

# MAKING SENSE

A CREATIVE LEARNING PROJECT  
INITIATED BY  
ECCLESTON GEORGE PUBLIC ARTISTS  
& FUNDED BY  
CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS.

This year long project has been designed to introduce novel and interesting ways to teach children curriculum subjects.

So far the children and staff of St George's School have worked with a team of professional artists to start building an interactive sensory trail around the outdoor grounds.

The project has so far involved the selection of a core group of children to work as a design and construction team. The lead artists have been keen to ensure that every child in the school has had some kind of hands-on experience with the design and build process. This goal was successfully achieved within the first phase of the scheme.

What follows is a simple project breakdown in the children's own words showing their input into Phase 1 of the Making Sense Sensory Trail.



# BRAINSTORMING

We decided that we wanted to build a replica dinosaur dig.



## MORE BRAINSTORMING!

We went to the museum and met a Palaeontologist who showed us real fossilised dinosaur bones.

We chose to make a dinosaur called 'Neovenator'.



## PLANNING

We chose an area in the school field for our dinosaur dig.  
We measured and drew plans.



# BUILDING AND MAKING

We started to make the dinosaur fossil.  
We mixed concrete and sculpted bones.



# BRAINSTORMING

We made plastercine dinosaurs and used them to work out how our dinosaur might have died.



## LEARNING AND MAKING

We learned how real fossils are made and we made our own using concrete.



## LEARNING AND MAKING

We made a big dinosaur collage to show what colour our dinosaur might have been.





# NEOVENATOR

This is our dinosaur, it is called Neovenator.

We think our Neovenator died because when it was hunting another dinosaur called Polacanthus, it got stabbed in the leg by the Polacanthus spikes. Our dinosaur limped away and a day later died from its injury. Over the period of 120 million years its bones turned to stone, this is called a fossil. We are very proud of our dinosaur because we chose it, designed how it should look and made it. Now everyone in our school can dig up a dinosaur!



## STILL TO COME

We are going to make an animated film about how our dinosaur died using the dinosaur models we made.

