Comprehension Activities

Bones

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Chapter 1 - Something is Wrong

1. Where are Chris and David, how can you tell?
2. As David waits on Chris, what words does the writer use to let us know that something is wrong?
3. What made David jump in fear?
4. Why were Chris and David not a good team?
5. What silly things did Chris do that annoyed David?
6. What joke did Chris make up about the asteroid?
7. As the boys watched the asteroid, what happened to it?
8. Underneath the cries from people what sound could the boys hear?

Follow Up Task

\*Scan read through your book and write down as many verbs (doing words) as you can.

\*Complete your dinosaur word search.

Chapter 2 - The Bones Come Alive

(pages 19-25)

1. What did David see as he looked down into the main hall?
2. What type of skeleton was the dinosaur?
3. What other type of skeletal dinosaur was on the move?
4. How does the writer describe the skeletal dinosaur’s movements?
5. Why do you think David was ‘frozen’ at first?
6. Describe the illustration of David when he sees all of the T Rex’s teeth.
7. Why couldn’t the dinosaur get through into the next room to chase David?
8. Just as the boys thought they were safe, what type of dinosaur skeleton was missing next?
9. What did the boys see as they entered the Medieval Room?

Follow Up Task

\*With a partner read dinosaur fact cards and note down your favourite three facts.

\*Complete Dinosaur in my backyard sheet.

(Pages 26-41)

10. Why did David want an axe from the knight’s armour?

11. What was so bad about velociraptors?

12. On page 29 how does the writer describe the velociraptor?

13. How were the boys able to hide from the velociraptor?

14. What happened that the velociraptor discovered the boy’s hiding place?

15. Describe how David managed to smash apart the velociraptor skeleton apart?

16. What did David think had started all of the skeletons coming to life?

17. What suddenly happened to the shattered dinosaur bones?

18. On page 40 how does the writer describe what the tyrannosaurus is doing?

Follow Up Tasks

\*Draw a picture of your favourite dinosaur and using ICT research and write some facts about it.

Chapter 3 - Who are you?

1. Describe what had happened to the asteroid?
2. What did the ‘voice’ (aliens) that was coming from the ball of light?
3. What were the aliens from the ball of light saying?
4. What happened to David and Chris when they heard a high-pitched buzz come from the ball of light?
5. What decision had the aliens from the ball of light come to about humans?
6. What did David say to the aliens to argue against the decision?
7. What happened between the aliens and Chris that made the voice change its thoughts about humans?
8. Why was Chris angry at the end of this chapter?
9. What were the aliens really up to?

Follow up Task

\*Write a summary of your reading book in your literacy jotter.