the imagination of a child – what do you think dinosaurs do on their day off from the museum? You'll have to read to find out!



### Dinosaur Fossils

#### You will need:

- 2 cups plain flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1/2 cup warm water
- Large Bowl, rolling pin and wooden spoon
- Plastic dinosaurs toys or leaves/flowers from your garden.

#### What to do:

1. In a bowl add the flour, salt and water
2. Mix with a wooden spoon
3. Tip mixture onto a lightly floured bench and knead the dough until smooth
4. Roll a small ball of dough and press flat with the palm of your hand
5. Use a plastic toy to press into the dough.
6. Press other items such as leaves or flowers into the dough. Talk about what you can see – what detail is there so that you know it is a leaf?
7. You can also mould the dough into dinosaur bone shapes
8. Leave dough to dry in the sun and overnight.



**Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.**

### STEM FOCUS

Children are able to say and learn the complex names of dinosaurs – explore the different dinosaurs in this story, diplodocus, pterodactyl, stegosaurus, and tyrannosaurus rex. Chat with your child about fossils. Palaeontologists are the people who study fossils to learn about animals who lived many, many years ago. It is because of fossils that we can learn about extinct animals such as dinosaurs.

### Songs to sing

*If You're Happy and you Know it, The Wheels on the Bus and 5 Little Dinosaurs*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjmGTbNLj6Q>

### Key message:

Children learn through being engaged and doing.

\*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.

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