

Year 1 Autumn Unit: Dinosaurs



Enquiry Question: How can we find out about dinosaurs?

The Chicxulub crater is an impact crater buried underneath the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico. It was formed when a large asteroid, about 10 kilometres in diameter, struck the Earth.



Historical Concept: chronology, evidence

Key Unit Facts

- The word dinosaur means 'terrible lizard'.
- Dinosaurs first appeared 245 million years ago.
- Dinosaurs walked the Earth for 165 million years.
- We can learn about dinosaurs through fossils.
- Historical evidence can tell us a bit about what we want to know about people or events in the past but not everything.
- Dinosaurs became extinct 65 million years ago.
- This mass extinction is thought to be as a result of a meteor hitting the Earth.

Key Unit Vocabulary

Crater - a large bowl-shaped cavity in the ground

Chronological order - events in the time order in which they happened

Earth - our planet

Evidence - facts or information to show if something is true or false

Extinct - no longer in existence

Fossil - the remains or traces of animals and plants that lived long ago

History - the study of the past

Meteor - a small body of matter from outer space

Timeline - a period of time, on which important events are marked

Traces - what is left behind



A dinosaur's skull



Dinosaur bones Year 1 will be studying during their lessons.

Unit Timeline

