





Year 1 - Spring Term 2

Dinosaur Planet

History: What is a palaeontologist?



Key Facts	
Where in the world has evidence of dinosaurs been found?	Evidence has been found on every single continent on earth.
How do we know dinosaurs existed in the past? 	Evidence such as fossils has been found which shows us what dinosaurs existed in the past. This might be a fossilised body, footprints or even poo!
Who was Mary Anning? 	Mary is one of the greatest fossil hunters to have ever lived. She made important discoveries about fossils in Lyme Regis. She was alive millions of years after the dinosaurs whose fossils she found.



This half term, our Big Question is...

How have we learnt about dinosaurs?

Where does it fit in to the big story?



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Your learning is represented by this section of our Year One timeline. Can you see any of the other themes you have already looked at? Did the Dinosaurs live before or after people travelled to the moon?



Key Vocabulary

dinosaurs	Dinosaurs were animals that lived on our planet for more than 150 million years. The word dinosaur means "terrible lizard", and, like lizards and snakes, dinosaurs were reptiles.
evidence	Something that proves an idea to be true. Evidence for dinosaurs might include fossil of their bodies, foot-prints or even poo!
extinct	Something that no longer exist or is no longer alive.
fossils	Fossils are the remains or traces of plants and animals that lived long ago. Fossils give scientists clues about the past.
museum	A place where things (especially from the past) may be kept and looked after.
palaeontologist	A palaeontologist is a scientist who studies the history of life on Earth through the fossil record.
prehistoric	Belonging to a period in a time before written history.

