

# Parents page

A selection of optional homework ideas to support this topic is available on the Penpol School website. Some of the ideas include;

Collect pictures from magazines or books of different animals, especially ones in different habitats.

Discuss favourite animals. Ask about different features and whether they would like one as a pet?

Play guessing games about animal features e.g. My animal has scales, a long slithery body and some can be poisonous.

Make a model of a dinosaur using junk modelling.

	I can identify some features of living things.	
	I can show good control when dancing some animal dances.	
	I have made a flap book on different animals and dinosaurs.	
	I can measure and sort some dinosaurs.	
	I can identify some similarities and differences in dinosaurs.	
	I know how to care for living things.	

This leaflet is designed to inform parents of some of the things we may cover during this terms topic.

## Penpol School

Reception  
Spring Term



## Dinosaurs and animals



## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Looking after animals and pets.  
Show care and concern for animals and the environment.  
Feelings about different kinds of dinosaurs.  
Understanding the importance of looking after the living things in our world, especially each other.  
Reading and discussing the behaviour of the Rainbow Fish.  
Being kind and gentle.

## Knowledge and understanding of the world.

Animals and their babies.  
Habitats of different dinosaurs and animals.  
Visit to the vets.  
Visit from Mark's Arc.  
Nocturnal animals.  
Trip to Feadon Farm  
Looking at similarities and differences of different dinosaurs.  
Different food that dinosaurs and animals eat; herbivores, carnivores, omnivores.  
Life cycles of dinosaurs.  
Volcano experiments

## Physical Development

Moving like animals; slithering, cantering, galloping, running, swinging, gliding etc  
Make our own dinosaur dance and film it.  
Junk and clay modelling dinosaurs.  
Make a big picture class picture of dinosaur scene using stencils and oil pastels.  
Write some dinosaur names.  
Different animal dances to perform to parents.

## Communication, Language & Literacy

Rhyming words e.g. roar and claw.  
Describe and label a dinosaur.  
Make a flap book based on Dear Zoo.  
Dinosaur information book  
Pet instructions - how to look after a pet dinosaur  
Create own version of The Very Hungry Dinosaur.  
Talk about the differences between different dinosaurs.

## Creative

Observational drawings of dinosaurs and animals.  
Dinosaur bones.  
Make our own imaginary animals on the computer.  
Small world play - variety of habitats e.g. zoo, jungle, farm, dinosaur worlds etc  
Animal & dinosaur songs.  
Make papier mache eggs with dinosaurs inside.

## Mathematical Development

Counting teeth, spines.  
Sorting animals & dinosaurs into groups e.g. how many legs?  
Day and night - nocturnal animals  
Graphs; Favourite dinosaur.  
Measuring dinosaurs for height, length, weight.  
Problem solving - arranging insects on 2 leaves  
Adding dinosaurs.  
2D and 3D shapes; shapes of spines including hexagons, triangles etc