ACTIVITY PACK

What you’ll find provided in this pack:

- Top Trumps instruction sheet
- Printable Top Trumps
- Dinosaur Dilemma Diary writing task
- Dinosaur Egg Hunt instruction sheet
- Printable Egg Hunt answer sheet
- Printable Egg hunt questions
- Egg Hunt answers for teachers
- Dinosaur Detective review sheet for the end of session

What else you need to know:

1. In order for the children to create their own Top Trumps they will need to do some research. If possible, computers or laptops would be useful here. If not, some information could be printed beforehand or books could be sourced. Alternatively, this could be turned into a creative task in which the pupils design their own dinosaurs.

2. The Dinosaur Egg Hunt requires some form of eggs to be hidden. We used small plastic eggs bought online, but where this isn’t possible, small laminated images or drawings would work.
Egg hunt questions (to be cut and folded into the plastic eggs)

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   - 3. Malaysia

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   - 3. She was studying dinosaurs for a school project

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   - 2. Wear a hat
   - 3. Eat a banana
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   1. Piranhas
   2. Lion
   3. Monkey

5. What colour is a lancehead snake?
   1. Purple
   2. Brown
   3. Green

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   1. Sugar
   2. Oil
   3. Salt
7. How do tarantulas attack humans?

1. Flick hairs
2. Spray poison
3. Do a dance of death

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1. His Mum and Dad
2. Jo and his Dad
3. Jean and his Dad

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1. A group of dinosaurs
2. A group of Amazonian people
3. A group of Loggers
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TOP TRUMPS

TEACHER’S INSTRUCTIONS

Aims:

1) To research different dinosaur species
2) To produce two Top Trump cards using secondary research

After reading The Dinosaur Detectives, split the class into pairs. Each pair will need a laptop, paper to take notes and one sheet of Top Trump cards. Each pair must work together to research one of the dinosaur species mentioned in The Dinosaur Detectives as well as one of the species listed below.

**Dinosaurs in the book**
- Titanosaur
- Tyrannosaurus

**Other dinosaur species**
- Stegosaurus
- Diplodocus
- Coelophysis
- Triceratops

**Useful websites**
- [http://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/dino-directory/](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/dino-directory/)
- [http://www.ngkids.co.uk/](http://www.ngkids.co.uk/)
You have been hired! Mr Sharp needed an extra member for his fossil hunting team and has asked you to join his hot and humid trek through the Amazon, documenting the trip as you go. However, you run into some trouble in the forest clearing!

Write down what happened during your tumble in the jungle in a diary format!

You may want to consider the following when writing your diary entry:

1. What happened? What could you see and hear?
2. Who was there? Was the trouble caused by other humans or animals?
3. Where was you when the trouble occurred? Observing from the distance or right in the middle of the chaos?
4. How did it make you feel?
5. How was the problem resolved? Who was the hero?
6. What happened after the trouble had passed?

Here are some scenarios to get you started:

1. A group of jaguars spring out of the bushes and surround your group.
2. Someone in your group suddenly disappears into the thicket.
3. Someone in your group gets their foot trapped in quicksand.
4. You pick up a small smooth object thinking that it is a dinosaur egg and come face to face with an angry female crocodile trying to protect her unhatched babies.
5. Stepping into the clearing, you disturb a group of loggers who are furious that their illegal activity has been uncovered.
You’ve read the book and completed the activities—now let’s see if you can remember the story!

Your task is to answer a number of questions about the books and compete against the teams for a chance to win a collection of the complete set of the first four Dinosaur Detective books.

1. Split into groups of five or six.
2. Your teacher will give your team a colour (Red, Blue, Purple, Green, Orange or Pink). This is your team name.
3. To complete the hunt, each team will need an answer sheet and a pen to share—write your team colour at the top of the sheet.
4. Colourful eggs have been hidden in the playground; as a team, find 10 eggs with your team colour stuck to the front. If you find an egg with another team colour, leave the egg and keep looking for your own.
5. Once you find an egg with your team colour, open the egg and work as a team to answer the question inside. Write the full answer on your answer sheet and keep the egg and question with you.
6. When you have found all 10 of your eggs, return back to the classroom. The first team back that has the most answers correct wins!

**RULES**

* You must stay in your team—do not split up to search for eggs on your own.
* If you find another team egg, leave it where it is. Do not hide it or keep it and do not tell the other team where it is.
* You must keep the eggs and questions once you have found them.
Egg Hunt

Answer Sheet

Found the answers to the questions? Use this sheet to write down your answers and hand it to your teacher once you have completed the hunt.

1. 7.
2. 8.
3. 9.
4. 10.
5. 11.
6. 12.
1. Who was your favourite character? Why?

2. Who was your least favourite character? Why?

3. What was your favourite part of the book? Why?

4. What was the name of Mr Sharp’s arch enemy?

5. The Amazon Rainforest is in which South American country?

6. What country would you send Matt and his Dad to for their next adventure? Why?

7. If you joined Matt's exploring team, what would you carry with you at all times?

8. Would you like to read the next book in the series?
   YES, I WOULD LOVE TO!  ☐  NO, I'M OKAY THANK YOU! ☐