

Starting a new school is hard.
Especially for a dinosaur.
Theo feels different from the other kids
and his tail has a habit of knocking things over.

Could Theo be the only dinosaur in school?
Or does he find some wild and surprising
friends to play with?

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For the original dino-boy, my nephew,
Theo Surrey – L.A.

For Mum, with love – Julia

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Theo was a dinosaur.
This surprised his parents, who were humans.
(It wasn't their fault. They were born that way.)



Nevertheless, they loved Theo and did their best.



They taught him to use a spoon and say important words like 'chocolate' and 'now.'

Theo's parents encouraged him to eat whatever was on the table, (but *never* knives or tablecloths).



They showed him how to brush his teeth without needing sticking plasters.

Everything went well, until the day Theo started school.
He stopped at the gates and stared.
“I’m not going in,” he said.
“I look different from the other kids.”



Theo’s mum scratched her head
and said, “I’ll think of something.”

That night, Theo fell asleep
while the sewing machine
hummed lullabies.



In the morning, a unique uniform lay on the end of his bed.



Theo zipped himself up and zoomed out the door.



When Theo entered the playground,
his stomach flipped and flopped.

Would anyone notice
he was different?



The teacher put a name badge on
his T-shirt, like everyone else had.
She gave him a buddy for playtime.
The buddy's name was Penelope
and they both sat on the mat.



Just like everyone else.