

Yellow Group Kinder, Weekly Reflection

Term 1, Week 5



Today we had a visit from Sarah from The Melbourne Museum. She came in to teach us a bit about dinosaurs and she also brought in some dinosaur bones and fossils to show us. Sarah told us a story about some paleontologists who found some bones of a dinosaur, which they called a Tsintaosaurus. She explained to us how the dinosaurs lived many years ago and that this dinosaur died in some water. Then after years the water disappeared and the earth covered the dinosaur under lots of dirt. She also explained that as humans had only ever found the dinosaur bones and not the skin that no one actually knew what colour dinosaurs were. After the story the children got the opportunity to assemble a Tsintaosaurus' leg bones and realised it was extremely tall. Then the children split off into groups and measured themselves against the leg bones, looked at the Tsintaosaurus' head and explored a range of fossils. After Sarah had left the children were able to spend some time creating their own dinosaurs using the colours they thought the dinosaur's skin could be. A rainbow coloured dinosaur was the favourite.



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The Tsintaosaurus also had a horn on it's head and Sarah said that no one knows what it was used for so I asked the children and some of there ideas were:

Hailey: It's like a unicorn.

James: It's for fighting with other dinosaurs.

Ruby: It's for head butting others.

Valentina: It grew because it ate so much.

Zara: It's a little horn that it might have leaves. It might protect the dinosaur from the other dinosaurs.

Isla: It's to dig holes.

Alexandra: Maybe it had some flowers on it's horn.

Evie: Maybe incase their danger comes they can head butt them.

Yeel: So they can eat the animals and hit them with it. So she can horn dinosaurs and eat their legs.

Lachlan: Maybe it can scare someone when someone is coming.

Abigail: It's a bone. It looks like a mernacorn. Mernacorn means with a sharp horn. Maybe it was used to hit other animals.

Theodore: The fire is going to bash it in the head and the horn moves it away.

Some of the comments the children made through the incursion were:

Zara: Dinosaurs got extinct a long time ago.

Abigail: I learnt about volcanoes and dinosaurs live with volcanoes.

Eli: He (the Tsintaosaurus) has lumpy teeth. He eats leaves.

Lachlan: It's (the Tsintaosaurus) much taller than me.



When discussing the fossils the children commented:

Abigail: It looks like a snail.

Yeel: It's from his tooth.

Theodore: It's a hatch. It hatched out of there.

Alexandra: It's a tooth.