



THE DINOSAUR GAME

AGE RANGE: EYFS

This activity will promote social interaction and numeracy.

YOU WILL NEED: The game board, two dinosaur stamp counters, dice or spinner.

TIME: 30 minutes.

CURRICULUM LINKS: See relevant curriculum charts.

ACTIVITY

Young children really enjoy finding out more about dinosaurs, imagining their size and what they looked like.

This simple dinosaur game is based on each dinosaur finding their way home. The game can be played with two players. Print or photocopy the game board onto a piece of card (print or photocopy more if needed). Each pair of children will need counters and a dice or spinner. The aim of the game is to be the first to get home.

The person to throw or spin the highest number goes first. Each child takes a turn throwing the dice or spinning the spinner. They then move the number of spaces indicated by the dice or spinner. If they land on certain squares, they will need to follow the instructions shown. The first person to reach home, wins.

FOLLOW UP IDEAS:

- Talk about what kind of world the dinosaurs might have lived in.
- Ask the children to draw some of their own dinosaurs.
- Describe the dinosaur counters.
- Make circles using play dough. Collect some plastic dinosaurs and make a variety of 'fossil' head or footprints in the dough.
- Use the game board for counting on and counting back activities.

