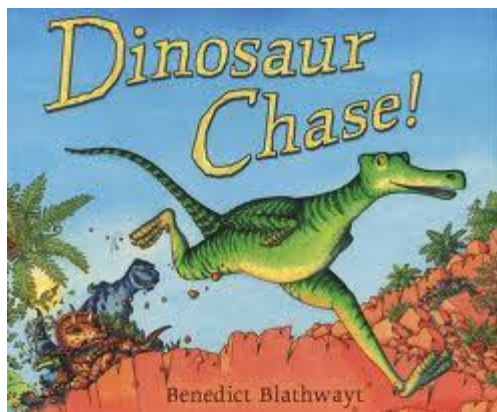


Dinosaur Chase

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Dinosaur Chase is a well-illustrated picture book about a small dinosaur called Fin. While playing with some friends a group of bigger dinosaurs come along, spoil the game and chase Fin. This story has a satisfying ending with Fin getting the better of his remaining tormentor when he discovers he can fly and thereby escape him; something his pursuer is unable to do.

This story deals with the theme of bullying in a straight forward way and also introduces the idea that individuals have different skills and abilities.

Reading the book

When you are reading the book make sure your child can see the detailed pictures and allow them to talk about them if they want to.

On re reading the story children will enjoy joining in with the repeated phrases – *'We can do that! We can ...too!'*

Talking about the book

Take time to talk about the detailed illustrations. Which creatures can you spot? What do you like about this story? It would be interesting to discuss the ending – does your child like the way the story ends?

Story play

Play 'Guess the dinosaur' – using the dinosaurs illustrated in the book take turns in describing them to each other eg *'I'm thinking of a dinosaur that has three horns on its head and is very bumpy. Can you find it?'*

Using toy dinosaurs if you have them or other small toys re-enact the story. If you can find a big space you might be able to create the different terrain in the story, with something green to represent the forest, yellow for the sand, blue for the water and perhaps a box for the mountain.

Go to the park or in the garden make up games to copy 'Can you do this?' eg hopping from step to step.

Things to make and do

Find out about dinosaurs from books in the library or the internet– make a zig zag dinosaur book with pictures and facts.

Collect some old magazines, some glue and a large piece of paper and make a dinosaur collage picture with small pieces of paper torn from magazine pictures.

Find out more

These websites provide useful information:

<http://www.kidsdigdinos.com/dinosaurfacts.htm>

<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/kids-only/dinosaurs/> there are lots of dinosaur activities on this site

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/dinosaurs.html>

Make a dinosaur collage using small bits of paper torn from colour magazines stuck on a large sheet of paper.

Visit the Natural History museum to look at their dinosaur collection