



# Knowledge Organiser

Year 2  
Term 5

## Key Facts



Dinosaurs were one of several kinds of prehistoric reptiles that lived during the 'Age of the Reptiles'. They lived on planet Earth millions of years ago, long before people. Most dinosaurs became extinct 65 million years ago.



In the time of the dinosaurs, the world looked very different. The continents were one big land mass called Pangea. Over millions of years, the continents shifted and drifted into the continents that we have today.



Fossils are the remains of plants or animals that lived long ago and we study them to learn. They are found underground in rocks. Some fossils are billions of years old. It takes a very long time for things to become fossils.



People who look for fossils are called palaeontologists. They use special tools to uncover fossils buried deep underground. They have to be very careful because they don't want to damage any fossils that they find.



Mary Anning was a famous fossil hunter who was born in 1799. She lived in Lyme Regis on the south coast of England. Among other discoveries, she found the first ever Ichthyosaur fossil when she was just 12 years old.

## Key Vocabulary

**carnivore**

An animal that only eats meat.

**diet**

The food and drink that an animal eats.

**dinosaur**

An extinct animal whose name means 'terrible lizard'.

**extinct**

When an entire species or type of animal dies out.

**fossil**

The remains of plants or animals that lived long ago.

**herbivore**

An animal that eats only plants.

**omnivore**

An animal that eats both plants and meat.

**palaeontology**

The study of plants and animals that lived millions of years ago.

**predator**

An animal that lives by mostly killing and eating other animals.

**prehistoric**

The time before written history began.

**prey**

An animal that is killed or hunted by other animals for food.