

## Dinosaur Egg Letter Activities

These activities are not designed to be done all at once. Short sessions of about 10 minutes are ideal.

- Cut the eggs out individually (the children can help or do it all themselves). You can either cut around the egg shapes or cut the sheet in to rectangles so the eggs have a white boarder, as long as each letter is separate.
- Spread out the eggs with the letters A, a, S, s, T, and t on them. Ask your child to find the letters which make the sound 'a' (remember to refer to the letters using sounds rather than letter names). If your child is struggling to find the letter then write it on a separate piece of paper and ask them to find the letter which looks the same. Get your child to say the letter sound when they find each letter. Ask your child to think of other words which start with the same sound.  
Repeat the task with the sounds 't' and 's'.  
Repeat the task asking them to find the same sounds but using more of the eggs to make it more difficult.
- Using the lowercase letters hold up a letter and ask your child to say the sound. If they do not know the sound say it to them and get them to repeat it. Think of words together which begin with the sound, emphasise the initial sound of each word before you say it - 'a, a, astronaut'. For 'x' use examples with the sound at the end - 'x, x, like at the end of box'.
- Spread all the letters out and ask your child to find as many letters from their name as they can remember. They should use an uppercase letter for their initial and the remaining letters should be lowercase. After they find each letter ask them what sound that letter makes. If they are unsure, say the sound to them and get them to repeat it. Once they have found all the letters get your child to arrange them in the correct order. If your child is struggling with any stage of this activity write their name on a separate piece of paper so they can match the letters. After they have formed their name using the egg letters ask them the sound of each letter in turn and think of words together which begin with that sound.

- Hide the letters of your child's name around the room or garden. Tell them how many letters they need to find and send them off to hunt. Each time they bring a letter back ask them what sound that letter makes. Count how many they have found together and tell them how many more they need to find. Once they have found all the letters get them to arrange them in the correct order to spell their name.

Have fun,  
Mrs Rennie





