

INVENTOR & MAKER OF THE WEEK

Jack Horner

REAL-LIFE JURASSIC PARK SCIENTIST



Jack Horner was born on the 15th of June 1946 in Montana, USA. His father ran a gravel company, so Jack grew up surrounded by rocks and earth. When he was just eight years old, he found his first dinosaur bone on a fossil-hunting trip with his dad.

School was hard for Jack because he struggled with reading and writing. What nobody knew at the time was that Jack had dyslexia - a condition that makes reading very difficult. He never finished his university studies because of it.

However Jack never gave up on his dream of working with dinosaurs. He drove trucks to earn money and spent his weekends hunting for fossils.

In the late 1970s, Jack found something nobody had ever found before in the Western world - dinosaur eggs and nests. This proved for the first time that some dinosaurs cared for their young, just like birds do today.

He was such an expert that he was asked to be the science advisor when they made the Jurassic Park films. The character Dr Alan Grant was even inspired by him!

