Factsheet

Here are some fun facts about our prehistoric planet that you can share with your friends and family.

Our Prehistoric Planet

Here are some fun facts about how our planet used to be.

There were volcanoes everywhere

When the supercontinent Pangea broke up, it caused the tectonic plates in the earth to move, leading to lots of volcanic eruptions and the creation of mountains.





Dinosaurs weren't the only ancient creatures

Before dinosaurs, there were all kinds of ancient creatures, including giant lizards the size of forklift trucks and fish measuring over 1.5 metres!



Enormous insects including a 2.6m-long millipede called Arthropleura and a giant, meat-eating dragonfly called Meganeura used to roam the Earth!





Days were shorter

The Earth used to spin faster, making the days around half an hour shorter. The gravity of the moon has slowed down the Earth's rotation.



The land of swamps

The planet was full of warm, muddy swamps, which were havens for dinosaurs. There were even humid swamps close to the South Pole!



