

Fingerprints

Look at your fingers. You have a series of lines called ridges.

What do you know about them?

Which animals do you think have
the closest match to human
fingerprints?



Fingerprints are still the BEST way of identifying a person either deceased or as a link to a crime scene. Why do you think this?

Activity

Look closely at your fingerprints.

Which fingerprints match yours?

Activity

Now, using ink or paint, print your fingerprints on to the worksheet.

How many whorls, arches and loops do you have?

What type of fingerprint is your
right index finger?



Arch



Loop



Whorl

Activity Time

Now you're going to lift a print!
Follow the instructions carefully.

Fingerprint Lifting Instructions

1. Rub your right hand through your hair.
2. Press your right index finger on the mirror.
3. Using a brush, put a small amount of chalk dust over the print. Tip the mirror to remove excess chalk dust.
4. Carefully take a piece of tape and stick it over the print. Lift it up and it will keep the print. Put on your fingerprint form to keep.