

**The Dog That Dug for  
Dinosaurs**  
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## Dear Family,

This week we will explore the question “How can you learn about animals that lived long ago?” We’ll begin by reading the biography **The Dog That Dug for Dinosaurs**. Can you guess what the surprising discovery might be in this story? Then we’ll read an informational text called **La Brea Tar Pits**, where there are more surprising discoveries for us to find!

### This week’s...

**Target Vocabulary:** discovered, guard, remove, souvenirs, amazed, explained, exact, growled

**Phonics Skills:** Words with *oo* (*book*)

**Vocabulary Strategy:** Shades of meaning

**Comprehension Skill:** Fact and opinion—tell if an idea can be proved or is a feeling

**Comprehension Strategy:** Question—ask questions about what you are reading

**Writing Focus:** Opinion writing—opinion paragraph

## Activities to Do Together

### Vocabulary

See if you can use this week’s **Target Vocabulary** words in sentences that each also contains the word *surprise*.

### Take a Discovery Walk

Take a walk with your child and see if you can make a surprising discovery or two of your own. Talk about what you see as you walk. What surprising discoveries did you make?

### Discover a New Book

Make a literary discovery by reading a storybook with your child that you’ve never read before. Then work together to write a paragraph that tells what you both thought of that book.



Go to the *eBook* to read and listen to this week’s selection.