

SWEETIERAPTORS

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Dae *Sweetieraptors* eat broon rice?
Naw! Jeelie beans an chocolate mice.

Wha pirouettes across the groond?
Birlosaurs gaein roond an roond.

Will *Dreichosaur* come oot tae play?
No him! He girns an greets aw day.

Whase feet are muddy? Can you guess?
A *Clartiedactyl* - whit a mess!

Whit dae *Plowterdons* like tae dae?
Paidle in dubs an dook their taes.

Would a *Jaggiesaur* feel nice an saft?
Wi spikes like that? Dinna be daft!

Can you hear bagpipes stert tae blaw?
It's a baby *Skirlodon*, that's aw!

The fastest rinners ye'll ever see
Are ... *Wheechosauruses*, naiturally!

The hail earth quivers wi the shock
Whan *Shoogliepods* gae for a walk.

A *Keekosaur* has een that see
Tae the faur side o the galaxy.

This isna a taigelt pile o strae.
It's *Tousietops* on a bad hair day.

If *Nebosaurus* gies a sneeze,
She blaws doon thirty thoosand trees.

Look close noo...closer. Can you see?
The *Scootiesaur* is awfie wee.

Rin quick! Something's comin for us!
Here comes a hungry...

Radgeosaurus!!

New tae Scots?

- ★ *birlin* means turnin roond an roond
- ★ a *dreich* thing is dull an dismal
- ★ *clartie* things are gey dirty an stourie
- ★ *plowterin* is splashin an playin in watter
- ★ *jaggie* things stick oot an can jag ye
- ★ whan something *skirls*, it maks a lood skreichin noise
- ★ if something *wheechs* past, it gaes awfie fast
- ★ a *shooglie* thing is gey unsteady an wobbles aboot
- ★ *keekin* at something means lookin or peekin at it
- ★ *tousie* hair is aw shaggy an messy

- ★ ye yaise yer *neb* tae sniff an smell
- ★ *scootie* things are gey wee (ye cud say *tottie* as weel)
- ★ if ye're *radge*, ye're in an awfie bad mood

Ye'll see these word-endins in mony dinosaur names. Try makkin up a wheen new craitors by jynin them ontae ither Scots words ye ken, eg *Sookosaur*, *Tattieraptor*. Or try makkin the hail names in Scots, eg *Clartiefit*, *Tousieheid*.

- ★ *-saur* an *-saurus* mean 'lizard'
- ★ *-dactyl* means 'tae' or 'finger'
- ★ *-pod* means 'fit'
- ★ *-raptor* means 'stealer' or 'snatcher'
- ★ *-tops* means 'heid'