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The Finlay Flyer...

Different people inspire us to be the people that we are. For Mason, one of the people who inspires him is biologist David Attenborough:

David Attenborough

David Attenborough (full name is Sir David Frederick Attenborough) was born on the 8th of May 1926 in London and he inspires me so much because of his affection and love for the beauty in this world that is nature. He grew up in Leicester, England where his dad – Fredrick Attenborough – worked as the principal of the local University College which he was appointed in 1932. David received his education from Clare College in Cambridge, graduating with a masters degree in 1947 at the age of 21—22.



Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of the Finlay Flyer! In this edition, you will find articles about a vast range of topics, including books, dinosaurs, Scouting and people and things that inspire us. Read a spooky, Jurassic-inspired story, or about some of the more peculiar laws that exist in different parts of the world and have a go at some puzzles we have created. Happy reading!

He has earned many awards as well, such as the Emmy Award which he earned in 2018, and the Peabody Award which he earned in 2014.



Find out more about him on Page 3!



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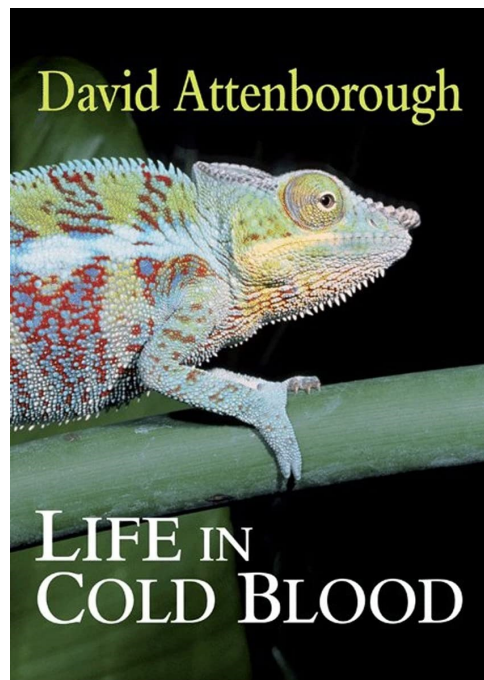
David Attenborough

Some of David's family members include: his late wife Jane Elizabeth Ebsworth Oriel, his son Robert Attenborough, his brother John Attenborough and his daughter Susan Attenborough. David's older brother Richard Attenborough later became a successful actor and film producer.



From an early age, David developed a strong interest in natural history. As earlier mentioned, he was educated at **Clair college, Cambridge (M.A, 1947)**, and began work at an educational publishing house in 1949. In 1952, he completed a training program at the **British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** and became a television producer for the BBC. Together with reptile curator Jack Lester, in 1954, he made the television series *Zoo Quest*, in which live animals were filmed in the wild and in zoos.

In 1965, Attenborough became controller of the BBC's new second television channel, BBC-2. In this capacity, he helped launch the dramatic production *[The Forsythe Saga](#)* and such landmark cultural-educational series Jacob Bronowski's *The Ascent of Man* and Kenneth Clark's *civilisation*. He has also aired the seminal comedy series Monty Python's Flying Circus. Attenborough was director of the BBC from 1968 to 1972, but he resigned to write and produce television series on freelance basis.



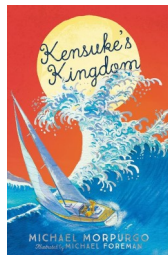
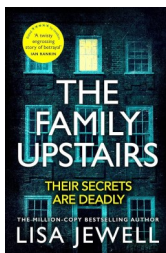
He subsequently wrote (and narrated) a succession of award-winning television programs on [anthropology](#) and natural history, most notably the life series: *Life on Earth* (1979), *The Living Planet* (1984), *The Trials of Life* (1990), *Life in the Freezer* (1993), *The Private Life of Plants* (1995), *The Life of Birds* (1998), *The Life of Mammals* (2002–03), *Life in the Undergrowth* (2005), and *Life in Cold Blood* (2008). His other TV credits included *The Blue Planet* (2001), an exploration of the world's oceans, and *State of the Planet* (2000) and *Are We Changing Planet Earth?* (2006), both of which dealt heavily with environmental issues. He has just released a new film called 'Ocean,' which I am looking forward to watching.

All about books

We asked some adults around the school about their favourite books:

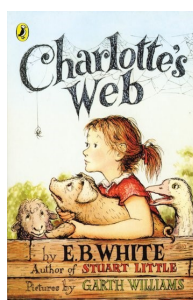
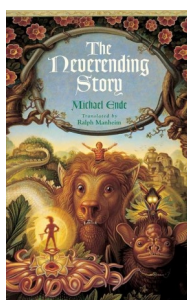
Miss Green: What is your favourite book? *The Family Upstairs* Who is your favourite character? *Libby* Rate the book out of 10? *9* What is your favourite part? *She finds out her story about her life* Who would you recommend this book to? *Year 5 and up* What is this book about? *A girl who is adopted and finds out about her life.*

Mrs Levi: What is your favourite book? *Kensuke's Kingdom* Who is your favourite character? *Kensuke* Rate the book out of 10? *10*. What is your favourite part? *When Kensuke goes into her secret world.* Who would you recommend this book to? *Y5 and 6*. What is this book about? *A girl who goes into her secret world.*

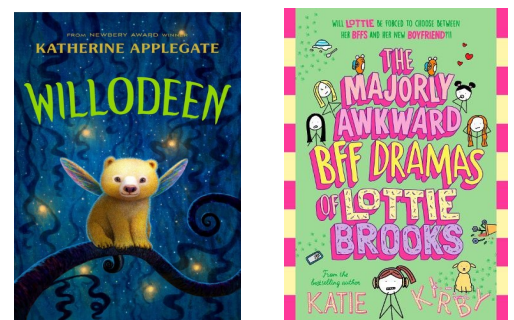


Miss Stainton: What is your favourite book? *The Neverending Story* Who is your favourite character? *Falkor* Rate the book out of 10? *10* What is your favourite part? *When the story never ends* Who would you recommend this book to? *Year 5 and up.*

Miss Saduiqi: What is your favourite book? *Charlotte's Web*. What is your favourite character? *Charlotte* Rate the book out of 10? *9* What is your favourite part? *When the spider dies.* Who would you recommend this book to? *Year 5 and up.*

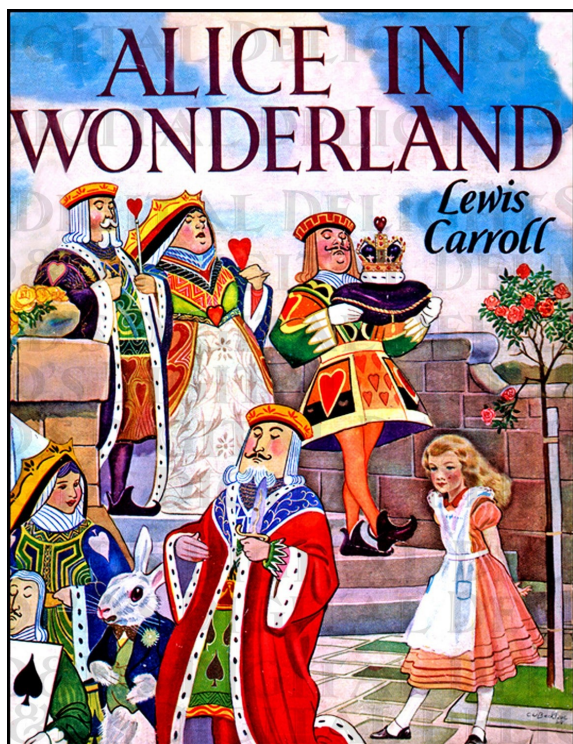


MIRUNA AND ZUZIA'S FAVOURITE BOOKS:



By Zuzia and Miruna 5S

Title: Alice in Wonderland
Author: Lewis Carroll



What is this book about?

This book is about how a girl called Alice falls down a Rabbit hole and gets sent to this magic world.

What was your favourite part?

My favourite part is where she eats the cake that makes her big and drinks something that makes her small.

Who would you recommend this to?

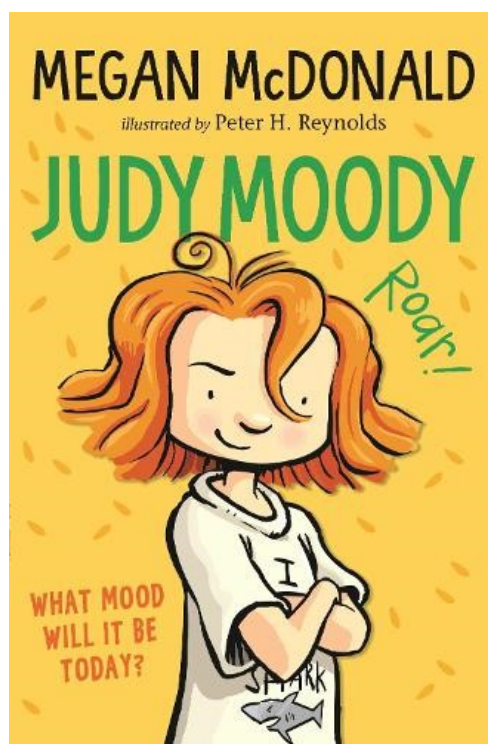
people who like adventure books.

By Dilara 4H

Book

Review

Title: Judy Moody
Author: Megan McDonald



What is this book about?

It's about a girl called Judy Moody and she has a mood, not a good mood, and not a bad mood and not even a back to school mood because she has them all.

What was your favourite part?

When Judy and Rocky found a toad and they picked it up and had a weird feeling and realised it peed on them so they made a club called the TP club short for Toad Pee Club.

Who would you recommend this to?

for people that like mystery and weird books.

By Zofia 4H

What is this book about?

When his school gets into a disaster
and they had find mystery
It is his first day back from Hogwarts school.

What was your favourite part?

When a Harry asked the Principal
to taste his food.

Who would you recommend this to?

I would recommend this to people
that love ~~fantasy~~ ^{Harry Potter} and mystery.

By Antony 4H

Bonanza!

What is this book about?

From uncontrollable dancing to warrior
chickens, strangeness is appearing every
day and Agatha Topps and Lenny
Tuchus have to find out why. They
find a Book of chaos and a
deadly plot... Can they stop the
strangeness before oblivion? Power lies in
books, especially this one...

What was your favourite part?

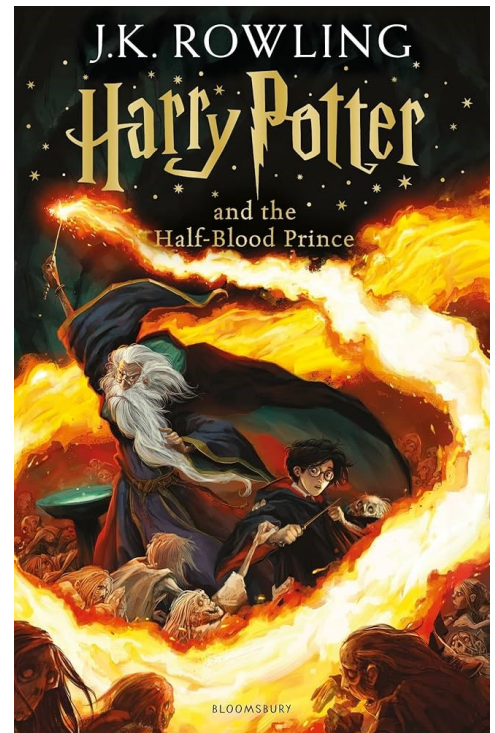
My favourite part was when
Gregor the gargoyle punches Jordan
Wiener (a classmate) on the nose.

Who would you recommend this to?

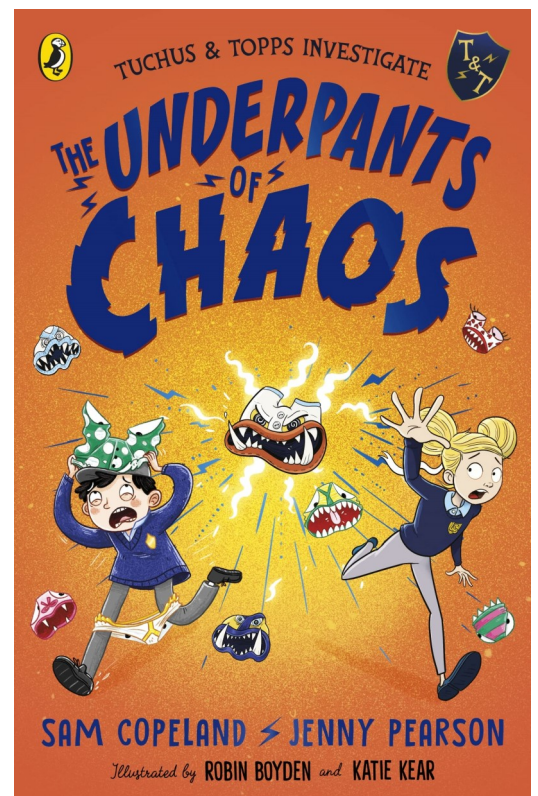
I would recommend this to people
who love to laugh and like a good
mystery.

By Harmony 4H

Title: Harry Potter and the Blood Prince
Author: J.K. ROWLING

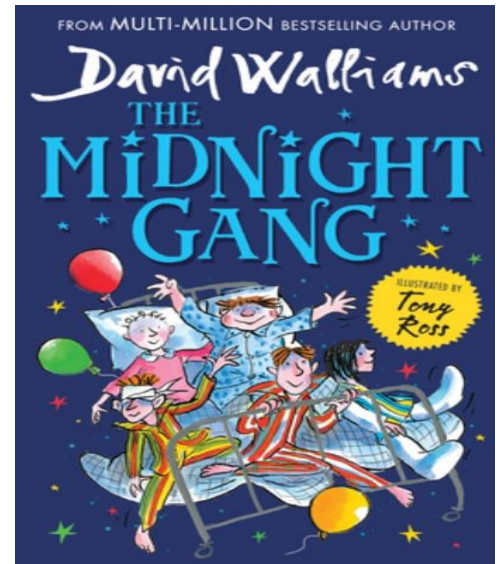


Title: The Underpants of Chaos
Author: Sam Copeland and Jenny Pearson



David Walliams books

David Walliams books are my favourite! My favourite book is The Midnight Gang. If you are interested in staying up till midnight or you like adventures, this book is for you.

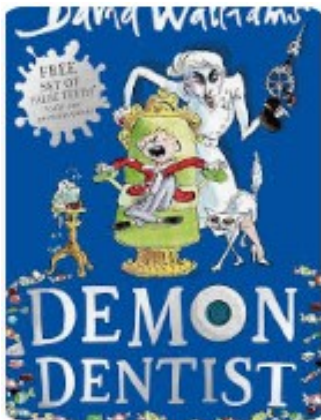


The Boy in the Dress is about when a boy called Dennis gets detention and since then his life changed.

MORE BOOKS!



Super Sleuth is a book about a girl called Dilly, who pretends to be a detective. When she is aboard a ship called The Masquerade, five deaths happen, one of them is the greatest detective, the maestro. The only person that Dilly likes is actually a murderer but Dilly doesn't know it yet...



The Demon Dentist is about a tooth witch who pretends to be the tooth fairy and steals teeth to continue building in her den. She takes the teeth and replaces them with eyes and worms!



Slime is all about a boy in a wheelchair who has a horrible sister who plays evil tricks on him. His life is made difficult by his sister and the fact he is in a wheelchair.

By Henry 5M

Football!

Have you ever known how long the fastest goal took?

If not, read on and find out more interesting facts!

When and where it was first played: Mid 19th century, England

My favourite football team: Manchester City

Fastest goal : 2.1 seconds

Biggest victory : It was 149– 0 when two Madagascan teams played against each other (AS Adema and Emyrne)

My favourite player from Manchester City : Jeremy Doku

My idol: Lionel Messi

Where and when it was invented: China 476 BC

The best goal ever scored : Zlatan Ibrahimovic against England in 2012

Where and when the first World Cup was: Uruguay, 1930

World Cup winners of the first World Cup: Uruguay

The oldest club and when it was founded: Sheffield FC, 1857

The longest football match: 108 hours

The first European team to win the World Cup and when: Italy, 1934

The footballer who scored the fastest goal: Gavin Stokes

Nickname: The Beautiful Game

By Oliver 6L

Netball through the years

When was netball first invented?

Netball was founded in 1892. It was originally called girls' basketball until the early 20th century. It was founded by someone called Madam Oster Berg in England.

What did the netball kit look like in the 1800s?

Nowadays the netball kit is a skort (shorts for boys) a t-shirt (the colour of your team) and a bib with your position on it. In the 1800s, the uniform would be a skirt (a little baggy and down to your knee) and a long sleeved top. A few years later, people would have worn a t-shirt, with a long dress on top.



How was netball played back in the early days?

Back then, netball would have been similarly played as it is today but it would be the exact same as basketball. The positions were slightly different as in the 1800s you would have a wing attack and a wing defence which today is known as goal defence and goal attack.

Random facts:

Netball is played by over 20 million people in over 80 countries. The first official netball rules were published in 1901 in England. Did you know once you have the ball in your hands you only have three seconds to pass it to someone else? There must be exactly seven people in each team.

By Sevda 6S

EVEN MORE WEIRD LAWS

AND FOR NO REASON WHATSOEVER!

Do you want to know some random fact that, just like long division, will never be used outside of school? Well how about some weird laws, such as, in Memphis, Tennessee, it is illegal for frogs to croak after midnight. Don't ask me, I'm just the guy that writes stuff in a school newspaper!

In the UK, have you ever held a plank of wood on the pavement? If you have, then you should know that it's illegal to do so!

As bizarre as it seems, it is disallowed to hold not just planks, but wheels, casks, tubs, hoops, ladders, poles and placards.

In Milan, Italy, it is illegal, not to smile unless at a funeral or hospital visits. This dates back from when Italy was under Austria-Hungary's rule and could potentially get you a fine!

In Oshawa, Canada, not to be confused with Ottawa, it is illegal to climb a tree. Also in Canada, you cannot paint your door purple, in which it is punishable by a fine.

Don't honk a car horn near a sandwich shop after 9 PM. Yes, in Arkansas, USA, it **ESPECIALLY** states that motorists mustn't honk their horns anywhere where cold drinks and sandwiches are served. Please find the person who made this a law. And ask him/her **WHY!**

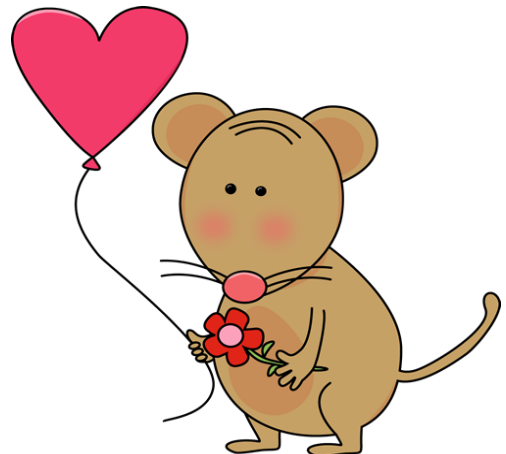
By Alfred 6L

VALENTINE'S DAY

It is thought that Valentines Day is on February 14th in honour of Saint Valentine, a Christian martyr who was executed on this day. Valentine was performing secret marriages behind the back of Emperor Claudius II of Rome. Unfortunately, he was caught on 14th February in the year 270AD.

Valentine's Day did not come to be celebrated as a day of romance until about the 14th century. Before this, it was a Christian feast day.

Valentines Day gifts commonly depict Cupid, the Roman god of love, along with hearts.



By Kristina and Sia 4M

The Gaming Beaver

James Beavers (age 33), better known online as TheGamingBeaver, is an English gaming YouTuber who inspires me. He mainly makes videos about dinosaur video games such as Jurassic World: The Game, The Isle, and Jurassic World Evolution , The Isle, and Jurassic World Evolution 2.

A green Carnotaurus named Toast by TheGaming Beaver. This carnotaurus has a slice of toasted bread around its neck, hence the name Toast!

Tea Rex is a piece of merchandise from TheGamingBeaver. It holds a cup of tea!



THE GAMING BEAVER JWA BATTLES #2



Toast

His logo

Tea Rex

By Ronnie 6L

Dogs

Dogs are one of my favourite animals.

Police dogs

Police dogs are amazing—they are loyal and help protect communities and catch criminals. Our four-legged officers are specially trained and must be healthy, of good temperament and most importantly, be bold and courageous!



| PD 31 Floyd

Breed: Sprocker

Favourite toy: Tennis ball

Favourite activity: Running in circles when excited

Training: Explosives search & detection

Started service: March | 2020

Handler: PC 1372 Weston

These dogs are good guard dogs. They are protective, powerful, smart and loyal.

- #1 Rottweiler.
- #2 German Shepherd.
- #3 Akita Inu.
- #4 Boxer.
- #5 Bullmastiff.
- #6 Giant Schnauzer.
- #7 Staffordshire Bull Terrier.
- #8 Great Pyrenees.

By Freya 4H

Ancient Egypt

What was Ancient Egypt?

Ancient Egypt was a civilisation in Northeast Africa, which was formed in 3150BC and fell in 30CE. It was ruled by King Menes.

Tutankhamun life

Tutankhamun, aka King Tut, was born in 1341BC. He had 8 siblings, such as Meritaten, Meketaten and Ankhesenamun. His parents were Nefertiti and Akhenaten. His reign started when he was just nine years old and came to an end when he died at the age of 19 (1332 - 1323BC). This was caused by a thigh infected by malaria parasites.



Ancient Egyptian monuments

Here are some monuments in Egypt and all about them. The Pyramids of Giza lie on the outskirts of Cairo. It's arguably the world's most famous landmark. The Sphinx was built around 2500BC. It is a limestone statue of a reclining sphinx, a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion. Abu Simbel is a rock cut temple that was finished in 1264BC.



Ancient Egypt Quiz

1) Who was the last ruler of Egypt?

A) Hatshepsut B) Cleopatra C) Ramesses D) Imhotep

2) Who was Tutankhamun's father?

A) Akhenaten B) Tutankhamun C) Ramesses D) Khufu

3) Which of these dinosaurs are from Egypt?

A) Stegosaurus B) T rex C) Spinosaurus D) Yi

4) How old was King Tut when he became pharaoh?

A) 12 B) 10 C) 9 D) 11

5) Which of these isn't in Egypt?

A) Sphinx B) Chichen Itza C) Abu Simbel D) Aswan Dam



By Oliver 6L

Girl Guiding

What is it?

Girl guiding is where a group of girls get together once a week and do some fun activities. This could include cooking, baking, crafting and many more activities.



Is there anything like this for boys?

There are things just like this for boys called Cubs and Beavers.

What are the names of the different groups?

The group for the younger girls is called Rainbows. Their uniform is red and you would play a bunch of games. The next group up is called Brownies and was originally called Rosebuds. Once you get a little older, you will be at a group called Guides where you go into different groups depending on your age and will do activities there.



By Sevda 6S

The History of Cubs

You can join Cubs at the age of eight until you are ten and a half years of age. Originally, Cubs began in 1916 as **Wolf Cubs**, the section gained its current name in 1966.

Between 2002 and 2015, the Cub Scout logo consisted of a lowercase 'cubs' in green with a pawprint. The current UK Cub Scouts logo features a simplified fleur-de-lis, which is a compass-like shape, along with two stars, a bond, and a circular rope with a reef knot

Cub scout uniform



Cubs are often taught simple Scout skills such as tracking, First Aid, simple knots, orienteering and camping skills. They wear a simple uniform of a green cap and dark green or blue jersey.

Cub Scouting began in 1916 when “Junior Scouts” became “Wolf Cubs”. The Original activities were constantly being changed and developed until, in 1966, a number of major changes were introduced into the Scout Movement as a whole and “Wolf Cubs” became “Cub Scouts”.

The Cub Scout section, initially called Wolf Cubs, was launched in 1916 by Robert Baden-Powell as a program for younger boys, inspired by Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book" and designed to encourage their physical, mental, and spiritual development.



By Max 4H

Ancient animals



Diplocaulus means double stalk and had a boomerang-like head and roamed North America and Africa.

It was an amphibian.



Chungkingosaurus was a herbivorous dinosaur from the stegosauria sub-order and gets its name from the location of its discovery, Chongqing in Sichuan, China. At around 9m in length, Chungkingosaurus was one of the smaller Stegosauria, with distinctive spikes adorning its neck, back and tail that helped it to protect itself from predators.

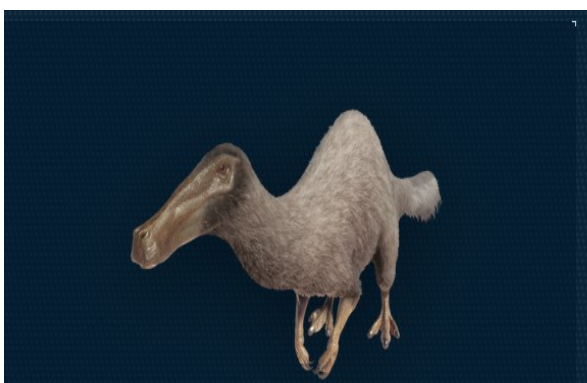


Platybelodon, also known as "flat tusk", was a prehistoric animal that lived in the late Miocene period, around 10 million years ago. Based on fossil evidence, scientists have determined that the Platybelodon inhabited marshy or swampy regions in Africa, Asia, and the Caucasus. These environments likely provided an abundance of vegetation, which formed the primary component of its diet. Platybelodon was semi-aquatic and fed in the swampy environment of the grassy savannah regions.



Easily recognised thanks to its blunt beak and the small horn on its forehead (its name directly translates into English as 'small-horned'), Microceratus was an herbivorous dinosaur that lived around 65-85 million years ago during the Cretaceous period. This genus walked on two legs and grows up to 80 centimetres in length - making it one of the smallest dinosaurs the world has seen.

Weighing around seven tonnes and growing up to around 11m in length, Deinocheirus was the largest ornithomimosaur ever to have existed. This genus dates back approximately 70m years to the late Cretaceous period and its name translates as 'horrible hand', in reference to its large, powerful claws.

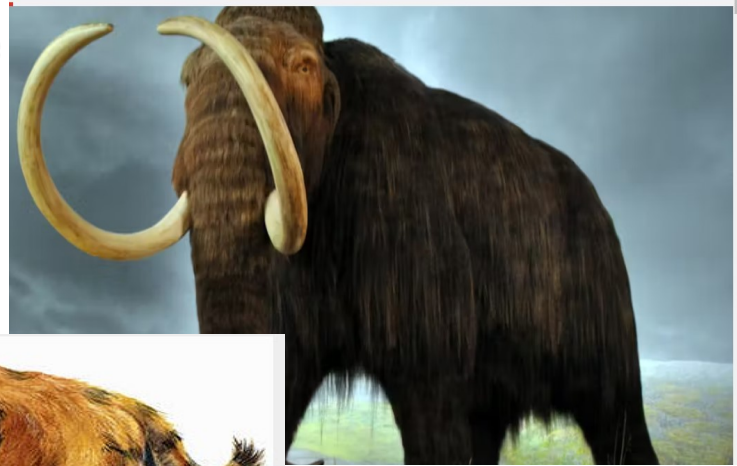


By Ronnie 6L

MORE ANCIENT ANIMALS!

ICE AGE

In the Ice Age, there were woolly mammoths, sabre-tooth tigers and some more...



Giant short-faced
bear



Giant ground
sloth

DINOSAURS



THE PARASAUROLOPHUS had a horn shaped bone on the top of its head and when the PARASAUROLOPHUS roared, the horn made the roar sound like a song!



The THERZNOSAURUS had sharp and dangerous claws on its hands so that it could tear apart its prey. The THEROZNOSAURS was an omnivore, meaning it ate meat and plants.

By Henry 5M

A HORROR ON ISLA SORNA

Inspired by an incredible movie based on a fictional island

It was a scorching hot afternoon for the palaeontologists in the thick of the forest.

They strolled through the jungle searching for clues as to what happened in the event of the 'San Diego' incident. The night was imminent. The sky became a murky black. In the following hours, they searched for a sensible area to set up camp. By now the night had began and they heard some sounds shrouded in mystery. However, they figured it was just some sort of bird. Their guess was pretty close...

It was the night's darkest hours when three of the five campers scurried off into the wilderness with a torch in hand. About twenty minutes into the adventure they heard a rustle in the nearby bushes. They thought nothing of it but about a minute after, one of them had gone. They were nowhere to be seen. All that remained was a trail of fresh blood.

The remaining two sprinted back to camp where they found... the culprit. A frilled creature with a monstrous jaw of serrated, blood-dripping teeth. Three of them. There was no escape. They sprinted towards the docks. Another pair rushed from the foliage ripping off two of the remaining camper's faces. They were still alive. ALIVE. The one left heard a cry. A call. Of... **TERROR** Straight from **HELL**.

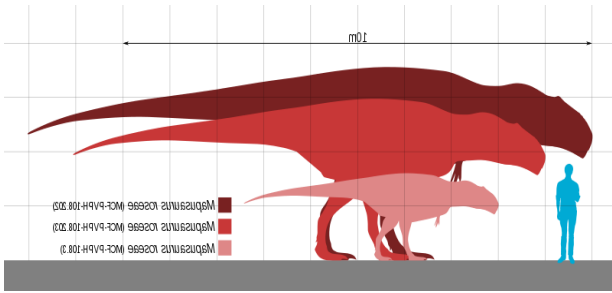
"GRRRAHHAHAHAH! EHEHRRREER! ERREEEEHHH!"

He woke up. It was a figment of his imagination. It was his bedroom, about 7:30 AM. He was alive. He got up and made himself a cup of bitter black coffee, his favourite. He finished it and went to check if he had any mail. It was then he realised... It was no dream. He heard the same chilling sound. **THE** call. **THE** call... of **TERROR**. **THE** call... straight from **HELL**.

"GRRRAHHAHAHAH! EHEHRRREER! ERREEEEHH!"...

By Teddy 6L

SEVERELY UNDERATED DINOSAURS!!!



Mapusaurus.

A GIANT predator much like the T-REX or Giganotosaurus, that hunted in packs typically in groups of 2-4 targeting the more vulnerable sauropods such as Argentinosaurus or Camarasaurus. It would grow to be 10 metres long!



Deinocheirus

A large swamp dwelling creature with a set of razor claws . It ate water plants by scooping them up with its ferocious claws. It also possesses a duck like bill as well as a coat of feathers. This 11m tall duck could grow to be 6.5 TONS!!!



Troodon

These silent hunters would often attack in packs, each packing painful punctures into the flesh of its prey. They had nocturnal vision therefore often did their 'dirty work' at the dead of night. They would also eat their prey whilst it was still alive.



Concavenator

A hunter with a hump although they were strange-looking, they did not hesitate to kill. They would grow to be up to 6m long.

By Teddy 6L

Gymnastics



Modern gymnastics began in Germany in the 1800s.

What are the events?

For men:

- Vault
- Floor exercise
- Pommel horse
- Still rings
- Parallel bars
- Horizontal bar

For women:

- Vault
- Balance beam
- Uneven bars
- Floor exercise

Gymnastics

Did you know that gymnastics has been around for over 2,500 years. There is evidence of it first appearing in Ancient Greece. The Ancient Greeks used to practice mounting and dismounting real horses as part of their routine!



Here is a picture of me after a competition. I compete in floor exercise and also as part of a trio.

By Ava 5M

Puzzle Page

Netball Anagrams

Unscramble these netball related anagrams. Don't forget some of these words are hyphenated. If you need any help, all of these words are on the page that's all about netball.

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| gniw efednce | |
| stebrorg | |
| lalbetn | |
| algo takta | |
| gwni tatka | |

Wordsearch time!

Can you find the things that inspire me?

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Friends

Family

Roald Dahl

Sri Lanka

Bubble Boy

School

By Max 4H

Wordsearch with Kristina



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Colours to find:

pink green orange purple red blue gold
brown

Wordsearch with Sia

Animals to find:

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PANDA PARROT

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