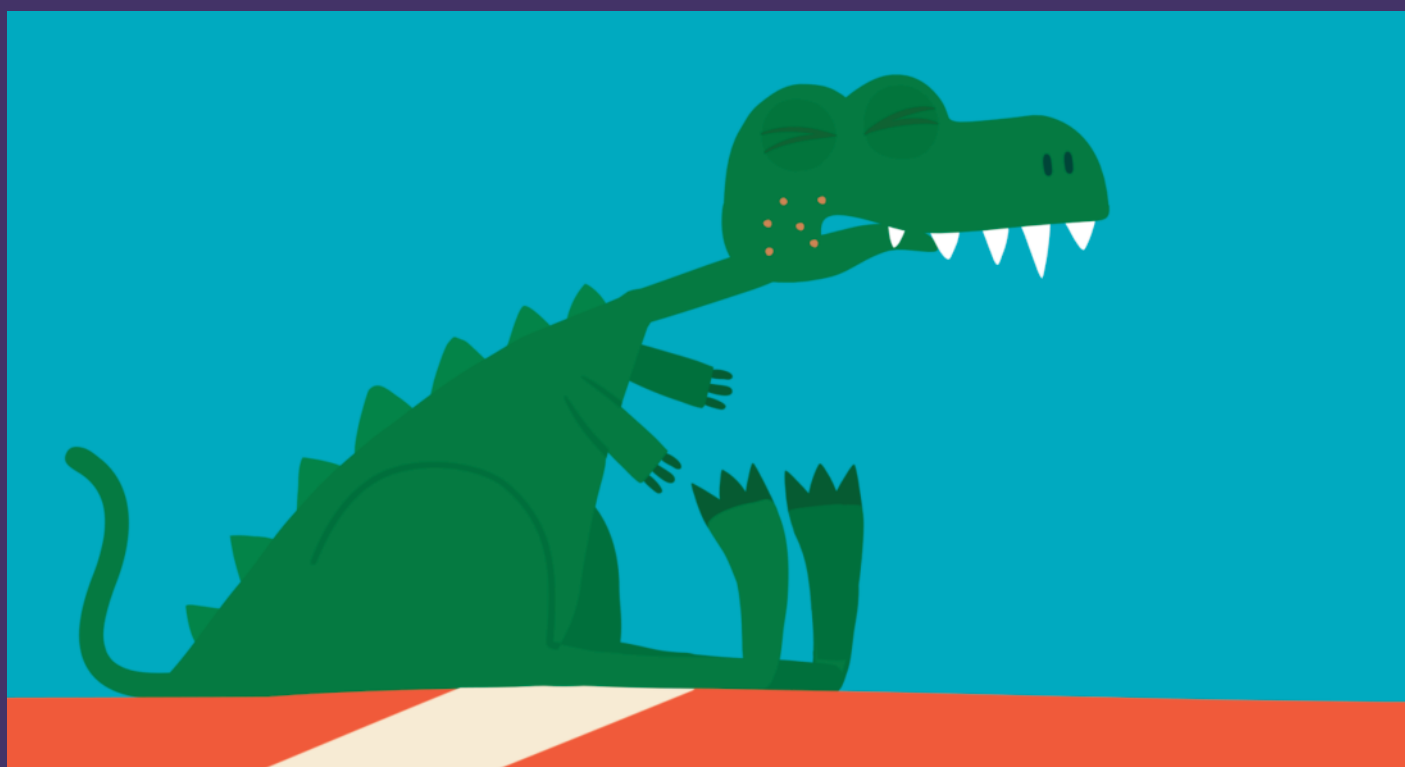


# DISCOVERY FILM FESTIVAL

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## Teachers' Resource Pack: **T-Rex**

Early Years and First Level | Created by Sonia MacEwan

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# T-Rex

Directed by Julia Ocker, Germany 2022 / 4 mins

## Synopsis

T-Rex goes to play basketball. He encounters many issues due to his short arms and build when playing against the athletic monkeys, beginning with getting ready in the dressing room. The others laugh at him when he can't do things and it is only when they start to accept him that they realise his talents!

## Director

Julia Ocker is an animation director, designer and author from Stuttgart. She studied Visual Communication in Pforzheim and Cairo, and Animation at the Filmakademie in Baden-Württemberg. Julia discovered her passion for children's movies when she began to work on animations which would become part of her "Animanimals" series.

## Underlying themes

Friendship, teamwork, inclusion, disabilities.

**The resources in this pack are aimed at Early and First Level of CfE. The activities focus on discussion, sequencing, writing, and health & wellbeing.**

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**LIT 0-04a**

*As I listen or watch, I can identify and discuss the purpose, key words and main ideas of the text, and use this information for a specific purpose. **Lit 1-04a***

*I explore sounds, letters and words, discovering how they work together, and I can use what I learn to help me as I read or write. **ENG 0-12a / LIT 0-13a / LIT 0-21a***

*I can write independently, use appropriate punctuation and order and link my sentences in a way that makes sense. **LIT 1-22a***

*I am aware of and able to express my feelings and am developing the ability to talk about them.*

**HWB 0-01a/1-01a**

*Within real and imaginary situations, I share experiences and feelings, ideas and information in a way that communicates my message. **LIT 0-09a***

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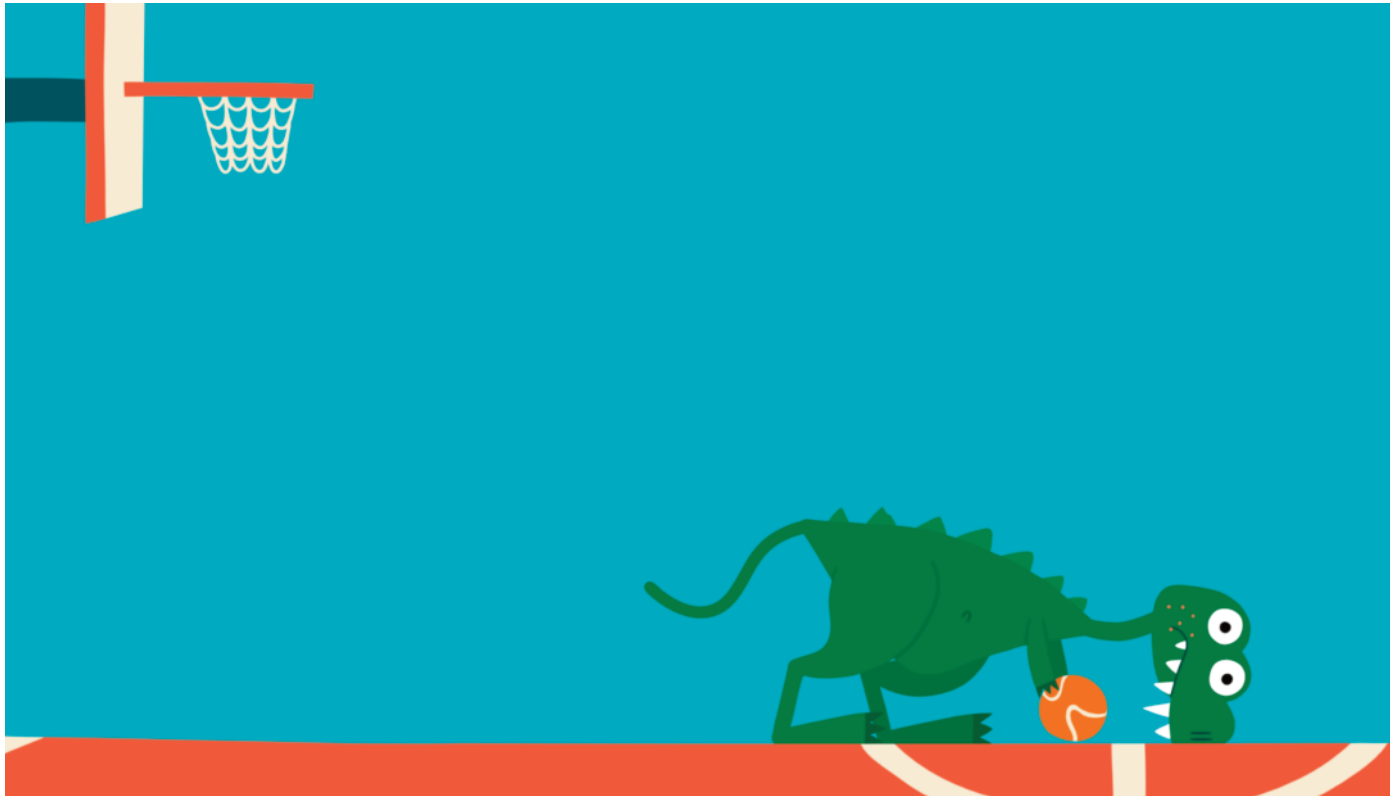
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*I am aware of my own and others' needs and feelings especially when taking turns and sharing resources. I recognise the need to follow rules. **HWB 0-23a***

*I can follow and understand rules and procedures, developing my ability to achieve personal goals.*

*I recognise and can adopt different roles in a range of practical activities. **HWB 1-23a***

*I can recognise progress and achievement by discussing my thoughts and feelings and giving and accepting feedback. **HWB 1-24a***



## Before watching the film

### Discussion

**You will need:** the film image in Appendix 1.

Show pupils the film image in Appendix 1. This could either be displayed on a whiteboard for the class to see or printed and given to table groups.

Tell the pupils that the short is called 'T-Rex' and this is an image from a part of the film. Ask them what issues they think the characters might come across in the film (HINT: playing basketball, the dinosaurs short arms). Either discuss as a class or get pupils to discuss in small groups and feedback to the class.

You could watch some of Julia Ocker's other short films in the Animanimals series at **Julia Ocker Animanimals Series**. There are also some games that can be played at **Animanimals Website**.

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## After visiting the cinema

### Activity 1: Literacy – Sequencing/Writing/Vocabulary

**You will need:** copies of the images in Appendix 2 and copies of the sentences in Appendix 3/4/5/6/7 depending on the age & ability of pupils.

Pupils should work in pairs. Print the images in appendix 2 for each pair of children. They should sequence the images and discuss with their partner what is happening in each one. Pupils can then either:

- Glue each image into their jotter and write a sentence underneath to explain what is happening in the image.
- Match the sentences in Appendix 3 to the images.
- Have the sentences in Appendix 4 cut, ready for pupils to rearrange to form the sentence.
- Colour in the key words in Appendix 5.
- There is a sheet with the words in dots in appendix 6 that can be used for writing practice.
- There is a wordsearch in Appendix 7.

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### Activity 2: Literacy – Writing a recount

**You will need:** copies of the writing frame in Appendix 8.

Pupils should imagine they are T-Rex and write a recount of the basketball game.

Younger pupils: use the writing frame in Appendix 8.

Older pupils: encourage them to write either a diary entry or record a vlog reflecting on the basketball game. They should think about how T-Rex would have been feeling at the beginning in the locker-room, at the game when he couldn't take part due to the length of his arms and at the part when the monkeys adapted the game so he could play with them.

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## Activity 3: **Health & Wellbeing – Circle Time Discussions**

In a circle, use the following activities for discussion.

- In the film, T-Rex feels left out because he can't play with his friends who laugh at him. Have they ever been in a similar situation?
- What makes a good friend? Go round the circle and ask each child what they think makes a good friend. What do they like about their friends?
- In what ways were the monkeys not good friends to T-Rex?
- In what ways were the monkeys good friends to T-Rex?
- What other ways could they have included him in the game?

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## Activity 4: **Health & Wellbeing – PE**

**You will need:** a range of PE equipment and either basketball goals or targets for them to score. This could be a circle drawn in chalk, a hoop etc.

Put pupils into groups of 4. Remind them of the circle time in Activity 3 (if completed) and the different ways they thought the monkey could have included T-Rex in the game. Tell the pupils that they are going to create their own adaptations of the basketball game to include T-Rex. They could also think about other disabilities and how they could be included in the game. Pupils should discuss in their groups how they are going to adapt the game and collect PE equipment to implement their ideas. They should then play their version and adapt it if required.

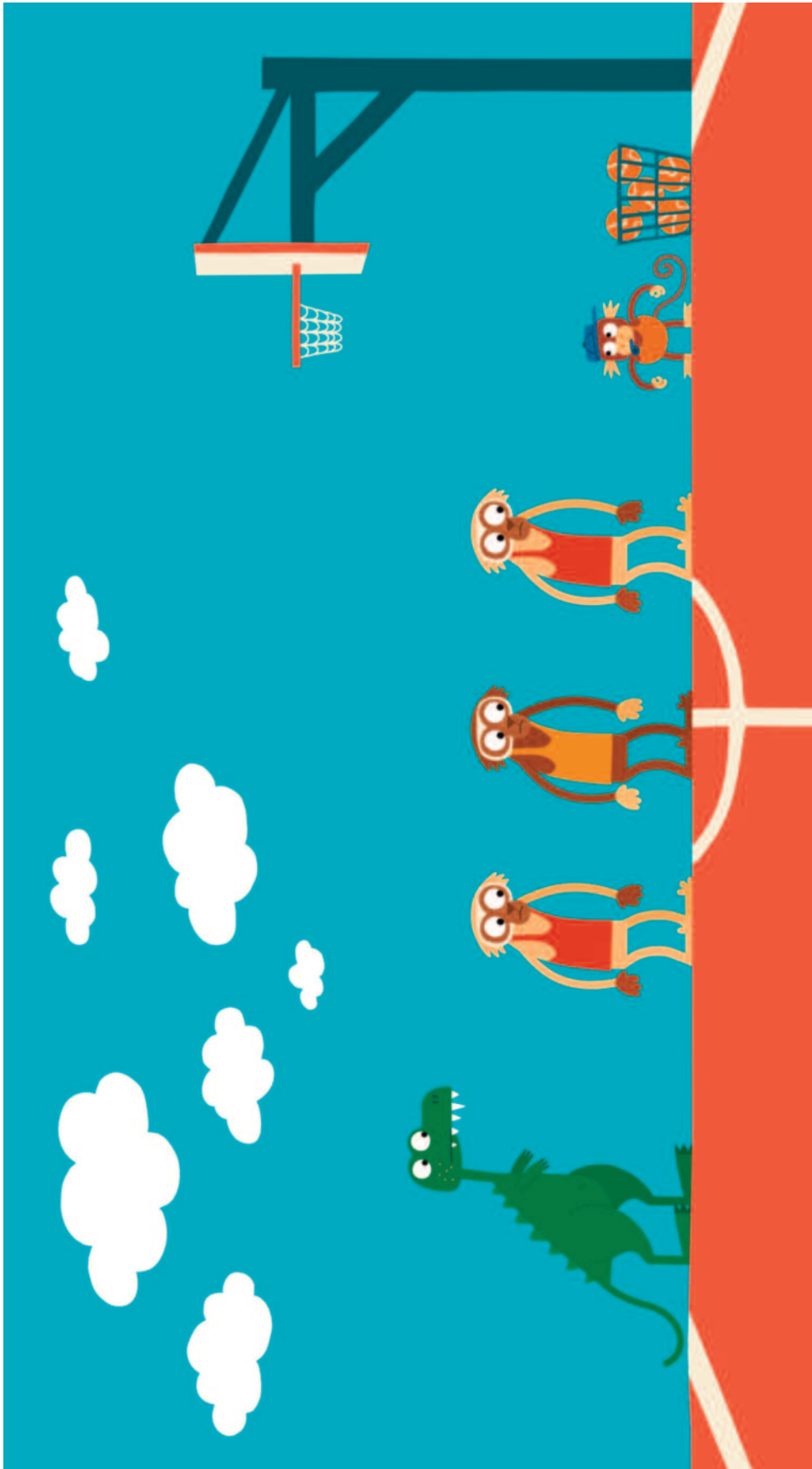
Pupils could then rotate round the different groups, with one person staying to teach the new group how to play their version. Pupils could then give feedback and suggest ways to improve.

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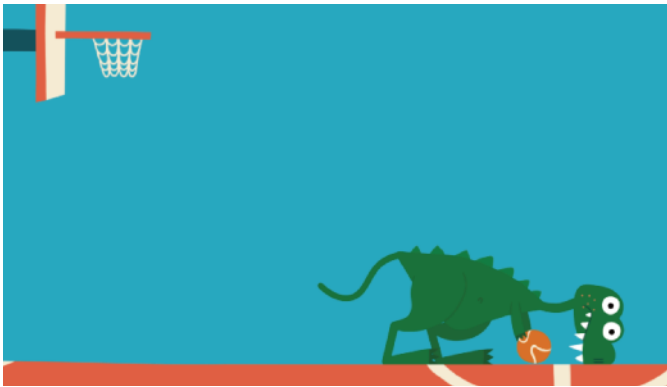
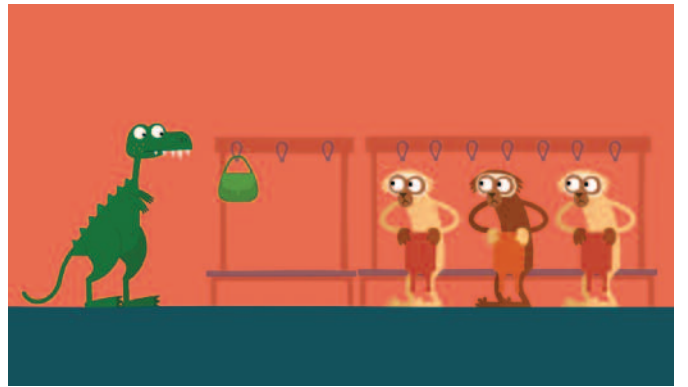
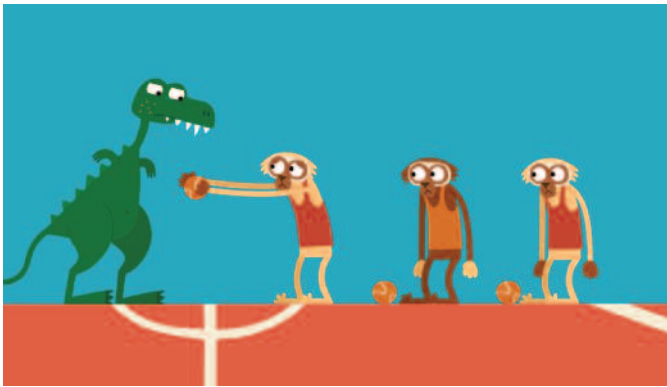
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Appendix 1



Appendix 2







Appendix 4

Learning Intention: **to form sentences.**

His	arms	are	too	small.
T-Rex	goes	to	get	ready.
He	gets	the	ball.	
They	go	out	to	play.
T-Rex	falls.			

Appendix 5

Learning Intention: **to write letters.**

T-Rex

basketball

short

arms



Appendix 7

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basketball	T-Rex	Pass
Jump	Help	Friend
Angry	Include	Dinosaur
Monkey	Long	Kick





## Film Information

### Director's Filmography:

Katze, 2023

Animanimals, 2013 – 2022

Anglerfish, 2020

Wolf, 2016

Zebra, 2013

Kellerkind, 2012

Apfelbaum, 2007

### Director's Awards:

- Kellerkind: First Steps Awards 2012, the Tricky Women Prize 2013 and was nominated for the 2014 Annie Awards
- Animanimals: 2019 Grimme-Preis in the children's film category and was nominated for an International Emmy

### Other nominations:

- 2014 Zlín International Film Festival for Children and Youth, Nominee Golden Slipper, Best Animated Film - Zebra
- 2014 Hamburg International Short Film Festival, 2014 Nominee Friese Award – Zebra

### Production Team:

Screenplay **Julia Ocker**

Sound **Christian Heck, Sumophonic**

Production Studio **FILM BILDER GmbH**

