DinosaurPlay - Big Picture Overview

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Intervention session Refer to each weekly planning pdf for detailed plans.	Introducing the dinosaurs Introduce good phonics Iearning behaviours – eyes Iooking, ears listening, mouths talking (at the right times) and being still at other times, hands under control, rest of the body still.	Feeding the dinosaurs Reinforce blending skills. Ensure that children are seeing sh, ch, th and ng as chunks of sound and aren't trying to soundtalk the letters individually.	Training the dinosaurs Reinforce blending skills. Ensure that children can confidently blend to read words containing the vowel digraphs ai ee igh oa oo ow.	Caring for the dinosaurs Recap the steps of segmenting to spell a word. Get curious about whether children are going through all the steps.	Taking dinosaurs to the vet Reinforce the steps of segmenting to spell a word. Get curious about any of the steps that may need additional support.	experts Build confidence when reading larger numbers of words together. Get curious about any support that children may need to confidently tackle larger numbers of words
Ongoing class teaching Class teacher reinforces the message from the session poster in class teaching across the week	Eyes Ears Mouth Hands Whole body Ask children to get their eyes, ears, mouths, hands and the rest of their bodies ready before phonics/reading/writing sessions in class. Celebrate success – especially any aspects that any children struggled with.	Digraphs don't catch us out 2 letters but, just 1 sound sh ch th ng fish and long thin chips Rehearse sh ch th and ng in the revisit section of phonics sessions if needed. Encourage children to notice when they successfully read/write words containing these sounds during the week. Celebrate success - including when they notice mistakes and self correct.	Rex says: Comparison of periods	SPELLING Start with sounds THEN pick letters Soy the word Sweep Segment the word into phoneme Write down the gropheme for each phoneme Does the word look right? Seep Sweep Remind children that they don't have to guess spellings. Help them see that if they wait a moment before starting to write and segment the word first, their GPC knowledge will help them choose which letters to use. Celebrate when you see children segmenting, checking and self correcting.	Segment Write Check chrain Reinforce the fact that you expect them to use these segmenting steps to have a go at spellings before asking you or anyone else for help with spelling a word. Praise their attempts. Celebrate and tick all the letters in the word that they got right and only correct the mistakes.	I can blend lots and lots of words. If I see lots of words in a book or comic, I keep cool and think of all my fantastic skills. Then, I get stuck in and just go bit by bit. Remind children that you have seen them read thousands of words in phonics sessions so they don't need to worry about a few together on a page. Encourage them to get stuck in and tackle things one step at a time. Celebrate them having a go.
Independent play session (using paper resources brought back from the intervention session) Home reading	Children play at taking care of their dinosaur. Resources to support their play: Dinosaur care kit sheet. Comic 1 – The big pals	Children play at feeding their dinosaur. Resources to support their play: Food word and picture matching cards. Comic 2 – I need a snack	Children play at training their dinosaurs. Resources to support their play: Training word cards. Comic 3 - Training	Children play at doing (and writing lists of) jobs to care for their dinosaurs Resources to support their play: Job words and job lists. Comic 4 – Jobs jobs jobs	Children pretend that their dinosaurs are poorly. They fill in vet appointment cards and pretend to be the vet and treat them. Resources to support their play: health problem word cards, appointment cards and treatments. Comic 5 – Get the vet	Children play at being tour guides and using factsheets to tell visitors all about the different dinosaurs. Resources to support their play: Factsheets.