

Read the text and do the activities

“DINOSAUR DISCOVERIES”

Last year, we had a fantastic school trip because we visited the Natural Science Museum in Buenos Aires. We learnt a lot of things related to what we are dealing with at school. This is what we learnt.

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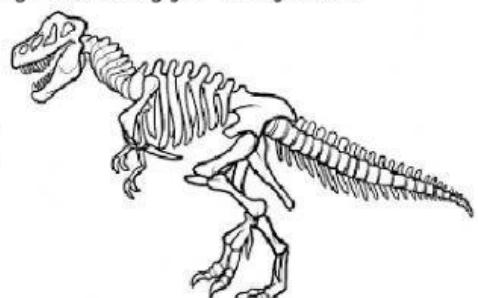
Palaeontologists know that dinosaurs grew and developed inside eggs. These eggs were hard and they protected the young dinosaurs. The process is similar to how birds grow and develop nowadays. However, dinosaur eggs are different from bird eggs. The outside of the dinosaur egg is much heavier. Dinosaur eggs are also a lot bigger than bird eggs. Dinosaurs created special places to keep their eggs safe and warm which were called nests. Birds also build nests for their eggs. Most birds build their nests in trees. However, prehistoric dinosaurs built their nests on the ground. Interestingly, palaeontologists think that dinosaurs covered their nests with dead plants to keep the eggs warm. A few of today's birds also do this.



Dinosaur footprints range in size – some are very small and some are very large. These footprints were made millions of years ago when the ground was soft and wet. Later on, sand filled the footprints. As time passed, this earth and sand turned into stone and the footprints remained in the stone. Nowadays, palaeontologists can tell a lot from dinosaur footprints. For example, the depth of the footprints helps them to understand how heavy the dinosaur was. Recently, palaeontologists have discovered lots of footprints going in the same direction. This means that dinosaurs probably travelled together in large groups.

The best dinosaur fossils were formed when three things happened in a very short period of time. First, the dinosaur died. After that, the soft parts of the dinosaur went into earth. The dinosaur bones remained on the ground. Finally, the bones and dinosaur parts were covered by sand before any were lost or broken. That is why Palaeontologists study fossils to learn about dinosaurs. They are always searching for new fossils.

The visit to the museum was a great experience since we learnt a lot of new things that we are going to show our families in the Science Fair in November. As soon as we get to school, we are going to start working on the science projects. I think it will be great!



1- Where can you find this selection? Choose the correct option.

I can find this text in a... *science magazine / fiction magazine / School magazine*

2- Write the correct section heading in the corresponding paragraph.

“The Giants’ Steps” - “Dinosaur memories buried underground” - “Dinosaur eggs”

3- TRUE or FALSE? Justify the false sentences.

a) The process of how the dinosaur developed was similar to that of the birds. ()

b) The size of the dinosaur footprints are all the same. ()

c) The best fossils were formed under the sand. ()

d) The palaeontologist can’t say anything from examining the bones. ()

e) The person who wrote the selection visited the museum with his family. ()

4- Answer these questions.

a) Where did dinosaurs build their nests?

b) Why did some dinosaurs protect their eggs with dead plants?

c) How do the scientists know about how heavy the dinosaur was?

d) Why did the author like the visit to the museum?
