

Reception

Week 9 Literacy

This week we are going to be imagining that we can have a pet dinosaur and by the end of the week, we will write some instructions on how to care for our pet dinosaurs.

This week's learning will be around this story, 'My Pet Dinosaur':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJW0v36v4js>

Monday

Watch the video and listen to the story carefully. Choose one of the dinosaurs you would like as a pet. Write today's date and then write a description of that dinosaur. You can keep stopping the video to listen to the part of the story about the dinosaur and use the pictures to help you.

Tuesday

Watch the video and again and listen carefully to all the problems that Oliver found with each pet dinosaur. Now think about the dinosaur you have chosen. What problems did Oliver find and what other problems might there be? For example the diplodocus ate all the leaves in sight in the story but also I think if I had a diplodocus I think it would be hard to fit him in my flat- I don't think he can climb the stairs! In your books write down some of the difficulties in owning your pet dinosaur.

Wednesday

Now we are going to learn more about instructions. Watch this video about how to write instructions and look at the different examples they give like recipes or the instructions on how to plant a sunflower seed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2189sv8Bvy4>

(This video is for older children so don't worry if you children don't understand all the words in it- please just help them to understand what instructions look like)



Today I want you to begin by writing a list of all the things you would need to care for your pet dinosaur. See if you can write the heading 'What you will need' then list the things under your

heading- just like in the example of the sunflower seed planting above. Think really carefully about your chosen dinosaur pet. For example, if you wanted your pet to be a T-Rex you might write:

What you will need:

- 1. Raw meat**
- 2. A bucket for water**
- 3. A big blanket**
- 4. Dinosaur toys**
- 5. A very long collar and lead**
- 6. A very large garden**

Thursday

Today is the tricky part, now you need to write the part that tells you how to look after your pet dinosaur. Write your heading 'What you do' and under that list all the things to need to do to look after your pet dinosaur, think carefully about some of the problems you wrote about Tuesday and see if your instructions can include those and how you could solve them. For example for my T-Rex the problem could be that he is very fast at running and likes to fight other big dinosaurs so in my instructions I will have to let him play with his dinosaur toys in his big garden so he never runs away or gets bored.

What you do:

- 1. Feed your pet T-Rex meat every day.**
- 2. Give him a bucket of water to drink.**
- 3. Let him play in the garden.**
- 4. Give him toys to play with.**
- 5. Take him for walks on his lead.**

You can even think of a top tip like in the examples from yesterday. My top tip could be:

Top Tip:

Give your Tyrannosaurus Rex cuddles and belly rubs every day because it makes them very happy.

Friday

Today you are going present your instructions in a new way. You could type them into a word document, you could make a big instructions poster or even you could fold a piece of paper and make a leaflet. Remember to put a big title. It could be 'How to care for a pet dinosaur'. Do not forget your list of what you need and what you have to do, as well as a top tip. Have fun making your instructions look great and then see if you can present it to someone in your family to help them learn 'How to have a pet dinosaur'. Please take photos and post on Edmodo so we can share them with the class. I cannot wait to learn how to have a pet dinosaur!