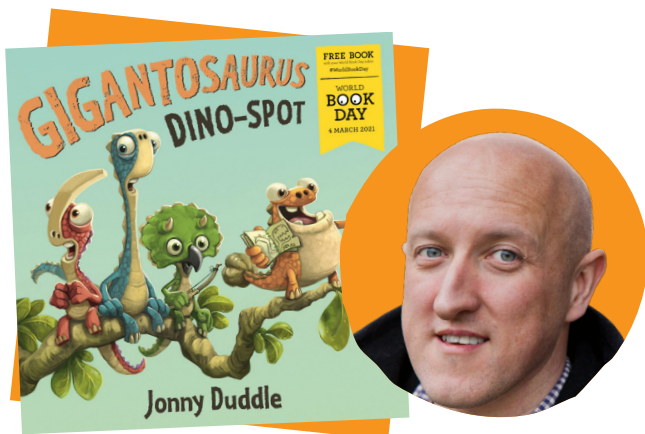


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JONNY DUDDLE: EXPERT DINO-SPOTTING:

NOTES FOR TEACHERS AND LIBRARIANS



MOVE LIKE A DINO-SPOTTER! BEFORE WATCHING THE VIDEO OR READING THE EXTRACT:

Imagine what it would be like to go back many million years ago to go dino-spotting! With your classmates, friends or family members, act out how you would move around to try to find a dinosaur. Would you be loud, or quiet? How would you be moving? What would your facial expressions be? What would you have in your hands or in your backpack? Share your ideas!

READ ALOUD TOGETHER! EXTRACT TAKEN FROM PAGES 1-4 OF *GIGANTOSAURUS DINO-SPOT*

1. How many different types of dinosaur can you see? Can you name them?
2. What do you think is a 'dino-expert'?
3. Which dinosaur is the most confident in the book? How can you tell?

FIND INSPIRATION AFTER WATCHING THE VIDEO, DEVELOP JONNY'S IDEAS

INSPIRATION 1: DRAWING WHAT'S AROUND YOU

In the video, Jonny talks about how, since he was a child, he has enjoyed drawing the things around him – like birds and plants and trees. Sometimes he even imagines things to draw, like dragons, trolls and goblins!

- What can you see around you that you might like to draw? Go on a treasure hunt to find some inspiration for things you could draw.
- On a large sheet of paper, practice drawing the things you can see. Before you commit pencils or pens to paper, you might want to use string to trace the outline of your chosen things.
- Then, add some new things from your imagination. What sort of picture can you create from putting together all of your ideas?

INSPIRATION 2: MAKE A DINO-SPOTTING NOTEBOOK

Jonny's book is all about dino-spotting. Bonehead has made a book of dinosaurs that he'd like to spot. He challenges his friends to a contest, but he's a bit of a know-it-all.

- Using Bonehead's book as inspiration, create your own dino-spotting notebook. First of all, think about what you will include on the front cover – for example your name.
- Think about, if you were a dinosaur spotter, which dinosaurs you would like to spot and why. What is it that's so interesting about those dinosaurs?
- Draw two of your favourite dinosaurs and make some notes to show why you have chosen them.

CREATIVE CHALLENGE FROM JONNY DUDDLE!

Write a story about a time you went dino-spotting. Where did you go to spot them? How did you get there? Perhaps you needed a time-machine...