# PLAY TIME



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## **DINOSAUR CURISOITY**

### **Build a Dinosaur**

#### You will need

- A collection of card board rolls of different lengths and widths and/or blocks.
- Dinosaur book with pictures and photos of skeletons
- · A4 printed black and white dinosaur skeleton's- search internet
- · Lots of room- carpet works well as the rolls don't move. A real bone from a cow if you can get one.

#### Together...

- · Look at the cow bone, pass it around so the children can feel its texture and weight.
- · Look at the book of dinosaurs and discuss their shapes.
  - How bones help form those shapes.
  - What would happen if you didn't have bones?.
- Choose a dinosaur to make and look at the shapes and patterns the bones make. Notice the angles, curves, straight, length and width, spiky bits, etc
- · Build the dinosaur, comparing closely to the skeleton pattern.
- · How big is the dinosaur to you?

## **Dinosaur discovery**

#### You will need

• A collection of toy dinosaurs, dry sand, large shallow container, old brushes.

#### Together...

- Place dinosaurs in container then cover with sand.
- Carefully use brush to brush sand away to reveal discoveries. Use words like archeologist and palaeontologist.







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