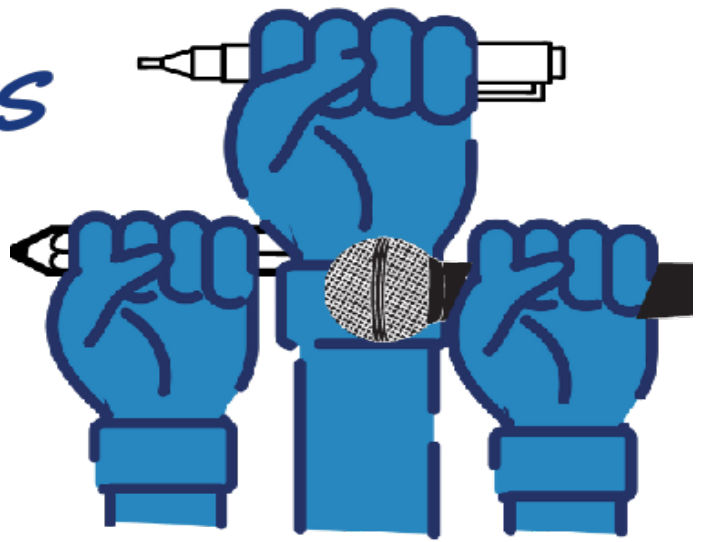


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School PSSA

Billy P, Year 5



If you do not know what PSSA is or want to know more about it, then keep on reading. PSSA stands for Public School Sport Association. In more simple words it is when different schools compete in various (different) sports. You can try out for PSSA when you are in year 3 - 6. Year 3 and 4 participants are called Juniors and year 5 and 6 are Seniors. We play

tournaments of 10 games followed by our semifinal. After that we have the grand final which decides the winning team of the competition. The PSSA winter sports are:

- Soccer - Junior (boys and girls) and Senior (boys and girls)
- Touch football - Junior (mix) and Senior (mix)
- Netball - Junior (girls and boys) and Senior (girls and boys)

There are also summer sports that we play in the summer season including:

- Oz tag - Junior (boys and girls) and Senior (boys and girls)
- Cricket- Junior (mix) and Senior (mix)
- T-ball and softball - Junior (mix) and Senior (mix)

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We are a great school when it comes to PSSA. Over the years, we have made the semifinals, finals and we have even won a few competitions.

Are you wondering: What can I do to get into a PSSA team? Firstly every year, in term 1 year 3 - 6 take a survey (list of options) of what they want to try out for. If you do not want to join a PSSA season (and I encourage you to try), you can sign up for school sport. In school sport you have different activities (outdoor and indoor) which helps you train for next year's PSSA tryouts if you did not make the PSSA team you tried out for.

Last year's (2023) PSSA results were:
Soccer

Junior girls: Made it to the semifinals

Junior boys: Made it to the semifinals

Senior girls: Made it to the semifinals

Senior boys: Made it to the semifinals

Touch football

Juniors: Made it to the grand final

Seniors: Made it to the semifinals

Netball

Juniors: Missed out on the semifinals

Seniors: Made it to the grand final

We had good teams last year but this

year our teams are even stronger. So when you get the survey, think of trying out for a PSSA team. Imagine what fun you'll have. You will have the time of your life. Join now!

The Ravenous Beast

Daisy L, Kindergarten

A man came to the shop to do some art and he worked all day on his art. It was at Woolworths at Canterbury. The art he was making was a ravenous beast. He made the painting so big. The ravenous beast came to life and ate the man because he was hungry!

Bellatrix

Elissa G, Year 5

Mcgonagall rushed down the hallway towards the entrance of the school as she tried to push the thoughts of darkness out of her head.

Dumbledore was already waiting at the entrance of the school, doing his prayers before he and Mcgonagall travelled to Diagon Alley asking the living if they knew what happened, with high hopes but it died away as they came to the last shop.

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They decided to travel to Gringotts, as no help came from the owners of the shops in Diagon Alley.

Greece

Mason D, Year 6

Dumbledore and McGonagall plopped themselves into a minecart at Gringotts. The views from the minecart were disturbing as all the vaults were abandoned. It got damp as they came to the last vault with a smash!...

Bellatrix, who had no care for Dumbledore and McGonagall, was hiding in the shadows of the last vault. Her first spell wasn't enough to ruin the teachers' lives at Hogwarts and it wasn't enough to entertain her so an extra spell had to be done, and it was done just to make it a little more fun for her.

Dumbledore and McGonagall heaved themselves up, healing themselves automatically. After a long exhausting day Dumbledore and McGonagall decided that this was where they were going to finish off for a while before they returned and figured out the meaning behind this...

To be continued...



Greece is located in Southeast Europe. It shares land borders with Albania to the northwest, North Macedonia, Bulgaria to the north and finally Turkey to the east.

Lots of people think Greece is one big island, but it's actually made up of 6000 islands and islets (islets are unnamed islands) and 80% of Greece is actually mountains!

The Greek flag has blue and white stripes across it horizontally, at the top left corner it has a White cross. The cross on the flag represents a symbol of Greek Orthodoxy.

Greece is one of the sunniest places in the world, so put on some sunscreen because it can get up to 48.0°C! This

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makes it a great place to visit if you want some warmth and sunshine.

popular ruins in Athens and Greece and is one of the oldest cities in the world.

If you do not know where to go in Greece, some good places are; Santorini, Athens and Mykonos. Of course there are many more places to visit, but let's learn more about these three.



Santorini was formed by a volcano eruption that happened around 3,600 years ago! There are also some volcanic beaches around Santorini. A weird fact about Santorini is that you can ride donkeys around the neighbourhood. It is commonly thought that Santorini is all houses but actually Santorini is covered with more than 600 places of worship made of all shapes and sizes. Most of them are small and it is believed that there are more churches than houses on the island although a lot of them are private property.

Mykonos is most known for its beautiful beaches, whitewashed buildings and vibrant nightlife. Mykonos looks like traditional charm and modern beauty mashed up together. Some of Mykonos's famous foods include; Kopanisiti, Kremidopita, Lazarakia, Amygdalota, Mostra, sausages with black-eyed beans, Rafiolia and Melopita.

Athens was originally the birthplace of democracy and is home to the highest number of drama theatres in the world! The word "Athens" was named after a Greek goddess named Athena, goddess of wisdom. It also has one of the most popular ancient ruins called Acropolis, located in central Athens. The Acropolis is one of the most

The houses are whitewashed because in the late 1930s, Greece was suffering from a cholera epidemic (caused by contaminated water supplies) and the nation's leader at the time, Ioannis Metaxas, ordered all the Greek citizens to whitewash their houses because the limestone in the paint was known to be a good disinfectant.

The Bridge

Olivia N, Year 3

This morning I got out of bed and heard a weird but familiar noise. I looked out the window and saw diggers and workers. "What are they building?" I wondered to myself as I ran downstairs. I rushed to the door and flung it open. Was it a road? A bridge? It was too soon to know but I would find out soon enough. The thought of having a road to get around the river or a bridge to get across it was most exciting!

To be continued

Tom Jellett, Very Famous Aussie Illustrator

Peter H, Year 4

If you have ever walked into a bookshop OR our school library (who hasn't? I have!), then YOU have definitely seen or heard of TOM JELLETT. He is the best illustrator (in my opinion) and has illustrated OVER ONE HUNDRED BOOKS (and YOU thought the Treehouse series had a

lot of books!). Some of Tom's famous books include: Dirt by Sea, The Besties series, Grandpa's Big Adventure, Grandpa's Space Adventure, the Sporty Kids series, Seadog and loads of Aussie Nibbles, Aussie Bites and Aussie Chomps books.

Tom is also a super nice guy who was extremely happy to answer my questions for the following interview.

Peter: There are truckloads of kids wondering how do you start on the road to illustrating and how do you get paid to draw as a professional?

Tom: I was always a keen drawer at primary school and did art all the way through high school. I was lucky in that my mum worked at a children's book publishers in Adelaide, so I grew up knowing a few illustrators, so realising it was something you could do as a career very early on, I wanted to go to art school after high school, so I studied graphic design and illustration at uni. After that it took a few years to get established...a lot of sending examples to different publishers trying to get a chance to work with them.

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Most illustration work is done on a freelance/self employed basis, so you only get paid per job, or you have a contract with a publisher to work on a book. You mainly work on a royalty basis which means you earn a small amount from every book sold, so the more books you sell, the more you get paid!

Peter: How many books have you illustrated? Do you have a copy of them all in your house and how many bookshelves does it take up?

Tom: I'm actually not exactly sure...I did try to count a couple of years ago and when I include readers and chapter books as well as picture books I think it's somewhere over one hundred - but I have been doing this for a reallllly long time. Unfortunately or fortunately they don't take up that much space on the bookshelf as picture books are really thin. I do get sent extra copies by my publishers as well as versions of books in other languages...they can pile up a bit so they are in my attic. I hope the ceiling holds up or it will start raining books...

Peter: A question for our younger readers: colouring in - what are your tips for not ending up with

gaps in your colouring?

Tom: Before I started using computers and an iPad to draw my illustrations, I would usually do the colours first and add the lines after...that way you never went out the lines! Now, I use layers in Photoshop or Procreate so it is much much easier when your lines are on the top layer and the colours are on layers below. Having said that, I quite like gaps in colouring!

Peter: You must have lots of different coloured pencils, pens and textas. What is your favourite illustrating tool?

Tom: I go through A LOT of prismacolor coloured pencils...even though most of my illustrations are done digitally, I usually do all my idea sketching and rough drawings in pencil...so my favourite tool is a special pencil holder for when you have sharpened your pencil too short! It looks a bit like this...



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Peter: I love that your characters are instantly recognisable, do you draw characters based on people that you know?

Tom: A few people and places that I know usually turn up in some of my books. The dad in 'My Dad Thinks He's Funny' is based on a very good friend of mine...and my cat has turned in my latest book 'Boss-cat'. Also my couch is in a lot of books...isn't something I can easily draw from memory, though it does change colour from time to time.

Peter: You have worked with so many different authors, is it hard to draw things how they want them? Do you have to redraw illustrations lots of times?

Tom: I'll rarely work with an author which sounds surprising, but all the work goes through the publisher. So I will deal with an editor usually. Sometimes I'll never meet the author! The editor is the one who makes sure all the continuity works, they will sometimes have suggestions on what to show, but there is a lot of creative freedom in picture books so usually they are happy to see what you come up with.

Peter: It must have been incredible to be listed in the honours of last year's CBCA book awards for Dirt By Sea. What achievement are you most proud of?

Tom: Dirt by Sea is probably the longest I have ever worked on a book so it was nice to see it recognised as something special. It's always nice to have your work recognised, but in terms of an achievement I am most proud of I think I am happy that I am still working in an area I really enjoy and getting to illustrate new stories and characters everyday. That seems like reward enough really.

Peter: I love your illustrations of Harry Highpants. If I happened to write a book titled Lavish Larry Lowpants, how would you draw the main character?

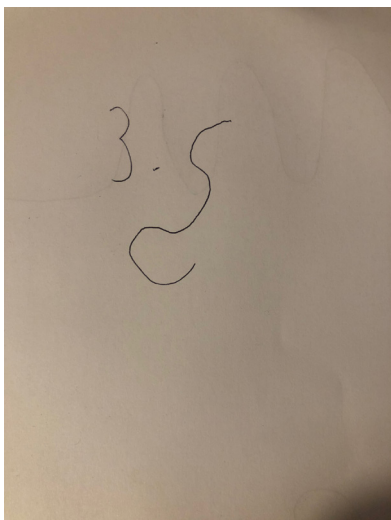
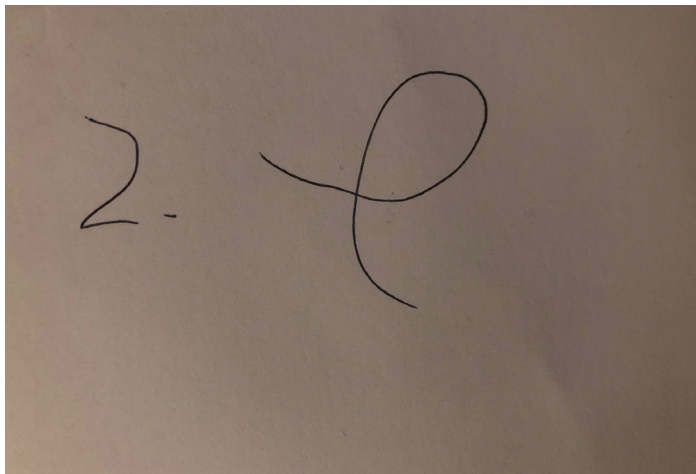
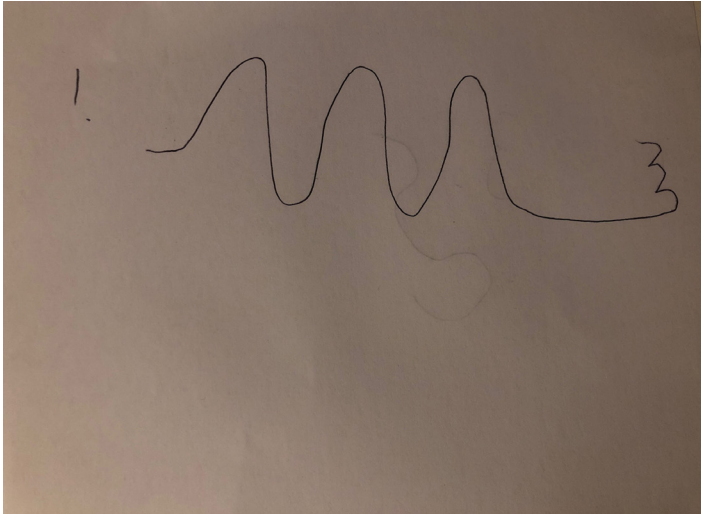
Tom: Is Lavish Larry Lowpants the enemy of Harry Highpants in the Harry Highpants Cinematic Universe?

Peter: My friends and I love playing the shape game. One person draws a random shape and the other turns it into a picture. Any chance of a game?

Tom: I'll give it a crack...

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Peter: Pictionary - do you always win?

Tom: I am TERRIBLE at Pictionary...I get thrashed every time...I try to put wayyy too much detail or shading when I am drawing...I run out of time every time.

Peter: Do you draw your illustrations by hand or do you use a computer?

Tom: I used to paint and draw everything on paper until maybe 12 years ago...since then I have been using Photoshop with a Wacom tablet, then a Cintiq screen, but in the last few years I have been using the iPad more and more...sometimes I will do a whole book from start to finish on it. It's a very flexible way to work which is handy for me as I make tons of mistakes or changes. The hardest thing about working on the iPad is avoiding getting distracted by playing Mario Kart.

Peter: What are you working on right now?

Tom: Just finishing up a picture book which is a sort of sequel to a book from a couple of years ago, but then after that I am working on a book about trains...which I'm really looking forward to (I haven't done a train

book before...)

Want to check out more of Tom's amazing illustrations?

Our library has 36 books illustrated by Tom Jellett including *Dirt by Sea*, *My Dad Thinks He's Funny*, *My Dad STILL Thinks He's Funny*, *A Whale in the Bath*, *Grandpa's Big Adventure*, *Grandpa's Space Adventure*, *The Gobbledygook is Eating a Book* and *Why I Love Footy*. Just ask Ms Parkes or one of your friendly Library Monitors to help you find them next time you are in the Library.

The Towering

By Sage I, Year 5

As dust arose into the starry night sky, a small girl lay in her bed while the lights from the festival shined into little Lacy's room. The festival had been going on for hours and Lacy had not gotten a minute of sleep. Finally the music and lights went out and she fell into an instant sleep.

The next morning Lacy woke up in a forest and a few steps away was a tower covered in a blanket of vines. A whisper came from behind her and Lacy quickly jumped up and followed the sound. The sound led her to

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a small village in the center of the forest. The houses were lined up straight on either side of the road and were identical. All painted yellow and brown with beautiful pansies and daffodils planted in the gardens. Lacy was amazed at the sight of the village and its surroundings. She had never seen anything like it so she wandered down the road, wondering where she was.

Lacy walked up the brown, stone stairs of the house closest to her and knocked on the door. She could hear footsteps walking towards her and a tall, lean girl opened the door. "Who are you and what do you want?" the stranger asked.

"I'm Lacy and I was wondering if you could tell me what this place is."

"I'm Cleo and this is Critter's Lane," the girls answered softly. "How did you get here?"

"I'm not sure. I just fell asleep and woke up here," Lacy said, sort of puzzled. Cleo walked out and closed the door behind her. They went down the stairs and walked to the town square where they found the mayor of Critter's Lane. He told them Lacy

had made a rip in the barrier and she had to go home right away. But this was not possible as the clearing where she had fallen was gone.

The Grand Council listened as she recounted a tall tower covered in leaves. They gasped in disbelief and whispered to each other. As Lacy waited for an explanation, a small creature waddled into the room.

"I know how to get her back," the creature began...

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Space Heroes

By Mitchell R, Year 2

We search the galaxy for aliens to keep earth safe.

"- Mitchell," Max interrupts.

"Not now, Max," I say.

"...But there's a huge alien up ahead!"

"Oh nooooooooooooooooooooo! Mayday! Mayday! If that alien hits the glass, it will cut our oxygen supply. We'll never survive!"

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But it's too late. The alien has already crashed into our ship but thankfully we're okay. "Good thing we wore our space suit or we wouldn't be able to breathe!" I say.

"But there's bad news, says Rohan, "WE'RE REALLY CLOSE TO THE SUN!"

We eventually move to a safer distance from the sun. "Well, now that we're safe, let's get going!"

We fly back to earth through the universe until we land in New York City, United States, North America and catch the train to Seattle. It takes 10 hours to get to Seattle and we are so exhausted that we fall asleep as soon as we arrive.



We wake at 3:00 am and go straight back to sleep. Later, we catch the train to the city where I work at McDonald's.

"Order up!" I say. Meanwhile, Rohan

is bowling at the arcade where I meet him a few hours later. "Hey, Mitchell! Want to have a game of space invaders?"

Pew! Pew! Pew! Pew!

"Go for another round?" asks Rohan.

Heck, yeah!

The Man and the Spider

By Josie G, Kindergarten

Once upon a time there was a man who went to the supermarket where he saw a spider. It was the most black spider in the whole wide world. The spider was also very playful.

To be continued

Bluey

By Indi H, Year 6

You may know Bluey as your favourite family show, or your favourite show. Maybe it's a show you watch before bed. Whatever it is, I'm sure you're wondering, how was Bluey made?

Bluey was released on the 1st of October 2018. On one random day, in the year 1978, a guy called Joe Brumm was born. He was raised in Brisbane and had cattle dogs. One was even called Bluey. When Joe Brumm grew up, he met his wife, Suzy Brumm and they had two daughters.

Joe was inspired by his experience in raising his two daughters. He wanted to portray what a creative imagination children have so he created a show that had a bit of his childhood, and a bit of theirs combined. Joe named the main character after one of the craziest cattle dogs he every had, Bluey.

You might look at the character Bluey and think that Bluey is a boy, but you'd be wrong! Both Bluey and Bingo are girls. In the episode "Yoga Ball" (Season 1) Bandit makes it clear that Bingo is a girl, and in "Wild Girls" (Season 3) you can easily tell that Bluey is a girl.

Here are the best 15 episodes of Bluey (recommended from Google)

1. Keepy Uppy (Season 1, Episode 3)
2. Fruit Bat (Season 1, Episode 8)
3. Fairies (Season 1, Episode 30)
4. Daddy Drop Off (Season 2, Episode

- 8)
5. Sleepytime (Season 2, Episode 9)
6. Bus (Season 2, Episode 22)
7. Christmas Swim (Season 2, Episode 26)
8. See Saw (Season 2, Episode 27)
9. Library (Season 2, Episode 30)
10. Baby Race (Season 2, Episode 47)
11. Mini Bluey (Season 3, Episode 7)
12. Faceytalk (season 3, Episode 23)
13. Onesies (Season 3, Episode 32)
14. Relax (Season 3, Episode 40)
15. The Sign (Season 3, Episode 49)

Fun Facts About Bluey

All bluey episodes have a moral/meaning

The actors playing Chilli and Bandit (Mum & Dad) didn't meet until 2022
Bandit is an archaeologist

The voice of Bandit is actually in a rock band

Blue heelers are a real breed of dog



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The Periodic Table

By Christopher G, Year 4

The Periodic Table of the Elements

The periodic table is a tabular arrangement of the chemical elements, organized on the basis of their atomic number, electron configurations, and recurring chemical properties. The table is divided into several groups, including alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, transition metals, lanthanides, actinides, and noble gases. Each element is represented by a box containing its symbol, name, atomic number, and mass number. The table is color-coded to show different groups of elements: alkali metals (blue), alkaline earth metals (orange), transition metals (green), lanthanides (yellow), actinides (purple), and noble gases (pink).

Key features of the periodic table include:

- Atomic Number:** The number of protons in the nucleus of an atom, represented by a small number in the top left corner of each element's box.
- Mass Number:** The sum of protons and neutrons in the nucleus, represented by a small number in the top right corner of each element's box.
- Chemical Symbol:** A one- or two-letter abbreviation for each element, represented by a small symbol in the center of each element's box.
- Element Name:** The full name of the element, represented by a small text label below the symbol.
- Electron Configuration:** The arrangement of electrons in the atoms of an element, represented by a small text label in the bottom left corner of each element's box.
- Periodic Trends:** The periodic table shows trends in various properties of elements, such as atomic size, ionization energy, and electronegativity, which repeat in a predictable manner across the table.

The periodic table shows all the known chemical elements. The creator, a Russian scientist, Dmitri Meledeev, was born on February 8 1834, and died on the 2 of February 1907 at 72 years.

The periodic table has symbols to represent each element. If you look closely at the periodic table, you will see that each box has an element. There are 118 in total and many more are to be discovered. It is really hard to memorise all the elements but if you practise enough, you can recite all 118 elements of the periodic table.

Pretend that every element is a short living Pokemon. Some of them are used in everyday products such as

fluorine (used in toothpaste) and tungsten (used in light bulbs).

The elements are made up of different kinds of atoms. The atoms have a nucleus in the middle of them where protons and neutrons are located. On the periodic table, the atomic number shows the number of protons in the nucleus. The mass number shows the number of protons and neutrons in the element's atoms. There are electrons outside the nucleus which you can see with an electron microscope.

Some of the elements are toxic, some can cause fires or just cause havoc. You have to be really careful because one mistake can be fatal.

The idea of the periodic table came about because scientists needed a way of organising elements by their properties (what they are made of). You will notice that the elements are arranged in order of the atomic number if you read the boxes from left to right, top to bottom.

Rampaging Guinea Pigs: The New Employee

By Liam O, Year 3

CHAPTER #1:TRRRRRRRRIFLE.

Scotty and Frosty have just finished fighting off a big beast. Right now they're getting out of their improved robot that helped them destroy the mutant werewolf. Scotty and Frosty are listening to the applause when they suddenly hear silence. Every guinea pig turns and looks at the front door. There it is, a newborn guinea pig waiting there.

"It must have been betrayed," explained one of the guinea pigs.

"We could adopt it," suggested another guinea pig.

"We could teach him everything we know then when he grows up he could be an employee," shouted another.

"SILENCE!" booms Frosty.

"Thank you," says Scotty. "We will take care of that...thing," says Scotty

in disgust.

"Now, back to work!" demands Frosty.

There was a hustle and bustle but soon they were all back in their places. Then a guinea pig said, "It has a tag on its cot that says Trifle."

"Ok," said Scotty, "that's what we'll call him," he says in disgust, again.

"What is it? Do you not like Trifle?" Frosty asks.

"Well no I wouldn't "not like" someone who trespassed on our property, of course I don't like him, little trespasser."

"Gasp! How dare you call our new employee that!" said Frosty in a surprised way.

"Watevs." said Scotty, not caring.

Frosty gave Scotty a hard kick in the butt and Scotty frowned and walked out of the room.

CHAPTER #2: SCOTTY'S BEEN A BAD BOY.

Right now Scotty is in his room

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thinking about all the bad things that had happened today thinking it couldn't get any worse until Frosty walks in and says that Trifle is going to sleep in his room. Scotty was clearly not having a very good day. He couldn't wait to get to sleep.

The next day, Scotty woke up to find Trifle crying in his little cot and ten poops in it too! Scotty was really annoyed so he picked up Trifle and drop kicked him! That's when Frosty came into Scotty's bedroom and saw Trifle mid-air.

"I'm calling the cops," said Frosty, "that's guinea-abuse."

"NO!" weeked Scotty, "You can't!"

But it was too late so Scotty ran out of their department and hid in a portable hidey hole for rodents. He saw the police running into the department. He thought he had a chance to escape in time but as soon as he ran out the cops arrested him.

"They were waiting outside for me the whole time!" he thought. "Great, now I'm getting escorted to RODENT PRISON."

"Here you are," said two big buff rabbits throwing Scotty into a cell while cackling at him.

"Hmmm, what's for lunch?" asked Scotty trying to get the rabbits' attention.

"I dunno, probably the leftovers of the pigs' food (dramatic effect)," answered one of the rabbits, twitching his nose.

"Ewww, yuck," thought Scotty. "One day Frosty will be sorry for putting me in this horrible situation."

The next day, Scotty woke up out of his scraggly bed to find the daily newspaper on his bed. "Two little mice have been going on a robbing spree. Perhaps they're grinding for something in particular. Something that is very valuable." Immediately Scotty remembered that on his last adventure with Frosty when they defeated the mutant werewolf he saw two little mice jump out and said catch me if you can!

"Ha! Try to stop a crime without me, Frosty. You can't. This will teach you... You're going to die, Frosty!"

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CHAPTER #3: THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY.

Groan. "I think Trifle has to stop peeing his pants, it is hard to clean it all up," complained Frosty. "No wonder Scotty got so annoyed when Trifle wet himself but still he abused Trifle so he deserves whatever is happening to him right now."

Little did he know, Scotty was having a terrible time in RODENT PRISON.

"Frosty, you know how Scotty got arrested and we've been struggling without him?" asked Harry. "I was thinking maybe we could REPLACE Scotty with Trifle."

"Yeah, that sounds like a good idea," Frosty agreed.

"So that means we're going to have to teach Trifle all of our mad guinea pig protection skills."

A FEW YEARS LATER...

"I think Trifle is ready."

"I know but (sigh) it's just that I wish Scotty was out of prison. He's been in for a long time and if you think

about it he can be really helpful and supportive most of the time," said Frosty.

"Yeah, I know what you mean," Harry replied with his hand on his face.

"WAIT! I know! We could ask to set Scotty free!"

"Yeah that's a great plan!"

CHAPTER #4: BACK TO THE PRISON.

"Errrrr? We're here to see if we can set a friend free," said Frosty to someone who looked like the manager (might have not been).

"Eh? Okay...who are you looking for?"

"Scotty Scrunchbutttt," said Frosty awkwardly.

"Okay I'll see if I can find him".

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

"Nup, can't find 'im," said the manager. "Apparently two little mice wanted to take him out of prison."

Suddenly Frosty remembered when

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he and Scotty defeated the mutant werewolf, two little mice jumped out of its head saying catch me if you can. Frosty had to get back to the guinea pig police department before it was too late.

"Oh no, "said Frosty as he looked at the department. It was all burnt down and only 11 guinea pigs were standing by the ashes.

"The rest are DEAD," sobbed the first guinea pig.

"What about the robot?" asked a worried Frosty.

"It's still safe in the underground basement," replied another guinea pig.

"Thomas is alive too."

"Where is he?" asked Frosty.

"Locked in the basement. When they destroyed the department, bits of concrete fell from the ceiling crushing guinea pigs but one of the pieces of concrete blocked the door while Thomas was in there so he's trapped."

CHAPTER #5: FBI OPEN UP!

"I'll dial the FBI on my iPhone16 and they'll get here in no time," said Frosty reassured.

"Who are you?" answered the police.

"Frosty Albino Red Eye."

"Ahhh, I know you, you're the leader of the guinea pig police department. Ok we'll be there right away."

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

"Okay, so you need us to smash through that door to get your buddy? In three, two, one, FBI OPEN UP!"

CRASH! The door flung wide open and there was Thomas wide awake and looking frightened.

"Oh thank you for saving Thomas. This means a lot to me," thanked Frosty.

"Anytime, now if you don't mind we have to get back to our department."

"Thankyou" said Frosty as the FBI drove away. "Now Thomas, did you see anyone or anything drop the big brick on the door when you were

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"Now take him back to the department," said Frosty. "Trifle, it's time."

Trifle immediately jumped out of the robot's head and landed like Spiderman on the ruins of the enemy's headquarters. He was standing face to face with Scotty who was holding up a mega-sized minigun.

"Hello, Trifle, time to die!" said Scotty, pulling out the minigun.

Bambambambambam. Every time a bullet hit Trifle, there were orange sparks. Trifle was reflecting the bullets by spinning his katana in circles.

"How are you doing that?" screamed Scotty in rage.

"It's because I've got the skillies," teased Trifle while boasting.

CHAPTER #7: All as planned.

"Fire!" shouted Frosty.

The whole time Trifle was a distraction.

"Now, I'm proud to inform you today that we have caught all three of the

thieves," said Frosty. "We are only going to keep one alive in prison until he proves to us that he can be trusted."

"You have to make sure you respect Trifle," warned Frosty.

"FINE!" agreed Scotty.

"Then you can finally go free."

A LITTLE COMMENT

Frosty, Scotty and Trifle are all real guinea pigs. In fact they're my guinea pigs. Scotty now lives in a different cage because Frosty and Scotty don't get along anymore. Scotty kept on nipping and arguing with Frosty so then I imagine that Frosty thought, "That's it! I've had enough!" and then he bit Scotty hard on the foot. Scotty got an abscess and he could have died. Luckily, my family and I were there to get help for him at the vet.



The Grinch who Hates Christmas

By Khangai D, Year 2

Once upon a time there was an Evil Grinch who hated Christmas. His heart was small or maybe his shoes were too tight. There was also a dog called Max.

That morning the Grinch rang the bell in bed to get a coffee. Max had had a dog elevator to deliver the coffee to the Grinch's bedroom. Grinch was excited to drink his coffee but when saw his breakfast he was shocked. It was just a bean on the plate and the Grinch roared, "What is this bean?"

Max raced to the market but he didn't know it was Christmas and all the shops were closed...

To be continued

The Lost Crystal of Doom

By Ryenchin, Year 2

There once was a place called Rival Village and Jack and Jay wanted to travel there to visit a farm.

They got dressed and ready to take the long journey. "Let's go!" said Jack.

As the night fell, Jay suggested they sleep. They went to bed and slept until they felt the ground shake and crack. "What's happening?" asked Jay. Suddenly a fire figure came and started burning the houses. Then a guard came and made the fire figure vanish. The ground still cracked and people were screaming, "HELP US!" Jack and Jay hid in a nearby house. "I hope we are safe here," said Jack. Outside, some houses collapsed and other houses were on fire.

"AAAHHHHHH!" screamed Jay as their house collapsed around them. Suddenly Jay saw a crystal in the center of the room.

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The History of Shredder

By Tyler B, Year 2

The Shredder is a bad guy from a game called Shredder's Revenge who wants to destroy the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. There is another bad guy called Super Shredder in the game. The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles have been around a long time. Even when my dad was a kid, they were around.

How to Keep Our Environment Clean

By Nora G, Year 3

June Some humans destroy Earth. How do you keep our environment clean, you ask? For a start, STOP LITTERING. Littering makes the air, water and food dirty SO DON'T LITTER. I know some people will still litter so if you see rubbish that is SAFE to pick up, pick it up.

Secondly, if you want to take care of the environment, you can ask your parents to walk or cycle more than driving because when you drive you use gases and chemicals that hurt the environment.

In addition, you can install solar panels which also helps to slow down climate change.

Finally, you can choose what else you want to do to save the environment.

So go save the environment.

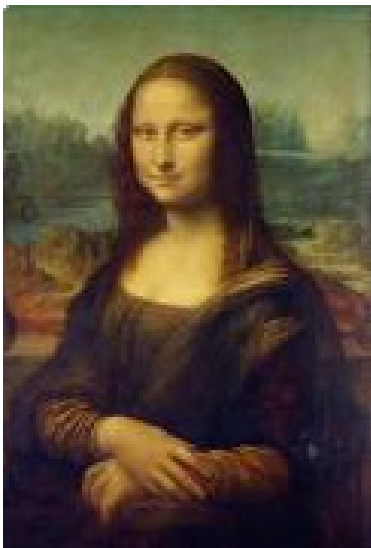
Leonardo Da Vinci

By Olivia R, Year 5



Although he invented many useful tools and machines, Leonardo specialised in art and is best known for his paintings which include The Last Supper, Mona Lisa, The Virgin of the Rocks and Child with Saint Anne. Leonardo da Vinci was influenced by many creative and influential people but the main two were Raphael and Niccolo Machiavlli.

Leonardo Da Vinci was born on the 15th of April 1452 in Italy and died on the 2nd of May, 1519 in France. He was an Italian draftsman, painter, architect, sculptor, and engineer. Leonardo invented many things that we use today such as the helicopter, parachute, car, gun and armored fighting vehicle.



Leonardo did not go to school. Although he is responsible for some of the most original and incredible inventions and ideas of all time, he never actually went to school. The young Leonardo was taught to read, write, and do elementary mathematics, but beyond that, he was free to roam around the Italian countryside.

Leonardo Da Vinci actually wrote in reverse. When he died, Leonardo left thousands of pages of journals behind him. These were filled with his inventions, ideas and even a few grocery lists. Weirdly, many of these pages were written in reverse. People thought that he was trying to code his work, but he actually wrote in reverse in order to prevent smudges. He did this because da Vinci was left-handed. If he had written normally, he may well have ruined his work.

Leonardo was actually a rival of Michelangelo. He said Michelangelo's muscled figures looked like "bags of walnuts or bunches of fruit". When Leonardo took a place on the committee to decide where Michelangelo's masterpiece, David, should be put, he acknowledged that the quality of the marble was very poor.



The Strange House

By Chloe Z, Year 2

Chapter one: Finding the parents

Once there was a girl called Harper who lived with her family. They had moved to Japan and were driving to the new house but her dad took a wrong turn. They found some little cafes and while her parents turned to look for some more food, Harper got lost!

Harper looked everywhere but she could not find her parents! Harper ran around looking for her parents but it was getting late and the clouds looked like dragons. Harper saw a house. It was an unusual house, strange enough, Harper thought. She heard squeaking noises coming from the strange house and someone sounded like they were making tea.

Chapter two: In the house

Harper got closer and closer to the house and she saw a girl. The girls introduced themselves to each other. The new friend's name was Cha. Harper told Cha the story about what happened to her. "You should come

with me and see Chi," said Cha. "Chi is one of our best workers in our bath house." Cha took Harper into the house. When Cha opened the door Harper saw so many tiny workers and cleaners inside the house. Harper saw a small blue door and instead of numbers there were letters and the letters said TINY. Harper thought it was weird but a few seconds later Cha opened the door and there were a bunch of tiny people working nonstop! Harper thought it was cool to see tiny people working all around.

Chapter three: Getting to work

Cha took Harper further and further away from the door and started calling out CHI CHI! Then a tiny girl came up to Cha and Harper.

Cha said, "Chi this is Harper. Harper, this is Chi." Cha told Chi why they were there and what had happened.

Chi decided to give Harper the job of cleaning the floor and the bathtubs every morning. Harper got to work straight away the next morning and scrubbed and cleaned for hours and hours.

That evening, Cha smelled something strange that smelled like yucky sticky

MUD! Cha saw what that muddy thing was. It was a stink spirit! The stink spirits were very muddy, sticky and stinky. The stink spirit had come to the bathhouse to get washed and cleaned. This was a very sticky situation. What do you think will happen next?

The Beep in the Apartment

By Isaac L, Year 1

One day at Dad's place, I heard a beep and realised it was from the fire alarm. It was so loud! Uh, oh? My dad went cray cray! "Run!" he shouted, "It's time to go!"

Detective Guy (Because, Why Not?)

By Luka D, Year 4

12 years. It has been 12 years in this little town since a case has popped up. The town's detective business has been useless since 2012. Actually, nothing exciting happens in this little

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town, Greyville except for people moving away and some chatter about rats infesting people's toilets. The detective office has been abandoned. Barely anyone has money so people move out of this sad little town, but no-one has seen anybody move in.

It was therefore quite strange for a man to move in Greyville, the town named after because you stay for a while, and everything feels so grey because of boredom. Now, everyone left in the town felt poor for this man because he did not know that the place was a living hell.

The man found the town in worry. He questioned what made the townsfolk worried and desperate. Turns out there was an imposter in town. He stole everybody's money. They absolutely needed to find this imposter or else the town would not be able to buy food. Finally after 12 years, something was actually happening, but the town still needed a detective.

Nobody expected the newcomer would step up to solve this mystery. He thought heavily about it, then asked whether anyone was missing. No-one was missing apparently. "Shouldn't

the mayor do something about this?" The town responded that the mayor went missing 12 years ago and that he was probably dead.

The man stepped out of the crowd and they watched him search their abandoned-looking houses. The houses were messy and disorganised. The only light illuminating the homes were from worn-down windows or holes in the wall. There was no evidence of the stolen cash.

The only place that the man hadn't checked was the mayor's office and the town well where they collected water for washing, cleaning and drinking. He went a separate path from the gloomy town to the well, that had definitely seen better days. He looked down the well, where there were cobwebs and bugs. The water contained dirt, in his opinion, the dirtiest water he had ever seen. He expected to find a soaked bag at the bottom full of cash. The well was checked off the list with no evidence to be found at all.

The last place to search was the mayor's office. He made it back to the town and pushed and shoved through the crowd to the building but

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the entry was locked. He noticed a shadowy figure through the window holding something. He blinked and it was gone. With no choice, he thought about kicking down the door or climbing up the wall and crawling through the window. He scaled the light blue bricks of the mayor's office and grabbed a block of loose wood under the window. No-one had enough money to repair this town. He smashed the window open and tumbled out of it, but no-one was there. In front of him was a wobbly staircase leading down to a large space with a table near the back. There were bookcases to the left and right. He went down the suspicious staircase but suddenly, steps collapsed below him. He fell and landed in a dark warehouse-looking room. There were shelves on both sides, and stairs leading up to a platform with more boxes and shelves. In the middle of the platform was a door but it was boarded up. There were no other exits. Pieces of wood fell on him and the only light was coming from a big hole in the roof. He got up and dusted himself off. He searched the boxes for a useful tool. The last box held a small key. He couldn't unlock the door because even if he did, the wooden planks would still

keep him from opening it. He moved the empty box and there was a small trap door with a lock. He inserted the key, opened the trapdoor and found a small ladder. He descended by climbing down the ladder but the ladder suddenly crumbled in his hand. He tried to snatch another part of the ladder but it instantly crumbled into nothingness. He fell on a pile of dirt and he was met with an orange glow.

The man looked left and saw a pool of molten magma. At the end there was a small platform with a bag of cash and cash on the ground. There was no way of getting across the pool of magma, except a small line of stone on the right wall. He made it to the end, jumped and had quite a rough landing but made it to the money.

Suddenly one of the stone bricks on the back wall of the small platform opened like the door, and an overweight old man pushed the him and he almost took a deadly dive in the burning pool of magma. The man violently stuffed all the cash in the one bag and shoved the old man to the side. The old man chased him.

He reached the end of the corridor and found himself in a strange cabin

in the woods with canned food and water and a large piece of paper. The paper said "Plan. Step one: Build a secret cave under the mayor's office. Step two: Burn down the mayor's office and claim that you're dead." Suddenly, the man realised the old man was the mayor. "Step three: Steal all the citizens' money and store it in the cave. Step four: Profit and live happily in a cabin forever."

Suddenly, the mayor came out of the hole and swiftly started throwing wild punches. The man put all of his strength in his legs and knocked the mayor out. Panting, he searched for a phone, called the police, returned to the town with the cash and threw it in the middle of the crowd.

Finally, after 12 years, the detective position was filled.

Classical Composers

By Grace W, Year 3

This report is about classical composers from the 1700-1800s. Some of the composers of that time include Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Bartok, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, Mozart, Haydn, Vivaldi, Wagner,

Schubert and Chopin.

The most famous composers were Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, Holst, Tchaikovsky, Haydn and Vivaldi. Mozart made rather cheerful music while Beethoven wrote more emotional music.

Classical composers are famous because they wrote famous pieces. These pieces are still played today including the Four Seasons by Vivaldi and The Planets by Holst, although Holst lived in the early 1900s.

Roblox

By Malakai B, Year 1

I love to play with my Rainbow Friends toys because they are from a game in Roblox. I love to play Roblox. In Roblox there is another game which is one of my favourites because you can build stuff.

Users should always check the recommended minimum age and talk to their parents before playing a new online game.

Roblox Jailbreak

Cars

By Joshua O, Year 5

Jailbreak is a 12-time award-winning game created on Roblox by an inspired person called Alex Balfanz, born May 5 1999. The game is very enjoyable and a bit addictive, with two roles you can choose; criminal or police officer.

As a criminal, you can choose a variety of robberies that give you cash. These range from easy robberies (such as the donut store or the gas station), to more difficult and complicated scenarios such as the cargo train, passenger train, two different banks, the casino, the oil rig, the jewellery store, or the museum. You can also get an airdrop invitation that allows you to fight the CEO in a mansion robbery. This option is called a boss fight and was added in the winter update of 2017.

The easiest robberies only require you to hold the toggle for about 30 seconds nonstop. In the more difficult robberies, you have to do more steps, such as turning off the security and

cracking safes.

As a police officer, you chase down criminals (other players online) and arrest them. Criminals can shoot you to stop you from arresting them, but if you arrest them, you get their bounty. The more dangerous criminals have a higher bounty.

If you are a police officer or criminal, either way, your aim is to get money to get better cars which help you grind, which means progress in the game. You can also get cars by trading with other players.

Every season (two months), there is one limited edition vehicle released, which you can get if you reach level 10 before the end of the season. In season 1, that vehicle was the Beam Hybrid, classified as the BMW i8 in real life. The Beam Hybrid's top speed is 194 mph, which is 312 km/hr. This was not the fastest car in season 1, and now (season 21) is considered to be very slow, but it is rare and so it is worth 22.5 million dollars in game cash. This used to be the rarest car in Jailbreak, but got overtaken by the Raptor, which I will explain about later.

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In season 2, the level 10 car is called the Crew Capsule (SpaceX NROL-108), which could fly and reach a top speed of 110 mph (177 km/hr), which is quite slow but it makes up for it by being able to seat 3-4 people. This is handy because then you can travel with your friends and do missions together.

The season 3 level 10 car is the Volt 4x4 (Volt Offroad 4x4), with a top speed of 249 mph (over 400 km/hr!). It also does a decent reverse speed of 71 mph (114 km/hr), which helps you escape from the enemy in the game.

The Rattler (Ford Coupe HotRod) is the season 4 car and reached 205 mph (329 km/hr) and, being a hot rod, its stats (acceleration, reverse speed, off-road capability) are pretty trash so if you are tempted to trade for this, I would suggest just buying the Eclair (Bugatti Chiron) or trading for the Parisian (Peugeot 9x8). These are both much better than the Rattler. Another overrated car is the Brulee (Bugatti Veyron). It has the highest top speed in the game (414 mph, or 666 km/hr), but it has poor acceleration until it reaches 120 mph (193 km/hr).

Sadly, most of the best cars in the game are either unobtainable to buy (only being able to get through trading) or are too expensive. The Concept (Ferrari Modulo), one of the many cars brought back from being a five-day limited-release vehicle, has 4 seats (which is great for crews) and reaches a blazing top speed of 313 mph (over 500 km/hr), but is priced at 2.5 million dollars, making it the most expensive car you can buy in the game.

I could go on and on about these vehicles, but this is just Part One of my review. Please let me know if you would like advice about cars in Jailbreak, or if you have a suggestion for a particular car you would like me to review, as this will help me improve my work.

Nestle's Scummy and Corrupt Practices

By Stavros T, Year 5

A WARNING TO ALL VIEWERS UNDER THE AGE OF 8: Please check with your parent and ask them to read this story with you. We are exposing disturbing actions done by the Nestle company.

Parental guidance is required.

Nestle's False Advertising in 1970s (Baby Formula)

Concerns about Nestle's "aggressive marketing" dates back to the 70s when they advertised an alternative to "breast-milk" specifically in less economically developed countries. They discouraged mothers from using normal breast-milk and sent "doctors" to their home to encourage them to use breast-milk substitutes. The doctors who were hired by the corporation would give the right amount of baby formula to get them to stop breastfeeding properly and instead use their product, which was more expensive.

Nestle's Child Labour Problem

The company was experiencing issues with cocoa beans, and what did they decide to do? Plantations all around the west of Africa were using child labour on which many chocolate corporations rely. Two decades ago, the Mars, Hershey, and Nestle group pledged to stop using child slavery. And still, most chocolate is still made with child slavery.

Nestle's Obsession with Stealing Water

The company has been pickpocketing Pakistan's water from a village and reselling it at a higher price than usual. The corporation was not even providing a BASIC need to the locals in the area of Pakistan, from which they stole the water from. They have also been criticised for bottling water in poorer regions in places like South America, which can decrease natural water supply and deprive people of water who do not have the money to buy it back.

Nestle's Food Safety Problem

In 2008 melamine was discovered in a Nestle milk product. It is too late. Six infants died from kidney damage by a dangerous ingredient, and a further 860 more died. A year later, E. coli was linked to a cookie dough product, and you guessed it, made by Nestle!

Alternatives to Nestle

Now that we have covered the bad, the evil and scummy actions Nestle has done, we can tell you which alternatives suit you.

But first, always remember to look for the Nestle logo. If there is a logo, avoid the product entirely, including Nesquik.

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1: Use local brands. Local brands do not have a lot of resources, and it would be great to support them.

2: Avoid Nestle and use other brands that are also big, and that are not owned by Nestle.

Nestle is a bad company and has had a lot of scummy actions such as child labour, stealing water and having food safety concerns.



Nuclear Bombs

By Dimitri T, Year 5

Nuclear bombs can cause mass destruction. They can be stored inside bunkers, missile siloes, warehouses, airfields, naval bases and submarines.

The Tsar Bomba is the biggest one detonated in Novaya Zemlya Island in the Arctic Ocean on October 30, 1961. The radius of the mushroom cloud was 25 miles wide and almost 60 miles at the top of the cloud. Everything within three dozen miles of the impact was vaporised but severe damage extended further. The Tsar Bomba was modified to yield 50 megatons which is estimated to be about 3,800 times the strength of a Mark 1 dropped on Hiroshima during WW2.

Two nuclear bombs were used in World War 2. The first one named Mark 1 or Little Boy was an atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan from the Enola Gay, a B-29 bomber at 8:15 AM on August 6th, 1945. It was estimated to have caused 120,000 deaths within the first four days from the blast by the attack. Others died afterwards from the effects of burns and radiation.

The second atomic bomb named Mark 3 or the Fat Man, was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan from the Bockscar, also a B-29 bomber at 11:02 am on August 9th, 1945, just three days after the Hiroshima bombing.

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These atomic bombs caused Japan to surrender to the United States.

The Australian Government agreed with the United Kingdom to test 12 nuclear bombs in Australia. The sites were Monte Bello Islands in WA, the Emu Field and Maralinga in SA. The testing started from 1952 to 1963, mostly at Maralinga.

Two separate tests occurred on the Monte Bello Islands, the first one called Operation Hurricane and the second one being Operation Mosaic.

The site of Operation Totem by the British did pairs of nuclear tests conducted during October 1953. The first one being Totem 1, detonated on October 15, 1953 and the second one called Totem 2, detonated on October 27, 1953 12 days after the first detonation. The devices of both nukes were sited on towers and yielded nine kilotons and seven kilotons respectively by the testers.

It was later found that the radioactive cloud from Totem 1's detonation did not disperse as expected and travelled to north-east over the Australian continent. This site led to being unsafe for further testing

with nuclear weaponry by nuclear radiation. The search for another area led to Maralinga in SA at 1956.

Operation Buffalo and Operation Antler took place in 1956 to 1957. These were the major tests in Maralinga. Operation Buffalo consisted of four tests; One Tree and Breakaway were detonated on towers, Marcoo at ground level of sand and the Kite, no not your regular kite, the explosion kite released by a Royal Air Force from the UK from the height of 11K metres.

Operation Antler in 1957 tested some new light-weight nuclear bombs. Three tests were conducted after Operation Buffalo: Tadge and Biak were conducted from towers and Taranak was suspended from balloons. Tadge used cobalt pellets as a tracer to determine where the yield was, resulting in rumors about Britain developing a cobalt bomb in their country.

Maralinga was left contaminated with radioactive waste by the nukes; the British had an initial cleanup attempt in 1967 but it did not work.