

## **5 PTERADACTYLS**

## **Lyrics**

Five pterodactyls on a cliff
Waiting for mum to bring some fish
One flapped his wings and flew from the nest
And now there's only four pterodactyls left

Four pterodactyls on a cliff...Three... Two... One...

No pterodactyls on a cliff Mum's gone to get herself some fish

## Teaching Ideas and curriculum alignment

Counting backwards is the obvious focus for this song. The movement for this song requires five children to line up, pretending to be pterodactyls on a cliff flapping their wings whilst waiting for their mother to bring them home some fish. At the end of each verse, one "pterodactyl" flaps his / her wings and "flies" back to their seat.

[Aust. Curriculum ACMNA002, ACMNA012, ACMNA001, ELBM012, ELBM014 Mathematics]

Once children and teacher are familiar with the melody, with or without the accompaniment, the numbers can be changed, beginning with any number and having any number flapping and flying from the nest. For example, with a group of twenty pterodactyls, they could fly away in groups of five, i.e. "five flapped their wings and flew from the nest". For younger age groups, flash cards of each number would further support the learning process.

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