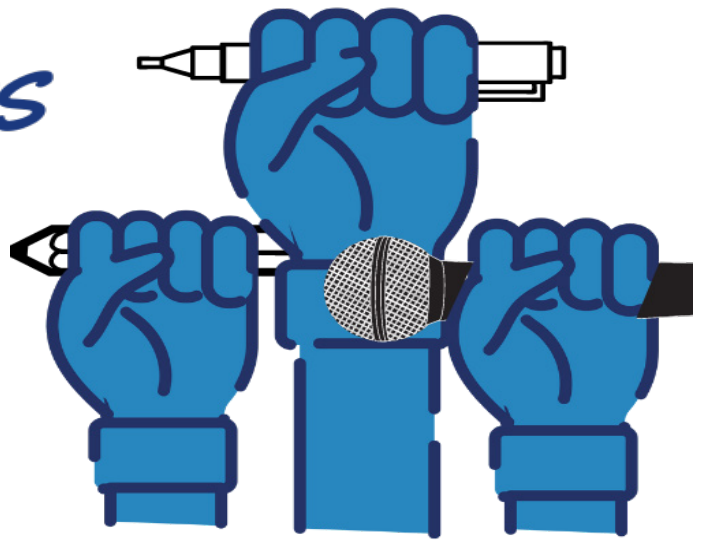


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Skateboarding

by Nils, Year 6



Skateboarding started around the late 1940s or early 1950s when surfers in California had no waves to surf. The first skateboard was called sidewalk surfing and it was made out of rollerskate wheels and a single small, thin wood plank.

Skateboarding first started off as freestyle skating. Then, when people started to get more into skateboarding, the local councils started to make

skate parks which at the time was not so good but the skateboarders worked with what they had and ended up loving the skate park.

Then skateboarders started to empty their backyard pools which started the pool and bowl skating. Quickly skateboarders started to do 'airs' out of the pool and back in the pool and many more cool tricks came after that.

Next came a new style of skating called street skating. Rodney Mullen, a famous American skater, quickly found out about street skating and is now most known for the trick called the 'ollie' which is the most popular trick in skateboarding. He created many more tricks as well such as kickflips, 360 flips, shove it, and heelflips.

A Dragon in the Night

By Ellie, Year 2



It was a stormy night. Lily was walking in an oak forest when it started to rain. She decided to find shelter somewhere. In the distance, Lily saw a bright light. She ran towards and gasped. Standing in front of her was a huge cave!

Fire crackled around the entrance of the cave. Lily stepped cautiously inside the cave. She realised that the further she went, the larger the cave became. Lily had to duck and weave around the stalactites and stalagmites. The cave widened and opened into a room. In front of her was a purple dragon with silver scales under its wings.

Suddenly the dragon woke up and

lifted its head sleepily. "My name is Moon," the dragon said. "Do you want to have a ride on my back?"

"Yes," Lily replied with delight. She jumped onto Moon's back and soon they were soaring over the forest. It had stopped raining and night became day before they knew it.

Moon flew over to a deep river to drink the water. Suddenly a giant troll appeared! The troll started walking towards Moon and Lily feared that the troll would try to hurt her new companion. Quickly Lily pushed the troll into the river and it sank to the bottom. Moon and Lily became best friends, never leaving each other's sides.

Rise of the Dead

By Liam, Year 2

Warning: Mr O'Reilly is my dad. Josh is a boy who can say things really loudly. This story is scary so if you're a little bit terrified of stuff like that, you might not want to read this section.

Once upon a time there were three ordinary people. The first one was named James, the second was Lily,

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and the third was Andrew. This is where the story begins.

"Mister, can I go to the bathroom?" asked James.

"Only if you go quickly," said Mr O'Reilly.

James was rushing down the hallway into the bathroom to start his business. As soon as he was finished, he heard a faint whispering. He ducked down as quietly as he could and saw a torn up dress floating in the air. The whispering continued, then it suddenly stopped and faint shrieking started. Before long, it was completely silent again and James crept out as fast as a cheetah, yet as quiet as a mouse. At last, James reached his class and rushed in.

At recess, James quickly ran over to his best friends, Lily and Andrew. They were playing scissors paper rock. He tried to get their attention, but they wouldn't listen properly so he got Josh.

"What is it?" Lily asked in a mean way.

"I saw a ghost!" James yelled in a

scared voice.

"Liar," replied Lily and Andrew.

"NO, I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES!" James insisted.

"Okay, we believe you!" mumbled Lily and Andrew.

Just then, they heard a creepy scream, "BLOOD, GUTS, HAAA!"

All of a sudden, the sky turned fire-brick red.

"Oh no, it's fusing its power with other ghosts!" James uttered.

"WE'RE GOING TO DIE!" screamed Andrew.

"Oh no, we won't," remarked James, "I'm going to call my Mum, and she'll send us three dusty vacuum cleaners in a jiffy."

After a few minutes, the vacuums were dropped off at the school.

"Alright. Let's start in the bathroom," James insisted.

They were carefully tiptoeing inside

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the bathroom and heard all sorts of high-pitched spooky echoing noises. They crept into a bathroom stall and saw a massive, dark hole in the wall behind where the toilet should be. Andrew peeked in and saw what looked like a million ghosts!

"OH, MY GOODNESS GRAVY!" squealed Andrew.

One of the ghosts peeked out and saw Andrew, making him scream then faint. The ghost had only one eye, a spooky smile with sharp, pointy teeth creeping around her pale blue face. James dragged Andrew to sick bay, then ran back to Lily just in time because she was just about to step in the hole!

"Nooo!" said James in a scared voice, "We will go in together."

They grabbed two of the vacuum cleaners, switched them on, held hands, then stepped through the hole. Immediately they started falling down through the air but luckily Lily's vacuum cleaner sucked in the tip of a ghost's tail and the ghost flew up, carrying Lily and James with it. They landed on a doorstep of an old creepy mansion. James knocked

on the door very quietly. It creaked open and an old man came out.

"Hello everybody. What are you doing here?" the old man asked in a crackly voice.

"We are here to um...suck up ghosts," murmured Lily.

"Well in that case, why don't you come in?" crackled the old man in a spooky voice.

They crept inside the haunted mansion. James looked back and saw the old man smiling a terrifying smile. It was dark and there were alarming noises coming from all around them. Suddenly, the door slammed shut, frightening Lily who ran upstairs and James, who fled downstairs.

At the top of the stairs, Lily could just make out a glow behind an almost-closed door. She peeped through the crack in the door and saw a colossal ghost floating in the air wearing a torn-up bridal gown. Lily remembered reading an ancient book from the school library about ghosts. It said they lived in colonies like bees, where the queen ghost is bigger and badder and, if she

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dies, the colony dies. Lily raced back downstairs to look for James.

James had been stuck downstairs, where it was pitch black and he couldn't find the stairs to come back up. Finally, he tripped on the first step and crawled upstairs, just in time to meet Lily.

"Where were you?" asked Lily. James started to answer, then Lily interrupted, "Actually, it doesn't matter. You won't believe what I found upstairs!"

After Lily described the monstrous sight to James, James agreed they would have to fight this beast on their own to save their school and the world. They snuck upstairs, switched on their vacuum cleaners, and tiptoed in. Lily and James found the queen ghost weeping in the air, so ugly they had to try not to vomit. Before they could start their attack, they heard footsteps approaching. When they looked back, they saw Andrew limping towards them dragging his vacuum cleaner behind him.

"I got scratched by a blood runner," he whispered.



"What's a blood runner?" asked James.

"A certain type of ghost," Andrew replied. "The people at sick bay had to amputate part of my leg off!"

"Ouch! muttered Lily.

"ENOUGH CHIT CHAT!" yelled James.

They were standing under the ghost and when she saw them, she dived toward them and they all screamed. Andrew got hold of her with his dust buster but she flew up into the air. Everybody grabbed hold of each other's legs, then they dragged her down, slammed her onto the floor until she slammed them on the floor. They were all too injured to fight. All except one.

It was shrieking but then he sucked

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it up! "Wow! That was easy," he said. All of a sudden there was a huge puff of smoke but then the ghost popped out of nowhere and bit James' wrist. He was screaming in pain. It was just about to bite Lily but she smacked it in the face with the vacuum cleaner.

Just then James spotted an old sword stuck between an old crackled rock. "Andrew, help me pull this out!" They pulled and pulled until it came out. YYAARRRRRRHHHGGGGG! "Ooof! Ah help." THUD! The ghost was dead.

"Wait," said Lily, "That is the elder ghost sword which can kill any ghost"

"Well this will come in handy," said Andrew. They left the house, caught a ghost, went through the hole, climbed over the fence and headed home. They would make it to the hospital in no time.

TO BE CONTINUED...

Two Days in the Life of a Prefect

By Joanna, Year 6

My name is Joanna Greaves and I am one of three awesome girl Prefects this year.

MONDAY

As a Prefect you arrive at school from 8:50 am. We do not need to arrive earlier than other students.

At 9 - 9:10 am, three to six members of the student leadership team raise the flags to full mast.

When the bell rings to tell you to line up, two members for a week get the microphone and points board out of the office and bring them out to the dots and give the microphone to the teacher.

At the beginning of recess every odd week, the students in the leadership team have a meeting with the one and only, amazing... MS CONSIDINE! In this meeting we talk about the assembly video announcements, Student Representative Council ideas and concerns, and fundraising ideas.

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At the end of recess, we take the flags down and fold them a specific way and put them away in the special flag cabinet. We must do this to ensure they are treated with respect. One example of respect is that we are not allowed to let the flags touch the ground.

TUESDAY

On Tuesday we do everything the same except we do not have a meeting with Ms Considine.

In the morning, three to six different members of the leadership team raise the flags.

When the song plays to tell students to line up, the same two members of the leadership team collect the microphone and the points board. They do this for the whole week.

At the beginning of recess, we film some of the videos for the weekly virtual assembly. It takes time to get the videos right because we cannot laugh (which is a big problem) and we have to get the volume, composition and lighting perfect.

This is what happens on Monday and Tuesday but every day we must Be

a role model to our peers. Being a role model includes Wearing school uniform every day, displaying the right behavior and helping out if someone needs it.

If you think this sounds awesome when you are in Year 5, nominate yourself to run for School Captain. I recommend it. It is a lot of fun and you develop a lot of skills.

That was two days in the life of a prefect! Thank you for reading!

Boys:



Collin



Benji



Tarek



Daniel



Kassem

Girls:



Ellie



Sienna



Jasmine



Hana



Joanna

Mary Fowler

By Lizzie, Year 6

Mary Fowler is a well-known soccer player who plays as a striker for the Matildas (Australian Women's National Football Team) and professionally for Manchester City in the Women's

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Super League. In the Matildas, she is the youngest player in the team at 20 years of age.

Mary Boio Fowler was born on the 14th of February, 2003 in Cairns, Queensland. Her father is Irish and her mother is from Papua New Guinea where they met.

Mary played junior football for Saints FC and Leichhardt FC, both in the local Cairns league. When she was 10, she played for the Under 12s in the Queensland state team.

Fowler made her first W-League (top division of Women's Soccer in Australia) debut for the Adelaide United team in the 2019-2020 soccer season. In Jan 2020, she joined a French team called 'Montpellier' on a 3-year contract. In June 2022, she signed a four year contract with the English women's club, Manchester City.

Mary Fowler's siblings are also talented players. Her brother Caoimhin and her sister Ciara both played for Irish youth teams, and Ciara also played for the Under-20s Australian team.



Roblox Bedwars

By Christopher, Year 3

There are new kits in Bedwars including Yuzi, which replaces wooden swords with traditional Dao swords, Barbarian which replaces the diamond sword with rage blade and Farmer Cleutus which has carrot seeds and melon seeds. The carrot seeds cost 70 iron (you get it from the generator). It gives you diamonds, and the melon seeds give you emeralds. I think that this is good for players who like to take risks and get diamond and emerald armor quickly. As well as

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diamond and emerald swords, there are more kits. Another kit you should know about is the Grim Reaper kit. Once it consumes a player's soul, it makes them gain health. This kit is good for people who cause chaos with rage blades or diamond or emerald swords.

There is also the Elder Tree kit but it can not buy armor. Hero armor gives players some cool hero armor that probably will make people target you. When you get to a certain point with the Trinity kit, you can choose void or angel armor. Void can steal health from other players. While the other one (angel) lets people (your team members) gain health. With the Raven kit, you need a raven, and that raven does poison. With the Aery kit, you get a butterfly collection. The more butterflies you have, the more damage you do. This is good for people who snipe people so they

can get more damage. The infernal shield gets a free shield and deflects knockback.

You can buy swords, the most basic thing in the game. There is also wool, used to protect your bed, gloop traps which can be thrown at players, slowing them down, and tesla coils that slowly drain health. It does take time for them to activate though.

Some advice: don't rush at people. They could have higher level swords/armor so they can beat you easier. Get your bed covered. If it's not, then you will lose easier. Get armor and swords as quick as you can because you will have a higher chance of winning. If you follow my advice, you should win! Good luck.

The Robots II: A Memory

By Kai, Year 6

Gane's life flashed before his eyes: He and his friends forming the RSSS (Robot Secret Spying Services), the robots speaking at 2:07am and then the big bang.

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BOOM! ARGHH! ...

and cutting . 'What was he doing?'

Gane lost consciousness and his stressed mind travelled into a very lucid dream...

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Beep! Beep! Beep! Gane's alarm clock rang its same old annoying tone it had been ringing for as long as he could remember. He scrambled out of bed and trudged out of his room into the hallway. There was a bright red circle on the calendar next to him. He looked carefully, July 26th, it was his birthday. He jumped around and quickly sprinted into the kitchen. There was his dad waiting, eating cereal. He smiled at Gane then went back to eating his meal.

Gane then craned his head back and forth looking for a present. He couldn't find one. Did his dad forget? Gane was about to ask but he was cut off by the growling of his stomach. He sat down next to his dad and poured a bowl of cereal. Suddenly without speaking Gane's dad stood up and headed towards the invention room and slammed the door. Gane ate at his normal slow pace while he heard lots of high pitched whirring, banging

A few hours passed. The sound of drilling and the hammering of metal had stopped. Gane's dad rushed into the kitchen. "Sorry I took so long; here's your present, by the way," panting breathlessly. Gane's eyes lit up. Dad stretched out his hand holding what looked like a mere badge. 'Was that it?' Gane wondered. The bewildered boy took the badge without any hesitation and was about to leave but his dad held him by the arm. "Gane, this only works once, use it wisely," This sounded serious, as Gane's mind slipped into blackness...

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Gane regained consciousness to the sound of yelling and smoke billowing. 'Was that real?' he wondered. He rummaged through his pockets until he found something just a little larger than a coin. He pulled it out triumphantly and squinted at it. It was the same old badge his father had given him in his memory. 'I'm going to use this thing,' Gane thought as he looked for something to make it work. On the back there was a clear message: Press Red Button Inside. He fiddled and tried to open the metal

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cover.

He hadn't opened the badge fast enough. Burning incandescent, the whole town was a flaming inferno. There it was, the red button. He clicked it. It all happened too fast to know exactly what was happening...

Fun Facts About Earth

By Dimitri, Year 4

Did you know that humans used to believe that the earth was flat at one point?

Earth only has water that is in liquid form, or ice in antarctica which comes from icebergs. Rain could happen by the weather when the crystal water wants to come down from the air and be turned into liquid water.

Earth used to only have water, lava and rocks until it evolved into the earth that we live in today.

The earth is 4.5 billion years old. Living things started appearing about 3.7 billion years ago on earth.

Earth has a population of over 8 billion people. China has the largest population with over 1.4 billion people.

Earth will use advanced technology in the future due to how modern it would be. It will be more efficient to use computers and tablets to know when we are learning more things.



Cuphead

By Christopher, Year 3

Even though Cuphead is old, it is fun! I play to this day. There is another version, the DLC (delicious last course). Let me explain the story...

There were two brothers named



Cuphead and Mugman. They lived in a magical place called Inkwell Isle. They went in the wrong direction and ended up in the casino. They gambled their souls, then King Dice said, "Man, these fellas can't lose!"

"Well well well," says the devil. "With one more roll, the whole entire casino is yours!" Cuphead didn't believe it. Cuphead rolled the dice. "Snake eyes!" the devil says. "Now where are those souls?"

Mugman seeks another way to repay the devil. The devil kicks them out of the casino and gives them until midnight to collect other souls. "Come on Mug!" Cuphead says. "We have to explain to Elder Kettle about this."

Then the game begins. There is a tutorial there at the start if you need

it. I believe Cuphead is the second hardest game in the world.

The History of Grimace and Shake

By Stavros, Year 4

Grimace's First Appearance

If you have been living under a big fat solid rock or notably a brick, you might be asking yourself, "Who is Grimace?" Well firstly, Grimace was introduced in the McDonaldland franchise as an evil character. The McDonald's media franchise introduced Grimace in 1971 but then they changed Grimace to not be an evil character due to the fact that it might scare some young kids.

Grimace's Birthday

Grimace's Birthday is hosted every year on June 12 as a celebration to Grimace, and Grimace was born on June 12, 1971. June 12 is where Grimace was first shown by McDonalds in 1971.

Shake's First Appearance

On June 12 2023, McDonalds announced the Grimace Shake by changing their profile picture on

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Twitter which is now known as X. McDonaldland also made a viral ad for the Grimace Shake which has gotten 1.1 million views by the channel McDonalds.

Grimace Shake Trend

On Grimace's birthday, McDonalds would announce the big release of the soon to be viral trend called Grimace Shake. They announced it by changing their profile picture on twitter to Grimace looking at the Shake.

To accompany the release of the Grimace Shake itself, McDonalds would release a game-boy themed game called Grimace's Birthday. The game would be developed by a company called Krool Toys, and other inspired Grimace/Grimace Shake merchandise.

Eventually after the release of the Grimace Shake, a TikTok trend called

#GrimaceShake would suddenly appear out of nowhere. The trend would quickly start spreading all over TikTok, YouTube Shorts and way more platforms showing content creators being found in unusual positions at night or in strange locations.

Critical Reviews

The Grimace Shake received polarised reviews. Dane Rivera of Uproxx called the Grimace Shake, "the best shake in McDonald's milkshake lineup." Delish gave the shake a positive review, calling the Shake, "The sweetest smoothie of your life." Raechel Chapman, writing for Elite Daily said that she "was not a fan of the flavour" but also described it as "very fruity and an artificial taste." A review by a worker from the Insider describes the taste from the Grimace Shake as smooth and not too sweet, but also artificial and very underwhelming to drink like a soda can.



Lazy Lizzy

By Sharlin, Year 1

Lizzy was lazy. It was her first day of high school. She didn't get out of bed and just said, "5 more minutes." She

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slept for hours and hours. She was really lazy.

Her parents tried everything to wake her up but nothing worked. Her dad made breakfast, ate, and then drove to work. Her mum left to work too and Lizzy was home alone. She made herself some eggs to eat after she watched the TV. She was beginning to be really happy. She went back to bed.

Later she was in the bathroom. After she got out she saw something hanging on the wall in her room. It was her teddy and she took it off.

When it was night she was watching. She found a cat in her backyard and took it home. She named the cat Coco. She played with Coco so much.

The next day she ate, got dressed and went to highschool where she met a girl called Abby and became friends. She called her every day and they both chatted. Until one Saturday night when Abby left the chat. She wasn't online and didn't come to school.

Lizzy graduated soon. When she was done with her graduation she got

an amber alert so she locked all her things that could open. She found out Abby was safe and had gone to Spain. Lizzy ran to the airport and went to Spain where she made some more friends. Soon she was living her best life.

Back to the Past

By Miguel, Year 3

"What time is it? HUH!? 10 PM? Oh, I'm gonna be so late!" As I got out of bed my heart stopped. I opened the cupboard and got ready for school. I practically sprinted down the stairs. Grabbing my bag, I opened the door and headed outside. Hopping in the car, we headed off to school.

"Why were you late Lucas? I know you're smart, but you have got to start managing your schedule!"

"I know Ma. Sorry."

"Anyway, have you heard about the science experiment that's happening in your school? It's about travelling back in time."

I got out of the car and went to the school gates. Rushing, I got to my

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classroom. My teacher said, "Oh, Lucas, you're just in time! The science experiment is about to start!" My class walked through the repeating stairways, and went to the hall. Each class sat down in sophisticated rows.

"Um, hello everyone! My name is Doctor Farty McDonalds Frog and I am about to show you how to break the laws of time!" The professor started to activate his machine. "You see kids, the plutonium properties have a large amount of nuclear radiation and, with a mix mercury, it could start a loop of time, allowing you to travel through time!"

As my mind wandered, focusing on the science experiment, I contained a memory where we were studying mercury and plutonium. Remembering what I learnt, the nuclear energy in mercury and plutonium could set off an explosion destroying the world!

Doctor Farty McDonalds Frog unveiled the curtains revealing a tree with robotic parts. Soon the room exploded with laughter. I let out a quiet chuckle. The teacher shushed us and the room became soundless again. "Now, for a demonstration, would anyone like to volunteer?"

I raised my hand. The doctor grabbed a ladder and placed it beneath a hole in the robotic tree. Climbing up the tree, I squeezed through the hole. The inside looked like it wasn't a part of the tree at all. The interior had a colour of copper. "Ok, now you should see a panel with a time, date, month and year selection." I heard a click and a clack. Then the doctor said, "No that shouldn't be right."

"What's not right right?" Then I heard a different array of sounds, but some I couldn't make out. A machine powered up and Bang! My eyesight went cyan and my ears popped. It stopped and I got hurled forward, hitting my head. As I got out, I felt dizzy. I perceived where I was. It looked like the mediaeval ages. I walked forward, hoping not to be seen, remembering a book about the mediaeval ages, and they're super strict.

Running to the side of a castle, I realised there were moats on every side. As I walked to one of the moats, a guard interrogated me. "What are you doing here, peasant?" Stumbling on answers for the guards question, I landed on one. "I am a lumberjack from the world...Malek!"

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Sighing a sigh of relief, the guard lowered down the moat and let me in. Before going in, he handed me an axe before saying, "Might come in useful for a lumberjack."

Walking past the row of shops, I spotted an unusually free one. I set up there and started to go and chop down some trees.

With a stack of lumber wood, I went back to my shop and found a carving knife. With knowledge of carving wood from one of my past schools, I managed to make something greatly resembling a duck. I made some more and caught the eye of a pupil walking past. They bought the duck and the process repeated. It eventually went dark so I found some pillows to sleep with.

In the morning, I went to the usual stack of trees. I was going to chop a tree down when Doctor McDonalds Farty Frog popped out. "Hello son, I'm here to get you out. First I need you to fetch me an electrical wire! The king has some electrical wires in his living room and I want you to steal it!"

"Are you crazy?"

"No. Anyways, here's the mask, go!"

I walked to the castle and, using karate knowledge, I knocked out the guards and stole the electrical wires. "Hello thief!" said the king. "Trying to steal my electrical wires!? GET HIM!"

I jumped out the window and landed on one of the shop's roofs. I bounced off and out ran the guard and dodged the arrows and spears. I made it back to the professor and he quickly put the wires in, and set the chronal settings and we travelled back to the present, arriving just in time for bedtime. I walked to the gates and finally arrived home. "How was school honey?"

"It was good, Mum."

Tapestry Game

By Christopher, Year 3

Tapestry is confusing but once you watch some videos, you will get it. Firstly there are four tracks. The first one is military, then science, exploration and technology. The aim of the game is to have the most VP (victory points).

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At the start of the game, you will have 10 outposts and there are these little cubes that are used for the tracks which you put them at the start of every single track. It is a very long setup, as it takes 30 minutes to set up and pack up and it takes two hours to play it from start to end.

There are two sides of the board, one is for 2 to 3 players, while the other side is for 4 players. Choose someone to go first then turns alternate clockwise.

There are tokens representing things. Just move one back and put your cube onto one of the advancement tracks. Make sure it is your cube. You do not want to push someone else's cube, do you?

When everyone's token is at zero, the person with most victory points wins.

The River and Sarah

By Sharlin, Year 1

Sarah wanted to go to the river, and asked her mum. However, her mum said no. Sarah called her friend Lizzy. After she called Lizzy, she felt hungry. Her cat, Abby, purred in her

lap, hungry for cat food. Sarah went to the kitchen and grabbed some cat food and went back to her bedroom to feed Abby. Abby fell asleep and so did Sarah.

At 5 in the morning Sarah woke up and went to the river. She sat on a bench looking at the view. She took a shiny rock and named it Riley. Abby and Riley were her besties. Abby took care of Riley and loved to lick her head. They all went to the river and looked at the view.

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