



## **Activity Idea**

Activity

Dinosaur Dash

Possibilities for maths learning	☑ Counting	Composition	☑ Cardinality
	⊠ Subitise	☑ Comparison	□ Measure
	□ Shape	☑ Pattern	□ Spatial awareness

Resources	> Dice
	Game board (Create your own game board. The majority of the spaces on the game board should feature dinosaur bones, with some spaces featuring coloured dinosaurs which can be repeated colours. For example across the board you may have 3 red dinosaurs, 3 blue dinosaurs, 3 green dinosaurs and 3 yellow dinosaurs.
	<ul> <li>Coloured counters to match the coloured dinosaur spaces.</li> </ul>
	Recording sheet with the coloured dinosaurs represented at the top and a place where the children can record the different-coloured dinosaur counters that they collect next to their name. For example, 1 red, 1 blue, 0 green, 2 yellow.
	Place markers.

Activity Outline	This game can be played with two to four players. The object of the game is to get to the end of the board and if you land on a dinosaur space you collect that colour counter. The player with the most dinosaur counters wins!	
	Players start at the beginning of the board and place their marker next to the first space. Player one rolls the dice and moves that number of spaces. If the player lands on a coloured dinosaur, they collect that colour counter. If the player lands on a bone, no dinosaur counters are collected and the next player takes a turn.	
	Play until all children reach the end of the game.	
	Choose a method of representing the amount and ask children to record the dinosaur counters that they collected on their recording sheets next to their name. You could choose for children to record this numerically, pictorially by drawing counters or with tally marks. How many red/blue/green/yellow dinosaur counters do children have? Can they subitise using the counters? How many do they have altogether?	

Extension	> Ask children to compare their data with the other players' data. Who collected the	
Opportunities	most blue dinosaur counters? Who did not collect any yellow dinosaur counters?	
	Who collected the most dinosaur counters altogether?	
	Set the children up with everything that they need to play the game and leave this	
	out for them to play whilst observing and supporting where needed.	
	Create different versions of the game to incorporate different children's interests.	