

# The inside story

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Sam Bryan and Joseph Parsonage's unique and engaging in-school workshops are certain to inspire pupils and support learning across the curriculum

Teach Rex provides creative workshops in schools that ignite young minds and imaginations. Each session transports children to a world of dinosaurs and dragons, enabling pupils to experience something truly magical. The workshops are complemented by materials connecting the experience to science, English and ICT, helping you to continue the learning long after the session is over.

The workshops are the brainchild of Sam Bryan and Joseph Parsonage, two primary school teachers who strive to inspire and motivate children to develop a love of learning. The belief that every child deserves spectacular opportunities and memorable experiences is at the core of everything Teach Rex offers.

The team use Ofsted guidelines, the curriculum and their teaching experience (they're currently practising teachers in the north-west) to create the optimal environment for learning. The workshops are designed for children of all abilities and are differentiated from Nursery up to Year 6.

## Making an impact

Teach Rex supports the new Ofsted framework in that its intent is to provide an emotional hook and creative learning sessions. The materials are designed to maximise the likelihood that these experiences will be committed to children's long-term memory and enable them to connect their learning to other subjects. They encompass a wide variety



of content outlined in the curriculum. An experience for general knowledge and new vocabulary is planned, and is progressive across year groups. The impact on writing (particularly that of reluctant boys), Sam and Joseph say, has been incredible to see, and there are many reviews available on their website and social media pages commenting on progression in the classroom linked to a visit from Teach Rex. How better to hook a class into a topic than bringing a dinosaur or dragon in to see them.

## Learning with dinosaurs

The first dinosaur workshop has a science focus and encourages children to ask scientific questions. All Teach Rex workshops are interactive and the team are able to teach pupils the concept of evolution and how science has changed over time with 'Jam', their four-metre dinosaur. The cross-curricular links were produced in partnership with Oakwood Avenue Community Primary School's SLT and are designed to give teachers a variety of ideas that can lead to progressive learning outcomes.

## Writing about dragons

The first dragon workshop introduces an exciting new aspect to storytelling in the classroom. Teach Rex sends a mystifying book to hook children into the visit before the team arrives at your school. Through a tale that comes to life before their eyes, children are exposed to a range of vocabulary that they can use in their writing.

The dragon, mythical creatures and legends workshop has direct links to reading and writing, with following workshops encouraging many more learning opportunities linked to different areas of the curriculum.

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## TIMELINE HIGHLIGHTS

2014

Sam and Joseph start work as primary NQTs (Year 1 and Year 4).

2017

In December, Teach Rex's impressive four-metre dinosaur, Jam, is hatched.

2018

Teach Rex begins school visits in January; its 200th arrives in November 2019.

2019

Dragons are discovered in December, adding even more to Teach Rex's offering.