



## T. Rex - August 2008

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A rhythmic and rhyming information book, it begins with an "egg the size of your head" and ends with an unsolved puzzle. In lively language and vibrant illustrations, it tells the story of this well-known dinosaur and manages to add interest and new information.

### Activities

- **Make a book of fascinating facts**

Use the illustration on p14-15 to record fascinating facts about T. Rex. Ask children what they know about these giants of prehistory and note them on the green body. After reading and sharing the book with the class, record their new knowledge around the outside. Are there any changes that need to be made to their initial ideas?

Add questions that children would like to find out answers to. They can investigate using the internet or book resources at school and at home.

- **Be a T. Rex!**

Invite children to get inside the skin of a T. Rex through movement and dance. You may find some suitable music or percussion to help them into role. Read aloud relevant sections of the book to help them experience life as a carnosaur, "His scaly skin and terrible teeth", "Did he rip and roar as he charged and leapt?"

- **Tell the true T. Rex Story**

Children can imagine a T. Rex coming alive in the museum. What would it say about its life, millions of years ago? Working in pairs, children can take on the roles of a T. Rex and the person who discovers it has come to life. What would they say to each other? After the conversation between the two characters, children can write a story in role as the T. Rex.

