

2026

Dinosaur Dig!

May Early Elementary Must-Haves

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

Pair Britannica School content with Teach Britannica's open-access resources to celebrate dinosaurs all month long.

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Can You Dig It?

Download the summer reading digital kit and choose a dinosaur book to read with students.

[Book List](#)

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Dinosaur Discovery

Introduce key dinosaur vocabulary and what we know about these creatures.

- [Lesson Mini: Vocabulary](#)
- [How Do We Know About Dinosaurs?](#)
- [Why Did Dinosaurs Disappear?](#)

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Exploring Dinosaur Traits and Fossils: Part 1

Tell students that today they will learn about dinosaurs and their characteristics.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 1: Steps 1-4](#)
- [The Sauropods: Plant-Eating Giants image](#)
- [Dinosaur article](#)

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Exploring Dinosaur Traits and Fossils: Part 2

Divide the class into small groups to complete a matching activity and create their own dinosaur.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 1: Steps 5-10](#)

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Comparing Dinosaurs: Part 1

Have students compare and contrast images of *T. rex* and *Brachiosaurus*.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 2: Steps 1-4](#)

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Comparing Dinosaurs: Part 2

Have students compare and contrast *T. rex* and *Brachiosaurus* using text and by asking questions.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 2: Steps 5-10](#)
- [T. rex article](#)
- [Brachiosaurus article](#)

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Paleontologists and Dinosaur Fossils: Part 1

Show students how paleontologists use fossils to learn about dinosaurs.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3: Steps 1-4](#)
- [Dinosaur Bones image](#)
- [What is a Paleontologist?](#)

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Paleontologists and Dinosaur Fossils: Part 2

Tell students they will pretend they are paleontologists and work in small groups to hunt for dinosaur fossils.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3: Steps 5-8](#)
- [Hunting for Fossils image](#)

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The Dinosaur with Triangular Back Plates

Learn about a specific dinosaur!

- [Stegosaurus article](#)

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The Armored Dinosaur

Learn about a specific dinosaur!

- [Ankylosaurus article](#)

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The Three-Horned Dinosaur

Learn about a specific dinosaur!

- [Triceratops article](#)

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The Spiny Dinosaur

Learn about a specific dinosaur!

- [Spinosaurus article](#)

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The Small, Fast Dinosaur

Learn about a specific dinosaur!

- [Velociraptor article](#)

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The Dinosaur with a Crest

Learn about a specific dinosaur!

- [Parasaurolophus article](#)

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Dinosaur Food

Read an article as a class and discuss what kinds of foods dinosaurs ate.

- [What Did Dinosaurs Eat? article](#)

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Family Fossil Investigation

Have students do a "fossil hunt" activity where they make observations at home. Ask them to share their findings next time in class.

- [Lesson Mini: Extension 2](#)

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What About Birds?

Ask students if they have noticed any similarities between dinosaurs and birds. Read the article and discuss findings.

- [Are Birds Dinosaurs? article](#)

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What is a Museum?

Discuss the purpose of a science or art museum.

- [Museum article](#)

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Museum Experience

Arrange a visit to a science museum or participate in a virtual field trip featuring dinosaur fossils and exhibits.

- [Lesson Mini: Extension 3](#)

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Classroom Dinosaur Museum: Setup

Have students set up a classroom museum with labeled dinosaur models, fossil drawings, and fact cards.

- [Lesson Mini: Extension 1](#)

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Classroom Dinosaur Museum: Event

Invite families or another class to visit your new classroom museum. Students serve as museum guides and explain dinosaur traits and fossil evidence.

- [Lesson Mini: Extension 1](#)