

Natural History Adventurers

Dippy on Tour  
Future Scientist Training

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Hello,

I’m Paul, a Research Scientist at the Natural History Museum in London. I study fossil plants.

Today Dorset’s beaches are calm and peaceful places. But 150 million years ago, this was all different. Back then, you might have come face-to-face with a mighty meat-eating dinosaur like the one that made the gigantic footprints on this card. This is because Dorset’s beaches were once a steamy Jurassic forest.

But how do scientists know that these beaches were a Jurassic forest? What do you think? [Hello teacher, please have this discussion now.]

Here’s the answer: we know there was a forest there because we found fossilised trees buried deep within the cliffs.

Your Natural History Adventurer challenge is to create a Jurassic forest in your classroom. To become Future Scientists, you need to prove that your imaginations are powerful enough to recreate lost worlds.

Good luck! Paul