

DINOSAUR DISCOVERY

playspace card

The Dinosaur Discovery Playspace immerses young explorers in ancient history, allowing them to engage with interactive elements like fossils and dinosaur replicas. Designed for hands-on exploration, children can create fossil imprints with clay and examine wooden dinosaur blocks. Accompanying books enhance their understanding and spark curiosity. This space fosters learning and imagination, turning every child into an explorer, scientist, and storyteller as they embark on thrilling adventures in a prehistoric world.

CREATING THIS SPACE we've got you covered

Browse a curated list of everything we used to create this space on our website!

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Whether you're topping up your own resource collection or want to purchase the whole Playspace, Bellbird has you covered!

PLAYSPACE BUNDLES what's included?

- ➔ Purchase all the resources used to put this Playspace together so you can set it up in your own space and style!

Dinosaur Discovery Playspace - Resources (SKU 110062U)

- ➔ Purchase everything you need to create this exact set-up in your space, including 6 chairs/stools, 2 tables, 1 rug, 1 faux eucalyptus and all resources!

Dinosaur Discovery Playspace - Resources & Furniture (SKU 110062I)

*Please note that the photography does not show all items from the resource sets. Purchasing this Playspace includes complete sets beyond those displayed.

OUR HERO PIECES in this space

- ➔ Lonely Planet Kids Dinosaur Atlas - Hardcover Book (SKU 134795)
- ➔ Let's Investigate Tactile Stones - Palaeontology/Fossil Set (SKU 113276I)
- ➔ Wooden Dinosaur Blocks - 10 Pieces (SKU 133468)
- ➔ Let's Investigate - Prehistoric Teeth (SKU 113322)
- ➔ Wooden Characters - Dinosaur (SKU 113331)
- ➔ Let's Roll - Dinosaurs (SKU 113392)
- ➔ Large Soft PVC Dinosaur Replica - Tyrannosaurus Rex (SKU 130744)
- ➔ Large Soft PVC Dinosaur Replica - Brachiosaurus (SKU 130745)



Flip over the page for links to the EYLF, Planning Cycle and Implementation/Extension tips



Take some of the guess work out of the 'why' behind the 'what' and let the Bellbird Playspace cards help guide you to create engaging and meaningful learning opportunities.



THE BIGGER THOUGHTS

learning themes and connections

Wondering what topics and themes you might see children exploring whilst engaging in this playspace? Check out some relevant learning themes here:

- ➔ Fossil Modelling
- ➔ Paleontology
- ➔ Dinosaur Species
- ➔ Dinosaur Anatomy
- ➔ Evolution
- ➔ History



PROMOTING THINKING DURING PLAY

engaging with children

Help children to think deeper about the topics you're exploring by engaging with them during play! Use open-ended questions to challenge and develop children's thoughts and ideas about what they're learning. You could ask children:

- ➔ How do you think scientists discover information about dinosaurs from fossils?
- ➔ Can you move like a dinosaur?
- ➔ Do you think the world looked different when dinosaurs existed? How might it have been different from now?
- ➔ What might have happened if dinosaurs still roamed the Earth today?



LINKING TO THE LEARNING BEHIND PLAY

possible links to the early years learning framework

You might find children engaging in the follow learning outcomes from the EYLF:

- ➔ Learning Outcome 4.1: Children develop a growth mindset and learning dispositions such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity
- ➔ Learning Outcome 4.2: Children develop a range of learning and thinking skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating



EXTENDING PLAY: WHERE TO NEXT

extension ideas and prompts for continued inquiry

- ➔ Take a step into the shoes of a palaeontologist by setting up your very own dig site in the sandpit. Then give children brushes and other tools to help unearth the hidden bones.
- ➔ Use technology to extend children's understanding, and build their investigation skills by heading to websites like National Geographic Kids to learn more about Dinosaurs!
- ➔ Use the powerful tool of pretend play as a means for children to process and explore all that wonderful Dino learning!
- ➔ Get those little bodies moving and incorporate some Dinosaur Yoga with Cosmic Kids Yoga!
 - [Dinosaur Yoga for Kids! Dinosaur Park / A Cosmic Kids Yoga Adventure!](#) (Cosmic Kids Yoga on YouTube)



EVALUATING EXPERIENCES

prompts for critical reflection

- ➔ What worked well and why? What will I do differently next time?
- ➔ What feedback did children give, and how can I include their voices in future experiences?



MORE INSPIRATION

Want some more guidance and ideas on engaging environments? We've got you covered!



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