Dinosaur Discovery

EYFS/KS1



Workshop Overview:

The Dinosaur Discovery workshop gives children the opportunity to creatively respond to a variety of fossils on display in the Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery.

Through a range of creative and engaging activities they will sort dinosaurs, fossils, and skeletons, offering explanations and questions linked to the similarities and differences found. They will have the opportunity to create a collective dinosaur display, articulating their understanding of different dinosaurs and make judgements about how they should be sorted and displayed.

Children will begin to understand the differences and similarities between dinosaurs, classifying them by looking at what they eat, habitats and their shape. They will learn how fossils are created and take home their own unique clay fossil.

Curriculum Links:

ELG: Understanding the World

Past and Present

- Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society.
- Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling

The Natural World

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter

ELG: Communication and Language

Listening, Attention and Understanding

- Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.
 - Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.
 - Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.

Speaking

- Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.
- Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.
- Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.

English

- Listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
- Ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge U
- Use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings
- Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
- Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways

Science

- Observing closely, using simple equipment
- Performing simple tests
- Identifying and classifying
- Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores
- Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets)
- Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food

Price and booking information:

Cost: £110 for one session or £190 for two sessions (on the same day)

Duration: 2 hours

Location: Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery

Class size: Maximum class size is 34

To book: museumbookings@shropshire.gov.uk

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