

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the Year 3/4 topic this term on 'Fossils and Rocks' and to start the new topic of 'Dinosaurs' in Foundation Stage, we are excited to welcome 'Pete the Dinosaur' to Millbrook! Pete will be with us all day on Thursday 15th March and will be running some workshops for FS1 and 2 and Years 3 and 4.

Here's a bit about Pete and what he does from the website...

"It's not every day that you can invite a Tyrannosaurus Rex to your school workshops or fun events now is it?! Pete the T-Rex will keep the kids (and Adults) entertained whilst you take photos of them all completely immersed in the experience. Pete is a 4 meter long animatronic T-Rex dinosaur with a performer inside the suit operating eyes, mouth and roaring sounds from within. Pete can emit smoke from his nose and his eyes illuminate for that added scare factor!"

This is how the workshops can benefit the children:

"While we are performing our school workshops we try our best to give each child a hands on experience with our baby Dinos, there are two of us operating the puppets at the same time which is why we suggest smaller groups of children per workshop as we try to keep the attention span at all times by changing the format quite often throughout the presentation.

We'll let the children interact with our baby Dinos while we talk about Herbivores and Carnivores, at this point they can touch and pet the babies which is always great fun and the children love it.

After that we'll continue the conversation, talk about Dinosaurs evolving into birds today and then we'll change again and show the children some actual T-Rex fossils that they can hold and touch.

When we get to the end and after some conversations and fun facts about T-Rex we'll let them Meet Pete the T-Rex."

If you want to show your child Pete the T-Rex before Thursday then you can watch videos and read more on the website <http://www.meet-pete-dinosaur-hire.co.uk/>

In order for this exciting experience to happen, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of only £1 per child, payment should be made via ParentPay. If you have not yet activated your ParentPay account or have mislaid your login details, please contact the school office. If not enough contributions are received to cover the cost of the day, it may have to be cancelled. Caterpillar parents should hand the money to Caterpillar staff.

Many thanks,

Miss Stone and Mrs Tucker.