




herbivores	carnivores	omnivores
Eats plants	Eats meat	Eats meat and plants
		




Dinosaurs!

Year 2 – Autumn Term

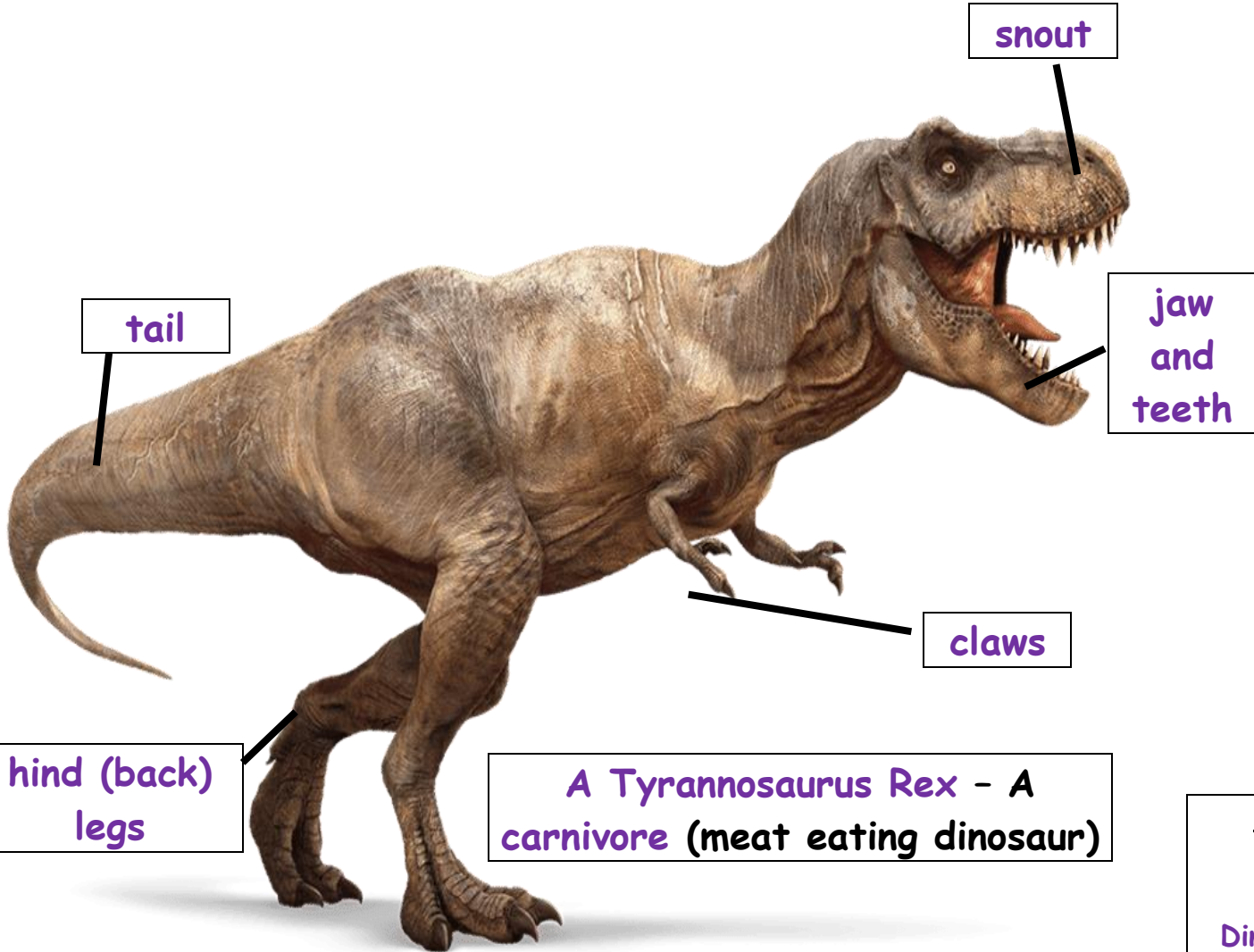
Dear Parents,

Our next topic is dinosaurs. Please help your children to prepare for this topic by helping them to learn the key words (in purple) and the facts on this sheet.

There are some homework activities on the back of this sheet. Your child can complete these at any time. Your child's teacher would love to see what they have created.

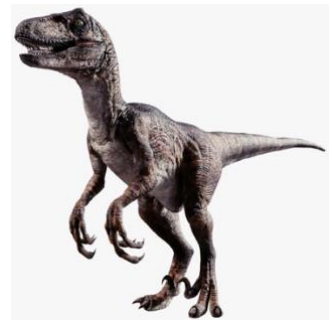
Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,
Year 2 teachers



A Tyrannosaurus Rex - A carnivore (meat eating dinosaur)

- adaptation**
How a plant or animal changes to suit its environment.
- amphibians**
Animals that live on land and in water.
- excavation**
Digging up buried objects from under the ground.
- extinction**
When a type of animal or plant all die and there are no more left.
- fossil**
The remains of a plant or animal preserved in rock.
- palaeontologist**
Someone who studies fossils.
- predator**
An animal who hunts and eats other animals.
- prehistoric animal**
An animal that lived before people existed.
- prey**
An animal that is hunted by other animal.



bipedal
Walked on two legs



quadrupedal
Walked on four legs



coprolite
This is what we call fossilised dinosaur poo.

What does the word dinosaur mean?

Dinosaur comes from two Greek words.


dino - meaning terrible

saur - meaning lizard

Dinosaur means 'terrible lizard'.

What was the heaviest dinosaur?

The heaviest dinosaur was the Argentionsaurus. It weighed 77 tonnes. This is the same as 17 elephants!



Where did the dinosaurs go?

Dinosaurs became **extinct** millions of years ago. Most people believe they died when a giant **meteorite** (a big piece of rock from space) crashed into the Earth.



Over 700 types of dinosaurs have been found. Here are a few of them.

How do we know about dinosaurs?

As the dinosaurs died, they were buried underground. Over millions of years, their bones became rocks (called **fossils**). People have found these fossils and used these to find out facts about dinosaurs. People who search for fossils are called **palaeontologists**.



Dinosaurs, like birds today, laid eggs. Baby dinosaurs came from these.



Homework Ideas

- (1) Design your own dinosaur. Write about what it looks like, what it eats and where it lives.
- (2) Create your own dinosaur picture using crayons, paint or fabric.



- (3) Make your own dinosaur model using old cardboard boxes, plastic bottles and other material.

