

Welcome to the Science Super Curriculum. Below you'll find a whole host of things to do to stretch yourself beyond the classroom curriculum.

In the Science Super Curriculum this month we are travelling into the past to discover what the Earth was like millions of years ago. How can we do this without a time machine? Through the weird and wonderful world of fossils!

Delve into the terrifying world of the pliosaurs through their fossil remains; these colossal tyrants of the seas were as long as a double decker bus, weighed as much as a blue whale and had a bite eight times stronger than a lion! Uncover the hidden world of these fearsome predators through a recently discovered pliosaur fossil from the Jurassic Coast in Dorset.



## READ

Read this news article on the discovery of the fossil:

Pliosaur discovery: Huge sea monster emerges from Dorset cliffs - BBC News



## **WATCH**

Watch these short videos introducing the fossil and explaining how fossils are formed:

Uncovering the secrets of the terrifying pliosaur -YouTube

National Geographic: How fossils form - YouTube

Watch this BBC film from Sir David Attenborough on the discovery:

Attenborough and the Giant Sea Monster - BBC iPlayer



Listen to this 5 Live Science Podcast about fossils and the excitement surrounding them at the moment (start 27 mins into the podcast):

Fossils - why there is so much excitement at the moment - BBC Sounds



Match the fossils with the descriptions to see if you have what it takes to be an archaeologist:

Fossil matching activity - amnh.org

Work through this tutorial to have a go at drawing your own dinosaurs:

**Drawing dinos** - amnh.org