

SWEETIERAPTORS

Teachers' Notes

Sweetieraptors is designed to:

- introduce simple, core Scots vocabulary, eg **birl**, **broon**, **jaggy**, **shoogle**
- encourage **interactive reading**, by prompting children for their own responses to the questions in the text
- encourage **creative word-building** by showing children how to make up new words by joining together familiar words



If your class is not familiar with reading or hearing Scots, concentrate first on the **dinosaur names** in the text, and discuss the meaning of the names with your class, using the pictures as a guide.

The dinosaur names in **Sweetieraptors** are created by adding a Scots word, eg **dreich**, onto a familiar 'dinosaur' ending, such as **-saurus** or **-pod**. Try inventing new 'Scots' dinosaurs with your class, using a mixture of Scots and English, or all Scots (eg **Clartyfit**, **Tousieheid**).



Here are some **dinosaur endings** you can use:

- saur** or **-saurus** (=lizard)
- dactyl** (=finger/toe; Scots **-finger**, or **-tae**)
- don** (=tooth)
- pod** (=foot; Scots **-fit**)
- raptor** (=eater, grabber)
- tops** (=head; Scots **-heid**)

And here are some more **Scots words** that might make good dinosaurs! :

bonnie, bowfin, crabbit, drookit, fantoosh, feart, foostie, gallus, gowden, mingin, muckle, peeliewallie, perjink, pernicketie, stourie, strippit, tottie, wabbit; dunt, fankle, greet, guddle, pech, puggle, rin, scunner, skite, skoosh, slaister, sook, taigle, trauchle

If you need help finding Scots words to use, there are some more examples in the Animal ABC.

Ideas for Class projects:

- **Draw** your Scots dinosaurs and ask others to guess what they are called.
- **Act out** being your Scots dinosaurs; tell others in the class what you are like, what you like to do, or what you like to eat.
- **Play charades**, trying to guess what each other's dinosaurs are called.
- **Make models** of Scots dinosaurs (for example, paint an eggbox to look like a dinosaur, then fill it with sweeties to make a 'Sweetieraptor' sweetie dish!).