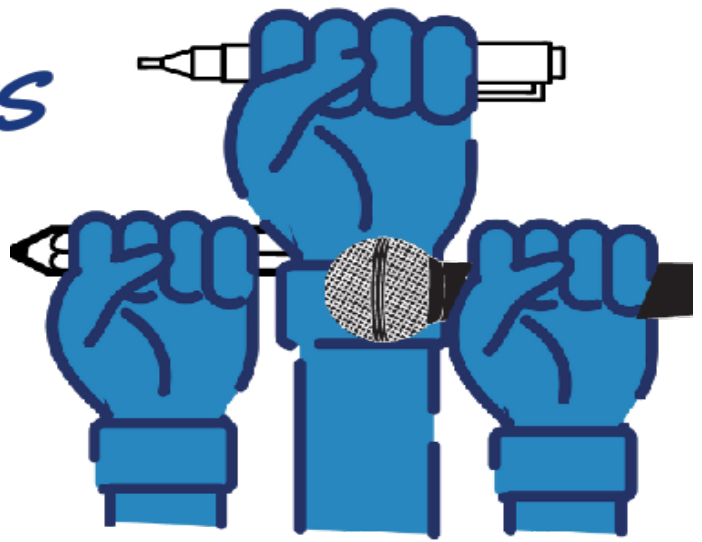


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## RoBoT Warriors

By Christopher P, Year 5

### Part 1

In a time unknown, RoBoTs ruled. Depending on what matched them, these RoBoTs could transform into a robotic version of an animal or a creature. One day, a robot named Crystalbot was just enjoying the day on a peaceful beach when suddenly another robot named Mikibot barged into the beach, saying all kinds of random things. Crystalbot would have sighed, but as you might know, robots don't really feel emotions, but as Mikibot continued his silly words like a spray of water coming out of a burst tank, he couldn't help feeling a little annoyed.

"Don't mind him," Crystalbot's friend, Arachnidbot said.

Arachnidbot could transform into a robotic scorpion, Crystalbot could transform into a robotic chameleon, making him as unique as his name, and Mikibot could transform into a dog, equally annoying.

Suddenly, a vast wave emerged and crashed the robots into the sea! The robots were built to be waterproof, but they could not swim as well as they thrashed in the water. The wave brought them further away from the home they had lived all their lives.

### Part 2

As the robots drifted further away, they washed up on a deserted beach. The robots wondered what they should do (except for Mikibot). They came up with a few ideas:

Wait for help (but it might take along time)

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Build a boat (but the island did not have much to hold the heavy robots)  
Send a signal (but they may be too far away for anyone to notice).

enormous cave where the darkness swallowed them up. As they walked in, Crystalbot could sense something hiding...**BWAM!**

They decided to build a boat. Items had a very bad strength, but they found a strange stone with baffling marks on the side as they continued. It looked like a map! It would lead them to a treasure so precious that it was yet to be discovered! "Should we look for it?" asked Crystalbot.

"Let's go!" Aracnidbot cried, obviously not hearing Crystalbot's question. Aracnidbot dashed off to find the treasure.

"Oh, come on," Crystalbot moaned as he dashed after Aracnidbot.

## Part 3

"This is where it starts!" Aracnidbot pointed at a clearing where it did not seem to have anything there until Mikibot burst in, setting off a tripwire, causing a large amount of arrows that ended with a sharp gold point to fly off, just missing him. He yelped and bolted out of there. Seeing the cannons, Aracnidbot quickly disabled them using his quick claws, allowing them to cross swiftly into an

Sentries with cannons started blasting, each hitting the RoBoTs with unbelievable accuracy. Although the RoBoTs were made of compelling material, they still suffered much damage. Aracnidbot picked up a stray stone and threw it at lightning speed, but he wasn't alone. Crystalbot had grabbed heavy, long branches and dropped the thorns on their heads. They continued after defeating the sentries (but with more caution than before).

## Part 4

They looked at the map and saw some words that looked like this:

Seil erusaert eht

Fo eno dnoyeb

Eno eht-srood 3

!kcarc a htiw\*

\*Written backward

"It seems to be a code...I think it says, 'the treasure lies beyond one of three doors — the one with a crack! 'backward!' Crystalbot exclaimed.

"And there are those three doors!"

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said Aracnidbot. Three very different doors: The first one was made from a very stable-looking iron, the second had a smooth wall of stone, and the last was a wooden door with a long crack in the middle. After a short argument, Crystalbot insisted, "We need to go through the wooden door!"

"Fine," grumbled Aracnidbot. As the tip of the robotic fingers grazed the door, it fell off completely! But on the other side, they saw a glittering mass of jewels, emeralds, diamonds, and so much more, including the special material!

## Part 5

As the RoBoTs carried the prize out of the caves, they wondered how they and the prize would return to the island...but not for long! It seemed that Mikibot had swum home and brought a rescue patrol! To make a long story short, they got the treasure home, and soon the makers started to develop stronger parts.

## RoBoT Warriors 2

### Part 1

BOOM! CRASH! KABOOM!

"The robot world is at war. RoBoT WARRIORS on one side and all kinds

of cave animals on the other. These animals are fighting with unbelievable abilities zzzt bats like creatures that scritch and scratch, tearing up the even the strongest material, things like spiders who zzzt slow the army down, and millions of thousands more creatures who have come for who-knows-what? I Myself, a powerful warrior, zzzt can't take this much longer... They got in! I'm not sure how much longer zzzt I can record this..."

"And that's where it cuts out," Aracnidbot said. Crystalbot, Aracnidbot and their new friend Flightbot had gathered around a videotape that had blasted into their backyard. They soon decided to see the intentions of these creatures that were defeating the army.

### Part 2

As they got closer to the island after sneaking past the defence walls they saw a cave which the trio descended into, their eyes dimly glowing. Suddenly they appeared in an enormous cavern as big as three of the robots' mansions (and they were huge!) stacked side by side.

"What on earth?" Flightbot cried.

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Inside the cavern, a deadly looking Part 3

robot stood in the middle of enormous vats of liquid and in each one, an animal lay inside with lasers pointed at them. Many of them were cave animals but some were more dangerous; creatures like pythons and crocodiles. Aracnidbot hissed. He hated to see the creatures inside suffering. He started to slowly creep to the edge and transform... CLINK... WHIR... ZZZT...

CLINK... WHIR... ZZZT...

CLINK... WHIR... ZZZT...

"Stop it, Arachnid - you're blowing our cover!" Flightbot quietly shouted. Luckily the robot did not notice. He was way into his work. He flicked a switch and - BZAM! A creature got hit and what came out was a similar shape of the animal but looking way more dangerous. "What do we do?" Flightbot asked.

"We need a plan. What do you think, Aracnidbot - huh?" Crystalbot started to reply. Aracnidbot was not there anymore! Then suddenly the sound of hissing like a popped balloon started and growls as well.

"Oh no," Flightbot moaned. Aracnidbot had gone to free the animals.

Creatures that escaped tried to run (if they had legs), slither (if they didn't) and fly (if they could). "DON'T TRY THIS AGAIN!" came Arachnidbot's cry.

As Crystalbot and Flightbot looked over the sturdy ledge, the robot was also transforming. Large wings sprouted though the shoulders and sharp claws sprouted from his powerful hands and feet. A super long tail lashed back and forth. His mouth opened and made a swirling pillar of fire. It was a dragon!

"Oh well, I suppose we back him up," Flightbot said. They transformed and leaped into the cavern as the lights flickered off and darkness swallowed them up.

Part 4

The only light came from the dragon's mouth as Arachnidbot slashed and hit. Crystalbot and Flightbot came and added some more dents on the dragon. Crystalbot almost instantly knew that force wouldn't work so his eyes travelled around trying to find a solution. He stared at the cliff they had spied on. That is it! Crystalbot lashed at the cliff instead of the

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began to fall.

Flightbot's talons gleamed as she picked up Crystalbot's tail. When Arachnidbot transformed into a scorpion, Crystalbot slipped out his tongue and gripped Arachnidbot's claw. "Let's get out!" he shouted.

Flightbot flew them to a large crack  
in the ceiling. Rocks continued to  
pelt her, but she tirelessly continued.  
BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO  
OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!

A long explosion rocked the escapees as they glided away back home, hoping to hear good news about the war.

## Epilogue

"ZZT - and the chief of the army would like to talk with us. Over to you, Cactusbot."

“Hello, I am General Cactus, as most of you call me, and I am delighted to say that the army is now proceeding to victory. In an exploded cave, we have found many strange things, and many of them shall be shown.” A strange smoking head of a dragon appeared with a large scroll, a couple of drops of poisonous liquid and an

old, dust-covered biscuit. Cactusbot said that these many things may be the key to defeating the other side. "That is all I have to say and now I have to go. Over and out." Now for the weather report - ZYT.

## Spongebob Square Pants

By Levi P, Year 2

Spongebob Square Pants is a TV show based on the character Spongebob. He lives in a pineapple under the sea. His best friend is Patrick Star and they enjoy adventures together. Patrick lives under a rock. Spongebob works at the Krusty Krab as a cook. He is a lot of fun to watch and the stories are very entertaining.



## The Missing Dolls

A scary story by Maya F, Year 5

Meet the characters:  
Ariella-7/

Chapter 1: Where are they?

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Ariella. She loved to play with her dolls every day. One day her dolls were not in their dollhouse so she checked her bedroom to see if she had put them there by accident. Ariella could not find them anywhere. "Where are my dolls, Mum?" she asked.

"I don't know sweetie, are they in your room?"

"I already checked there," Ariella sighed.

"Sorry hon, I can't help. I need to finish my work."

"Okaaaaaay (sigh)," Ariella replied sadly.

Chapter 2: Who are you?

"Hello Ariella," a mysterious voice whispered.



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"We've been looking for you Ariella," another voice added.

"Wh- who are you?" she asked in fear.

"We are your dolls. You treat us really badly!"

"Yes! Really badly!"

brush each tooth in little circles. Brush the top of your teeth by brushing back and forward along the top. Don't forget the back of your teeth too.

Brush your teeth twice a day for two minutes. You hear me? TWO MINUTES! Okay, okay. Good that you listened.

## Tips to Make Your Teeth Shiny

By Khangai D, Year 3

Teeth are precious and made of enamel, dentin, cementum, and pulp. Another fact about your teeth is that they are a little bit like icebergs. Humans have two sets of teeth: baby teeth (deciduous teeth) and adult teeth (permanent teeth). Your teeth are super delicate so be gentle.

If you want to have white, clean teeth you have to brush your teeth regularly. Cleaning your teeth can protect them from cavities which are also called holes and keeps your gums healthy too.

To brush your teeth you need to put toothpaste on your toothbrush then

## Neve's Fairy Stories

By Neve W, Year 1

Fairies are very interesting creatures because they have magical powers. When we are hurt, they help us to heal.

One day a person was hurt so one of the fairies helped the person that was very hurt.

The fairy did a spell that could make the person feel better. The person thanked the amazing fairy.

One day there was a lion with a long mane that grew and grew. Another lion tackled the lion and a little girl came. The lion looked at her and the little girl was shocked. Thankfully the amazing fairy pushed the fierce lion away, never to be seen again.

## No More Litter Bugs!

By Nora G, Year 4



Have you ever wondered what our world will turn out like if we keep on littering? The answer is a waste land where no living creature could survive! That's why I know we need to stop littering. It's an easy process and I'll tell you how in this text.

First, provide more bins everywhere so there's more places to put your rubbish. Even though it is just going to a landfill which used to be a lovely full of animals until we destroyed it, by filling it with rubbish.



Secondly reduce, reuse and recycle . Reduce the amount of stuff you buy and then throw away. Reuse what has had a life and could have another e.g.a worn out gumbout can become a flower pot or buy a reusable water bottle. Recycle what you can e.g some plastic, cardboard and paper.

Finally pick up rubbish, even if it's not yours because that still will save the world.Even though it can be a chore to some people, it will save the world, especially if you pick up a lot, but you still can do a little bit if you can't do a lot.

So save the world by getting more bins, reduce, reuse and recycle and pick up rubbish!

Also if you want more details read Ellie's article next.



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## Do Not Litter!

By Ellie M, Year 4

Have you ever dropped a piece of rubbish on the ground and not picked it up? Well then, you have littered! Littering is bad for the environment and causes major problems all over the world. So what exactly is littering?

Littering is the act of dropping a piece of rubbish on purpose. You have probably done this before. When you litter, there is one very important thing you must do: If you drop it on purpose, pick it up. If you did it by accident, pick it up. If you aren't sure if it was an accident or not, pick it up.

Has your house ever been so messy that even stepping a centimetre in front of you makes three things on the floor break? There are parts of Sydney that are just like that: covered in rubbish.

But what do you do once you have picked up the rubbish? Carry it around for the rest of your life? Make a rubbish collection? Create a robot made out of litter? Put it in the bin, of course! It's very simple. It's also a very short walk. If there's no bin in sight, put it in your pocket, your

bag or just hold it until you find one. But what would happen if you left it there?

If you leave rubbish lying there, it will go on a journey of destruction. It could be picked up by the wind and carried far away. It might fall into a gutter and end up in the middle of the ocean. A poor, innocent, helpless little animal may swallow it and die! Did you know that about 2.12 billion tons of waste is littered every year? Litter pollutes the earth, destroys our environment and kills animals. So we must stop littering. So what else can you do to help?



You don't have to do all of these actions, but you could start by:

- Don't just put litter in the bin at home or at school, put it in the bin no matter where you are

- Tell your friends and family to stop littering
- Support a nature-helping organisation
- Pick up rubbish on Clean Up Australia Day
- Pick up pieces of rubbish and put them in the bin (but wash your hands afterwards, and don't worry, you don't have to pick up every single piece)
- When you clean up your room or your house, put litter in the rubbish bin
- Reduce, reuse and recycle (see Nora G's article for more information)
- If you have some plastic bottles or cans which are in a good enough condition, you can take them to a place called Return and Earn to recycle them! (Plus, you can get 10c for each bottle!)
- Put litter in the right bin. If you don't understand, ask your parents/carers or your friends. They'll probably know.



With your help, we can work towards a brighter future. All this goes to show that we must stop littering. voice.

## Fun Science Experiments for Kids and Tweens

By Billy P, Year 6

Some people think science is boring. Boring, boring, boring! After you read this, that mind of yours will change. Here are some amazing ideas for fun science experiments to do at home.

### Elephant's toothpaste



This is fun, exciting and a bit messy. Do this project outside if you can and watch a massive bottle explode out a foamy and runny substance. Here are the steps to make elephant's toothpaste:

1. Add 1 tablespoon of dish soap into your bottle or vessel.

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2. Measure  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of hydrogen peroxide and pour into your vessel with the dish soap. Swirl to mix.
3. Add 10 drops of food colouring (your choice of colour) either into the mixture or pour along the sides of the bottle or vessel.
4. Place a cookie sheet or large tray under your bottle/vessel.
5. In a separate cup, mix one tablespoon of yeast and three tablespoons of warm water and stir until you have made a consistent slurry.
6. Quickly pour the yeast mixture into the vessel and step back and watch!

## Create a scratch project

Scratch is a free coding website where you can create your own games and animations. On this website you can improve your maths, science and of course gaming. If you want to sign up then:

1. Go to this website with this link. <https://scratch.mit.edu/>
2. Click the join scratch button
3. Pick a username (don't use your real name)
4. Click the create button and start programming.

There are tutorials to help you make your first projects.

Here are some ideas to kick you off:

- A pong game
- A clicker game
- An animation of a trip
- Superman flying in the city

## Grow an avocado tree

A great experiment is to grow an avocado tree. This involves a jar, an avocado seed, two toothpicks, water and string.

1. Crack the seed lightly and put the string in.
2. Hang the seed over the jar while filling the jar with half a finger of water.
3. Grab the toothpicks and stick them into the seed on either side of the seed.
4. Hang the seed with the toothpicks over the jar.
5. Let the string absorb water and watch the seed grow.
6. When big enough, remove the toothpicks and put the seed in soil.

Thanks for reading this and enjoy experimenting!

## The Dragon

By Daisy L, Year 1

Once there was a cute little girl who had a pet dragon. The dragon wasn't too scary; it was a nice dragon. The little girl loved her pet dragon especially when she played with her.

One day, a monster crashed into the city and people screamed in fright. The little girl's dragon came out and saved the day. The dragon roared twice and the monster ran away and everyone yelled hooray!

They all lived happily ever after including the little girl and her pet dragon.

## Braces

By Emily T, Year 3



When you have braces, it is really annoying. When you are about to get braces you wonder, "I don't know what to eat when I get braces." If that happens to you, you may want to keep reading. When you have braces, you can eat a lot of foods like mashed potatoes, custard, ice cream, smoothies, stew, soup, cooked veggies, pasta and yoghurt.

You cannot eat lollipops or ice because they can damage the brackets and wires. Raw carrots and celery should be avoided because of the crunchiness. Hard bread crusts and pizza crusts can break or bend the wires. Popcorn kernels can get lodged between the braces and teeth. Tim Tams, ginger nuts and other hard biscuits can be difficult to eat and may damage the braces. Chewing gum can be difficult to remove from braces, and gummy bears can be difficult to remove from the braces. Caramels, toffees and liquorice can become stuck on the braces and pull the braces away from the teeth. Biting into corn on the cob can bend the wires and even break the bonding that holds brackets onto the teeth.

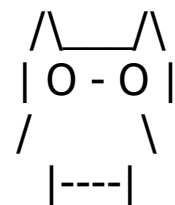
When your mum or dad says, "You're getting braces!" you're likely to think nooooooooooooo! But there are many benefits to having braces.

Firstly, at the dentist, you can choose any colour. The most popular colours are blue, purple, green, red and pink. It might hurt to eat for a few days but then it is fine. Finally, when your braces come off, you have amazing teeth for the rest of your life.

## Why Join StoryChasers?

By Jeremy B, Year 5

Do you have a mind of infinite dreams? Create stories that you always wanted to make! You can make as many stories as you want if you join next term! You will never have any problems as we are here to help you make a story!



You can make wonder and create stories untold! The stories in this edition will keep you dreaming until you reach your goal! In fact, reading can help you educate yourself, giving you a more successful life!



## My Guinea Pigs' Origin Stories

By Liam O, Year 4

### **FROSTY**

Frosty's origin story started a long time ago when he got bought by a DIFFERENT family. The family loved Frosty but just couldn't take care of him. Why?

They didn't give him enough food or water.

They didn't give him enough space.

They didn't trim his nails.

Because of all of this, Frosty was getting REALLY REALLY skinny. This looked like the end for Frosty...But that was not his end.

As I said, "The family loved Frosty" so they gave him to a rescue guinea pig centre where we bought him along with another guinea pig, Scotty.

P.S. Frosty was the best guinea pig anyone could ever wish for.

### **SCOTTY**

Now Scotty was found in a garden with his mum and sister (survivor guinea pig). The person who

owned the garden called the rescue guinea pig centre and they picked him up and paired him with Frosty. Unfortunately that didn't work out well because Scotty argued with Frosty so we had to separate them.

Not long after that, Scotty got an infection on his foot and we had to take him to the vet so he could heal. After that, Scotty went back to his normal life alone in his very own cage.

P.S. Scotty is the most cowboy guinea pig anyone could wish for.

### **TRIFLE**

Trifle's origin story is very short. He was born in the guinea pig centre because his mum was a rescue guinea pig. When Scotty and Frosty got separated, we got Trifle to be Frosty's friend. Trifle loved his new dad and Frosty was a great dad but he had a problem. And it was that he got constipated a lot. (Back to Trifle...)

Trifle learnt the ways of the guinea pig from his dad and when Frosty passed away...Trifle knew how to be a good guinea pig. Did you know that Trifle has a nickname? It's called Trifle Vazachariversacharevasecherivasacherifle.



P.S: Trifle is a nice and successful guinea pig (like his dad).

## ZACH

Zach's story is different from all the other guinea pigs because his starts with a one hour drive. Yep, a one hour drive with a guinea pig in the car. Why would we do that? To get Trifle a new friend so he didn't die like his old partner did. (Back to driving)

Trifle spent two whole hours in the car: One hour spent going to a guinea pig owner and seeing if Zach would like him, and the other hour spent with Zach, painfully driving back home.

I am guessing Zach is a great partner (just like Frosty) because Trifle was found popcorning, yes I said popcorning. Popcorning is when a guinea pig is really happy and they start doing crazy jumps. To be honest I think I have seen every one of my guinea pigs popcorn at least one but just not been bothered enough to find out what it is.

P.S. Zach is a great partner for Trifle and is growing really big. He is just like Frosty, big, hairy, and cute (all my guinea pigs are or were cute).

## The Scary Fiery Dragon

By Maia B, Year 2

Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess who lived in a fabulous palace.

One day the princess was sleeping and a dragon swooped down and flattened part of the palace. The princess woke up and felt really scared.

The dragon captured her and took her to his cave. It was very dark. The dragon really, really, really wanted to eat her up.

While he was telling the princess he really, really, really wanted to eat her up, the prince swooped in using a rope from the sky (the fairies were holding onto the rope) and defeated the dragon.

The princess felt happy over the prince. They called a builder to fix the palace. Once the palace was fixed, the princess and the prince married.



## The Forest Disappearances

By Miguel D, Year 5

In Bucky Lake County, everything was just fine. The modern houses scattered on the sides of the pathway looked straight out of a real estate house magazine. As the streetlamp stationed on the concrete pathway flickered to dark, Jake looked out of the glass window. He squinted his eyes at a black silhouette just near the forest boundary for the fifth time this week. He could swear it was real, he knew it was. It was just too real to dismiss as a window smudge. Even though he wouldn't obtain anything staring at this "smudge," he continued gazing at it, mindless, like he was hypnotised, until his parents practically kicked open the door and ordered him to pull the curtains of that window closed and go back to sleep.

Reluctantly, he pulled on a thin line dragging down on the edge of the rolled up curtain. After the curtain covered the moonlight shooting out of the window, his room was covered in complete darkness. He jumped on his bed and pulled on his covers so that it reached his chin. After a bit of shuffling to find the perfect position, he lay his head on the rough pillow and closed his eyes, waiting for the dark, inky void of sleep to pull him in once again.

The annoying light of the sun, once again

shone through the thin layer of fabric his curtain was made of. It took Jake quite a while to adjust to this level of light. As he hesitantly pulled himself from the warm and comforting covers of the mattress, he pulled on the line that opened the curtains.

He was blinded by the light of the morning sun. He quickly turned away and reached for the doorknob. As he walked through the white corridor, Jake looked at paintings mounted on the wall. He cringed at all of the baby pictures his parents took of him wearing a superhero jacket or posing like one. He told himself not to look at the embarrassing paintings and reached the stairway.

He held the wooden railing as he walked down the flight of stairs. As he reached the dining room he opened the pantry cupboard. He got hold of a box of cereal and set it on the wooden table. He walked to the fridge door. It was oddly quiet. Suspicious, he thought, his parents would probably come running to hug him.

He saw a suspicious note on the fridge. He ripped it off and read the permanent ink marking on the yellow paper. Oh. His parents went on a 48 hour trip to the Bahamas, apparently because they needed a quick visual reset. Jake knew the truth, they needed a quick break from him. No worries, he thought, he could take care of himself. But, the good thing out of this was that he had no boundaries, and he had a nice plan to pass the time. Jake grinned

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to himself, this would be fun. He grabbed his old phone his Mom had before she got a new one. He jotted in the password and opened the phone app. He typed in the phone number of his friend, Mark. A few minutes later, he could hear a bicycle park in the front of his driveway. Later a knock on the door echoed across the room. Jake reached for the doorknob and slipped the door open. His friend Markus entered the room, he was rather skinny and he wore a black t-shirt about aliens. They instantly got to gaming. A few hours later Markus got up from the couch and put down the controller.

"I'm leavin' bruh. This stuff is boring," Markus stated. Markus started towards the door, until Jake shot up and desperately screamed, "WE'LL GO TO THE FOREST!" Markus turned around. He was a fanatic urban explorer, adventuring to a creepy forest would be the dream for him. Markus left the door immediately. It was only a few minutes before returning with flashlights and backpacks presumably filled to the brim with food and much more. Enjoying his mysterious appearance, he confidently said, "Let's go."

After the duo got on bikes and drove to the forest perimeter, Jake got chills staring at the inky dark corrupting the forest. "Hey um, maybe we should go back," stuttered Jake.

"Are you seriously chickening out on me bruh?", questioned Markus.

Jake had no choice but to go. As they marched into the inky darkness of the forest, the duo turned on the flashlights and, with a bit of extra light, marched deeper into the forest, as the welcoming, bright sunny neighborhood disappeared into the darkness. As they marched deeper, Jake saw a shadow skim across the foliage. He gulped, and tried to turn away until Markus got a firm grip on his shoulder. Jake instantly faced forward when Markus gave him a concerned look. They walked deeper into the forest. Jake could see more shadows disappearing into the bush.

They came across a huge clearing, a quite odd sight in the forest. There were blood marks on the floor and scratches lining the scarred ground. Before Jake could react, a loud scream echoed through the large trees. Ok it was definitely time to go. Jake sprinted as far as he could away from the forest. He could hear huge footsteps crunching the leaves and ruining the foliage, chasing after him. As he broke the forest boundary he collapsed into a heap on the ground. He looked into the deep dark forest and no one was following him. But what could that be?

He saw a glint in the darkness but it soon disappeared. He walked back home and sat on the couch. He unsheathed his phone, and he got a new email, it was a video posted by Markus, a livestream actually. He could see his friend stomping through the leaves, following a cry from the forest.

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He was whining about how Jake left him because he chickened out. Markus soon got to a clearing, a bloodied body of a person, presumably female, sat next to the trunk of a tree. As Markus got closer asking if she needed help, she let out a deafening screech and morphed into a grey monster. Before Jake could see what happened the footage cut out.

As Jake sat on his bed thinking about what happened to Markus. He heard a whisper coming from his windowsill. Jake crawled out of the bed sheets and peeked into the dark night covered by a glass pane. He saw the black figure on the edge of the road. It had moved. Every time Jake blinked the figure got closer until it was staring directly at him in front of his windowsill. He blinked again and it was gone.

Jake heard the doorbell scream, reducing any of the silence before into ash. Jake Silently crept into his Dad's room. He opened the glass pane guarding his hunting rifle. After Jake equipped his Dad's rifle he crawled downstairs, into the foyer. He heard the sound of a key squirming in the lock. The door slid open, Jake readied his rifle, and his parents walked out. What?

Jake thought it was the black figure that was going to stand in the entryway, not his Mum and Dad. Jake dropped the rifle and embraced his Mum with a hug. Apparently the family has to go home earlier because of a delay. Jake sat on the edge of his bed. What the hell was happening?! But all Jake

knew was that he needed to know. As he peeked through the window he noticed that the policemen set up borders around the forest perimeter. Jake made a plan, in the dead of night he would sneak into the forest with a hunting rifle and kill what killed his friend. Legs shaking with determination he watched as the clock mounted on the opposite wall of his bed ticked to indicate it was midnight. Carefully prying open the glass protecting the hunting rifle, he equipped it on his shoulder and snuck out.

Running through the muddy bush, he reached the forest. Watching the darkness hiding beyond the trees, Jake hesitated for a second, but then, reassuring that he was armed, he marched on.

As he ran deeper into the forest, he could feel piercing eyes watching him through the darkness. As he reached the clearing, he saw, laying against a tree, his friend, half dead, eyes rolling up to his eyelids, gently whispering for help. Jake readied the rifle and emptied his ammo out on the creature.

Layered with lead, Markus's imposter morphed into a grey-scaled creature with a long gaping mouth and proceeded to charge at Jake with malicious intent. Jake turned running through the forest, footsteps echoing behind him. Jake was tired, panting for air, heart lit aflame, as he saw the moonlit escape beckoning him, almost as if entities above willed it to happen, Jake tripped on roots protruding

out of the undergrowth, paralyzed in fear, he watched as the creature stood over him, dragging him through the mud deeper into the forest, he tried to scream, tried to get help, fingernails cutting through the mud, but his mouth wouldn't even let out a whisper. Eyes bulging out with horror he was dragged into the darkness, in which he would never be seen again.

Police guarded the Chimpanwee residence, as the deputy sheriff questioned a bawling couple, cloth gripped to their nose. "Where's my son Sheriff, where is he?", cried the Mom as the Dad, also crying, rubbed her shoulder.

"He was last seen at the forest, missing, along with his friend, Markus Maluk, along with another string of disappearances. I swear, Mrs Chimpanwee, we will find your son."

As the sheriff finished his conversation he stepped outside to the abandoned porch, "I want every officer we have available to search that forest until every corner is cleared out, now!"

And so, following the Sheriff's orders, the officers got into their assigned cars and drove through the grassy lanes into the forest boundary, hoping to find at least a grain of a hint to what happened to the two boys who entered the forest, and never came back.

Extra information:

I inspired this story after a genre called analog horror. Analog horror is basically

the normal horror we know and fear, but captured in VHS and other old school items. It typically uses old distorted jazz and other old techniques to make it scary, now about the story. It was based off the idea that people will go missing in the woods, mainly captured by a creature who would lure people to it using other people. The black smudge was just a way personalised to Jake to lure him in. Markus was just an extra treat. I hope you enjoyed this story.

## Chicken Schnitzel Recipe

By Aleah S, Year 1



You will need:

- 3 bowls
- 1 plate
- 1 frypan
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup plain flour
- Chicken breasts
- 2 cups breadcrumbs
- oil



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Method:

1. Pour flour into a bowl
2. Crack the eggs into a second bowl
3. Place bread crumbs in a third bowl
4. Put a piece of chicken into each of the bowls and cover each side
5. Heat a pan on medium-high heat with enough oil to cover the base
6. Fry chicken until golden and cooked through on each side

## AFL

By Annabella B, Year 6

The Australian Football League, also called the AFL, is only played in Australia. This sport is super fun and is played by Aussies across Australia.

There are 18 teams in the AFL. These teams are in the order of the AFL ladder this year from first to last:

1. Brisbane Lions
2. Collingwood
3. Hawthorn
4. Gold Coast Suns
5. Adelaide Crows
6. Western Bulldogs
7. Geelong Cats
8. GWS Giants
9. Fremantle
10. St Kilda
11. Essendon
12. Port Adelaide

13. Carlton
14. Sydney Swans
15. Melbourne
16. Richmond
17. North Melbourne
18. West Coast Eagles

This year is the Western Bulldog's 100th year anniversary! I was lucky enough to be at their match.

You can search for the matches and scores by going to [www.afl.com.au](http://www.afl.com.au) and click on the Matches tab.

### Team Captains

Adelaide Crows: Jordan Dawson

Brisbane Lions: Harris Andrews and Lachie Neale

Carlton: Patrick Cripps

Collingwood: Darcy Moore

Essendon: Zach Merrett

Fremantle: Alex Pearce

Geelong: Patrick Dangerfield

Gold Coast: Noah Anderson

GWS giants: Toby Greene

Hawthorn: James Sicily

Melbourne: Max Gawn

North Melbourne: Jy Simpkin

Port Adelaide: Connor Rozee

Richmond: Toby Nankervis

St Kilda: Jack Steele

Sydney: Callum Mills

West Coast: Liam Duggan and Oscar Allen

Western Bulldogs: Marcus Bontempelli

## How to Look After a Bearded Dragon

By Archie W, Year 5

To keep a reptile of any kind, you will need a licence. A reptile licence is basically a car licence but for keeping a lizard. You can pick from many reptiles but I chose a rankins dragon. They are similar to a bearded dragon but only need half the care to keep them healthy and happy.

Bearded dragons grow up to 60cm from head to tail so you need a tank that is at least 100cm long x 50cm wide x 60cm high. Use soil, sand or recycled paper to line the tank. They like branches and rocks to climb so include those too.

Make sure that the temperature of their home has a 'hot end' (35-40°C) and a 'cool end' (25-28°C). They should get plenty of sunlight each day to help them survive and be healthy.

Bearded dragons are omnivorous which means they eat meat and plants. They become more herbivorous when they are older. Feed them a range of vegetables and insects including moths, crickets, cockroaches and beetles, as well as spiders. Make sure they have fresh and clean water at all times.

It is also important to keep your bearded dragon's enclosure clean to keep it healthy.

Make sure you play with it so it gets used to human touch and is socialised.

Having a pet bearded dragon is a big responsibility. You have to make sure it is fed, watered, gets exercise and sunlight every day.



## Grow a Garden

By Christopher G & Mikiya Y, Year 6

Grow a Garden is a Roblox game where you, well, grow a garden!

### The Start

When you join grow a garden, you start with something called shekels. Think of them as dollars. You get 20 to start off with to buy two carrot seeds from the seed shop. Next, you place the seed, wait for it to grow, then collect and sell it to the selling merchant. This earns you more shekels to buy more seeds for your garden.

### Seeds

The way Grow a Garden works is that every five minutes the game will say, "The seed stock has reset!" This allows you to see what is in stock and have other opportunities for different seeds. Not every seed restocks when it resets. If the seeds

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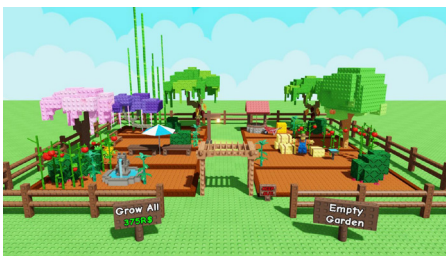
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are rarer, the lower the chance of the seed restocking.

The common seeds are carrot, strawberry, blueberry, tomato, orange tulip, corn and daffodil. Legendary seeds include watermelon, pumpkin, apple and bamboo. The mythical seeds are coconut, cactus, dragonfruit and mango.

## Rarities for seeds

Seeds in the shop have chances from 100% to nearly impossible to appear in the shop.



## Scaly the Dragon

By Clara S, Year 2

Once upon a time there were two dragons who had a baby called Scaly. These dragons had impressive magical powers.

One day, Scaly heard her parents talking about how there was a fiery spark heading toward their dragon village. This made Scaly scared.

Suddenly there was a loud "bang!" on her window. Scaly sat up quickly and peered through her curtains. There she saw an

old woman carrying a wicker basket. In the basket, Scaly noticed a fiery spark. "This is the fiery spark my parents were talking about!" she whispered.

Scaly wanted to save the village from the old woman and the fiery spark. It was time she used her magical powers...

To be continued.

## Henry the Cute Panda

By Clive M, Year 2

Once upon a time there was a cute panda named Henry who lived in a beautiful bamboo forest. One day Henry discovered he was a ninja!

The first time he needed his ninja skills was challenging. He came across a huge and angry rhino. Suddenly Henry decided to play some relaxing ninja music and the rhino calmed down.

Another time a giant spider appeared and wanted to take over the world. Henry used his ninja skills to talk the spider out of it.

One time, Henry was swimming in the ocean and saw an enormous shark appear below him. Henry needed something to help him breathe underwater. "I could really use a snorkel," he thought. "And a ninja super suit."

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Henry dressed in his ninja snorkel and his underwater ninja super suit. He dived back into the ocean but could not find trouble anywhere.

Finally Henry found the shark. He then noticed it wasn't a shark. It was a metal robot shark. Henry quickly got a lot of magnets and destroyed the robot shark.

## Brian in the Dark Dream

By Dante F, Year 1

Once upon a time there was a little boy called Brian. Brian had a mum but his dad died in the war.

One night Brian went to sleep. Brian dreamed of living in a candy land. There was a problem however that Brian didn't know about. The problem was the dark land was spreading across the whole candy land. Somehow Brian wasn't scared to fight it but he couldn't stop thinking of his dad.

Suddenly a flying cockroach came from a dark castle in the dark land. Brian saw a sword and some armour so he grabbed it. Then Brian said, "I am not scared of you and..."

A flying snake popped from behind a rock. It said, "Me...yessssss."

"Who are you?"

"I'm Ssssstento, King and God of Snake(ssss)."

"How did you know what I was thinking?" asked Brian.

"I have mind reading powers."

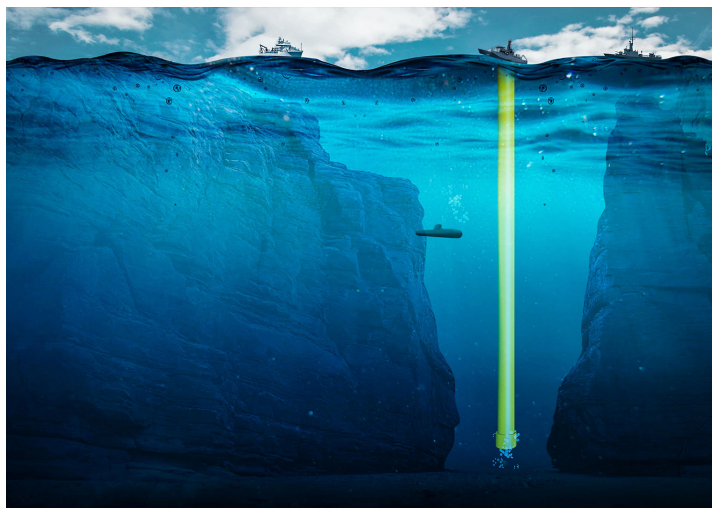
Brian then heard something behind him. He turned to find...

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## Mariana Trench

By Freddie N, Year 1

The Mariana Trench is in the Pacific Ocean. It is the deepest trench on the planet. It is deeper than the highest mountain is tall. Did you know that there are five levels to the Mariana Trench? What do you think is down there?





## Happy Puppies

By Milly E, Year 6

The must-see advice column for all dog owners and fans!

Hey there! I'm so glad you're reading this! I am assuming that, if you are, it is because you either have a dog and want to learn more about owning them or you want to let a new family member into your life - a friend who will be with you through thick and thin. Perhaps you don't have a dog but still adore them and want to know how to look after them. Well, doggy fans, you've got the right idea, because these canine creatures make great pals. Of course, dogs can be a lot of work (especially puppies!) and you will need to learn how to treat them, train them and, of course, keep them safe.

### Getting a dog

When you are getting a new dog, you need to make sure to be prepared. Some things you should buy are:

- Toys! You can buy a few before, then get to know your dog and buy some more for them when you know what they need and like to play with.
- Treats and chews. Dogs love to chew! You can get chews and treats such as raw bones\*, pigs ears, animal hooves and many more.
- Dog bed. The dog wants to have a comfortable place to sleep and rest!

\* Cooked bones are not safe to give your

dog because they can splinter and hurt them. If you do give your dog a bone, make sure it's a raw, uncooked bone and supervise them at all times. You can also use fake bones for maximised safety.

- A dog bed
- A containment space such as a crate (completely optional!)
- You might also want to buy a baby gate and put it in a small room that your dog can stay in when it isn't roaming the house.
- A dog bowl
- Collar and leash
- Harness
- Droppings bags



### Early training

When you get a dog, you will need to do some training to help it learn how to behave. It is best to start early on, with simple commands such as sit. Here are two essential commands to teach your dog:

### Responding to its name

1. Stand close to your dog in a small room without any distractions. Attach the leash loosely and have a small treat in



your hand e.g. a piece of kibble.

2. Look away from your dog while holding your treat hand behind your back. In a few seconds, you can look at them and say their name in an enthusiastic voice.
3. As soon as the dog makes eye contact, reward them with the treat and a positive word like good boy/girl, 'nice', or 'good job'
4. Repeat step 3 ten or more times, then up the challenge by increasing the distance between you and your dog. Do this for 5 to 10 minutes daily.

Tip: if this exercise isn't working, hold the treat to your dog's nose and move it up to your face, then say its name. It will follow the treat and make eye contact with you. Then try these steps again.

## Sit

1. Put a treat in your hand and close it. Let them sniff it so they know it's there.
2. Move the treat up over the dog's eyebrows. The dog will know to put its bottom on the ground
3. Say the command sit when its bottom touches the ground and does not leave it, then praise them and give them the treat
4. Repeat up to ten times

## Toilet Training

Just like young children, your puppy might have trouble going to the bathroom in the right place at the right time. Don't worry! I can help you with that. From personal experience, my dog didn't take very long

to learn that when he needs to do his business, he has to go outside. Here's how you teach them:

Your puppy will not want to pee or poop in your house, so if they need to go, they may bark. You should make sure to take them outside frequently to give them plenty of chances to do their business.

It is perfectly normal for your puppy to have a few accidents here and there in the early stages. Sometimes, your pup might not want to go out, even if they need to. In that case, you can throw a few treats on the lawn and see if they go and do their business.

You can often tell when your dog needs to go to the doggy bathroom, as their bottom half might move in a strange, wiggly way. When your dog is having a wee or poo (yes, I know it sounds weird and gross) you can say something encouraging to them that you will repeat whenever they do that or you want to prompt them to go do their business. My family says "get busy!" whenever her dog does this, but it can be whatever you want.

## Top 10 Most Popular Dog Breeds in Australia for 2025

Which is your favourite?

1. Cavoodle
2. French Bulldog
3. Golden Retriever
4. Border Collie
5. Groodle

6. Miniature Dachshund
7. German Shepherd
8. Labrador
9. Maltese
10. Poodle

## My Birthday Celebration

By Jana E, Year 2

On the school holidays it was my birthday. First I got dressed then I went to the Easter Show. When we went to the Easter Show, I had my fan painted as a magic unicorn. After that we went on the boat ride. Then we went on a jumping castle but then we had to go to the hospital because my little sister got hurt. Finally we could go home and that was my birthday.

## Best Friends

By Nomin-Erdene M, Year 1

My best friends are Neve and Uda. Do you have a best friend? I am going to tell you how to get BFFs (best friends forever).

First, I gave Neve a BFF necklace. Second, Uda is Mongolian like me and my cousin encouraged me to be her friend.

That is how you start to make a best friend. You need to give more than you take, and find something you both have in common

## Rick Riordan

By Mahi P, Year

Rick Riordan is a famous author who has written many books. These include Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Heroes Of Olympus, Trials of Apollo and Kane Chronicles. Rick Riordan's books are described as adventures (or adventure genre) which I wasn't always interested in. After reading Rick Riordan's books I really got into adventure.

The Percy Jackson series is based on Greek mythology. Percy Jackson's dad is Poseidon. Poseidon's brothers are Zeus and Hades. Zeus' children are Thalia and Jason Grace. Hades' son is Nico di Angelo. All three weren't supposed to have children. The only reason they did have kids was because they had a powerful relationships with women and wanted to continue the generation of Half-Bloods.

My favorite series by Rick Riordan is the Percy Jackson series Which is what Rick Riordan is most famous for. This series has 6 books:

1. The Lightning Thief
2. The Sea of Monsters
3. The Titan's Curse
4. The Battle of THE Labyrinth
5. The Last Olympian
6. The Chalice of the Gods

## The Matildas

By Inika E, Year 4

Out of so many Australian soccer teams, we all know and support the Matildas. The Matildas are a stunning soccer team. Everyone is so skilled! Their coaches are Tom Sermanni (Head Interim coach), Mel Andreatta (Assistant Coach), Jean-paul De Marigny (Assistant Coach) and Tony Franken (Goalkeeping Coach). I'm sure it would be amazing to train the Matildas!

You probably want to know who plays for this extraordinary team, so I'll tell you. The goalkeepers are Mackenzie Arnold, Chloe Lincon and Teagan Micah. Defenders include Ellie Carpenter, Winonah Heatly, Steph Catley, Charlotte Grant, Clare Hunt, Alannah Kennedy, Natasha Prior, Courtney Nevin, and Jamilla Rankin.

The Midfielders are Kyra Cooney-Cross, Leah Davidson, Clare Wheeler, Tameka Yallop, and Emily Van Egmond. The strikers are Sam Kerr, Catlin Foord, Michelle Heyman, Mary Fowler, Holly McNamara, Hayley Raso, and Kaitlyn Torpey.

Wow, that's a lot of team members! Who's your favourite? Personally, I love Kyra Cooney-Cross and Ellie Carpenter.

The Matildas are so dedicated to soccer, that they have represented Australia eight times in the FIFA women's world cup! This magnificent team is so famous that their match against England holds the world record for most watched television program

- sport or otherwise - since 2001, when the existing rating system was established.

There are also young Matildas, who were inspired by the actual Matildas so much that they followed in the footsteps of everyone in the amazing team.

I have only ever been to one of their games and it was packed in the stadium! At that game, I went out onto the pitch with the opposing team, South Korea. I also saw Sam Kerr. She smiled and waved at me!

## Fortnite

By Tyler B, Year 3

Fortnite is a game for 13 years and older. The point of the game is trying to shoot someone. It's not real life and there's no blood. If you don't have skins, don't stress because that's not the point of the game.

In Battle Royale, when you die, you have to wait until the next game. There are also other games like Crazy Red vs Blue.

When you play Fortnite, you can talk to your friends. If you want to shoot, you press R1. If you win Battle Royale three times you can get skins.

If you find a chest press square, collect the weapons with the square. You might want to collect these skins:

Mush Mello, Dead Pool, Wolverine, Big Chicken, Mr. Beast, Darth Vader,

Stormtrooper, Godzilla & King Kong.

You can get dance moves like the Griddy, Boxing and Floss.

There's also games including Fail Guys, Save the World, LEGO Fortnite, & Crazy Red vs Blue.

## The Birthday Party

By Max M, Year 3

One day my friends and I got an invitation to Harry's birthday party. We were all so excited because it was at a place where everything was squishy, including all the games, toys and even the tables and chairs. My friend Mickey asked, "Are the food and drinks made out of squishy stuff too?"

I laughed, "Bro, of course not."

On the day of the party, we were all chatting about the cool stuff we were going to do.

The first game was hide and seek. "Ready or not, here I come," Corey said and as soon as he said it, Dolshevia said, "Get out of here, this is my spot!"

I said, 'Bro, calm down, it's a game not a competition. It's a fun birthday party.'

The next game was mingle to play. You have to ride the plastic horses.

The game started. First it was four. I had five people with me but my friend Mickey ran out. I hoped he made it to the second round. I was scared but realised I had a second left to close the door and I remembered if I didn't close the door in time I'd be gone so I closed it in time. I went on the horse and so many people were out but guess what? All of my friends were still there!

We then got into groups of ten. I looked outside and another group was about to close the door but Dolshevia pushed a person out the door and closed the door and said to them 'who's next?' Everyone shook their head. A bit later I went back and then they called out two. I ran in with Mickey. A while later everyone started getting mad and said stop the game! Do another vote! Some wanted to continue. I voted to stop and then everyone on the left said 'stop the games or x' and everyone on the right said 'one more game or o means go!'

Everyone went louder till I said, 'stop screaming so loud!' The parents said the vote hadn't ended. I had already voted to stop but then everyone who hadn't voted said 'one more game, one more game, one more game!' They all voted o so they continued but then I realised one person voted x and his best friend voted o and the guy who voted o was Dolshevia!

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A bit later the guy who voted x got sad. Dolshevia said he was sorry. I said his apology was accepted and we got three slices of cake and five party bags and I became friends with Dolshevia again!

## Battle For Dream Island (BFDI)

By Mikiya Y, Year 6

BFDI is the very first object show created on Youtube. This show has five seasons from the very beginning of 2010 to today! A comic that Cary Huang (the creator) made was the inspiration for this show. This show was inspired by another show for audiences 15+.

The first season had simple challenges hosted by a speaker box (a robot sounding speaker) and after each challenge, a specific number of people would be up for elimination. At first, the teams that would be up for elimination were called the Squishy Cherries Squashy Grapes until there was a team called Team No-name which is a name you will see throughout the seasons and it would lead up to three finalists who had a chance to win Dream Island BUT! It was stolen and BFDI 25: Return the Hang Gliders was the last time we saw Dream Island. Those contestants are not all in Season 2.

Season 2 had a lot of the contestants split up because of one random video before

the season where the viewers voted on what contestants would join the game. But there were things wrong with BFDIA...The speaker box wasn't there, they jumped from host to host and the season discontinued after a year. This was different and after BFDIA 5e, there wasn't another episode until 2016.

There was a hiatus from 2014 to early 2016 (no episodes). The creators were not animating due to some factors including a YouTube AdSense suspension which meant they were not earning a cent. They started this animation when they were 12, and burnout took hold. An amazing Google employee saw their frustration and brought back their AdSense account which meant...



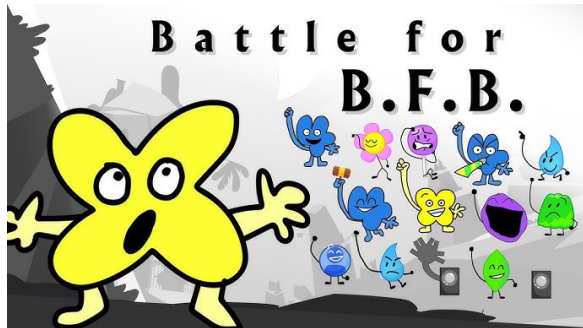
Season 3 2016 IDFB! BFDI was back but was it really? Actually, no, this season had only one episode with POLISHED AND HIGH QUALITY animation. This was what caused IDFB die as it was very hard and time consuming for the creators. The fact that they were now in college didn't help so this season was scrapped.



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We finally got a season that wasn't and it was SEASON 4!



SEASON 4A - late 2017 to 2019 - BFB: This season had a full crew working on it and it had the sloppy and very funny animation but the host wasn't an electronic like the last few hosts. the hosts were Four and X which were a species called algebralian which were numbers and letters!

There were 64 contestants battling for a thing called a BFDI and I don't know why but people who were eliminated were sucked into a class but that's besides the point. This was the best season and most of the contestants were recommended by viewers.

Season 4 had a huge outflow of lava and is now burnt into a crisp PLUS some of the eliminated contestants escaped and were in Season 4B. This other number which has the name two has shown up and takes nearly all the contestants but this means the next part will be different!

SEASON 4B - 2019 to early 2021: A new location, a new era, 14 contestants left.

This is the new part of Season 4. The episodes were visited by recommended characters. We are in the pillary ruins and then on a field trip to the desert but... the speaker box came back and took over the final three episodes of the season which made four decrease into the ground and become the desert.

The season was long but really entertaining and it ended with Leafy and Fiery finding an island and making a new dream island.



SEASON 5 - early 2021 to NOW! BFDI:TPOT: Tpot started before BFB ended and is still making episodes to this day. Now these episodes are always at least 20 minutes which is good because the challenges can be really entertaining for viewers. I'd say the best episode so far is BFDI:TPOT: 15: Seasonal Shift because they really bring nostalgia back and give polished animation. As there is a team instead of only two people, it isn't too hard for the creators! The host of the show took 40 of the 64 contestants from BFB and let three

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people join the game making 43 people.

SEASON 2 AGAIN! Late 2023 to NOW!  
- BFDIA: With even MORE polished animation, this season has longer challenges that are GREAT! This season has been switching teams and switching the hosts over and over again from Firey speaker box to Puffball speaker box to Flower (a villain of season 1) to Bugs??? to the LOLers (locker of losers) and then the WTFers (weak trembling fortress) but the last two are contestants that are hosting which doesn't make sense.

## Dark Magic

A story about betrayal

By Sharlin S, Year 3

"LUNA WAKE UP, IT'S ALREADY 5AM!"  
Penelope screamed.

"Penny, it's 5AM! Give me sleep..."  
RING DING DING RING DING RING!  
Luna and Penny arrived at the training dormitories and put their bags away. "Are you sure this is the place?"

"Yes it is, c'mon!" They bolted to their dorm, giggling as they went.  
As Luna sat on a broken bed, she thought of Arielle, her old friend. They say she died in a plane crash, but a part of Luna knows Arielle is still alive. She heard a knock on her door but ignored it.  
The ringing wouldn't stop so she got up

and opened the door. Luna saw a note covered in pinkish looking blood. Gross! She picked it up and opened it, only for it to reveal a code. "21916?? What a bad passcode." She threw it over her shoulder but then a weird voice came from behind her and she felt claws scratching her back.

She read the paper again but this time is said, "The woods is where you need to find her, go quick." Luna dropped the piece of paper and, as it touched the floor, the lights got dimmer. She saw black figures coming closer and closer, and the outside was black from her view.

Penelope tapped Luna's shoulder. "Hey, you okay?"

"Uhm, yeah! Yeah..." Luna replied.

"I know my best friend. You're not fine!"

Luna ran off, out of the dormitories faster than the speed of light!

"A mortal...gross!" a voice said. It sounded like the voice Luna heard before. She froze, shocked by what she saw in front of her. A beautiful lady with brown flowy, luscious hair, green emerald eyes, and an amazing dress.

"So you found me, huh? I never knew I was known as alive."

"Arielle? I-is that you?"

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"Please, take this and go. It will lead you back to your real world."

Luna moved closer to Arielle, but when Arielle turned around, she pounced on Luna. "RUN YOU MORTALS CANNOT STAY HERE ANY LONGER!" Arielle hissed. Her snake-like teeth scaring Luna even more.

To be continued...

## Spell: The Lessons

By Chloe Z, Year 3

Amber woke up excitedly, because today was the once-a-year free sale at Starbucks and all of her friends were going to meet there. Amber changed into a brown aesthetic style since it was the colour of coffee.

When Amber met her friends at Starbucks, they played a game of chess and all won free coffee, cookies and chocolate bars. "This is so much fun!" exclaimed Imogen.

All the girls then went on a shopping spree and bought around fifty clothes each. Caty told the girls that she had invited them all to come to her house for a sleepover. The girls started squealing when Caty said it was a Starbucks themed sleepover with Starbucks balloons, pillows and Starbucks prizes. "OMG, this is going to be the best party ever!" exclaimed Amber.

"It's going to be the best party in the world!" added Imogen. The girls said their

goodbyes and Amber and Imogen walked together. "Amber, could I hang out at your place for a while before the sleepover?" she asked.

"Sure, Mum and Dad are at home this weekend so we can go to my room and hang or talk or draw and there's lots of entertainment like games."

The girls went upstairs to Amber's room and decided to play chess so they could get better for next year's free Starbucks sale. Then they played the you-start-drawing-I-continue game and had so much fun! The time came for the girls to go to the sleepover. They made sure that they had their PJs and their bathroom routine items packed too.

Ding dong! "Hey guys, come on in!"

"WOW, I love your decorations, Caty! They are amazing!" Imogen exclaimed.

"Thanks, all the decor ideas were from my little sister, Ellen." commented Caty.

"Ellen must be a very talented girl," said Persah.

After the pillow fights, Starbucks card games, karaoke and watching movies, Caty suggested a midnight hike. They crept down the stairs and went through the woods until suddenly...

To be continued.

## The Creature in the Slumber

By Luka D, Year 5

Meet Max. He's just like you, normal. He's as ordinary as anybody else, really. I'm not kidding, no twists. Just a normal grown up that does normal grown up things. Except, he studies archaeology and indulges in activities about it. He just digs up dirt in a specific area every day and finds relics and artifacts. In my honest opinion, pretty normal. Meet Henry. He's basically like Max, a normal grown up, but, he does something pretty not normal. He's a smart scientist. Studying this world as we know it. Both of these men are really close friends.

It's about time today that Max gets ready for work. He works in a scorched, barren, rocky and dry landscape. It's just hot ground for kilometers and kilometers until it reaches gigantic mountains that circle over the area like a colosseum. This colosseum of rock and heat is off road, so if you are going on the road that heads towards or back from the city Max lives in, you would see the huge colosseum that's not actually a colosseum. Max's team dug a pretty deep hole in the center. It was so deep that a person had to hold onto a rope to reach the point where it stopped. Yesterday, the team reached an old cavern that looks like it was from a century ago. It wasn't dug by any of the archaeologists as well. Anyways, Max has to do his job and

explore the cavern. Max grabbed his gear, headlight and held onto the rope, as he slid down into the darkness.

Max landed in a puddle at the bottom of the hole. It was so dark that he could only know he landed in one was because of his headlight helmet. There was a passage in front of him, so he went through it. It was quite a long passage too, It seemed to last forever. At the end of the passage, there was a huge expansion of the space underground. It was flooded so much it reached Max's ankles so it was hard to move. The ceiling was just rock and stalagmites or stalactites or whatever one hangs from the ceiling. Other than that, it was just a big room, and Max knew he was supposed to be digging something up, not cave diving. But at the end, there was something stuck inside the wall. It was like a spiral, circling around a piece of the wall. Now that Max thought about it, it looked like it was a skeleton or fossil stuck inside a wall. And the thing it was spiraling around looked like a door. There was something like English words etched onto the door. He knew something fishy was about to happen. Max approached the anomaly. He looked upon the words. He muttered what he read on the door. "What lies here should never be free." It read. "Upon release, it will destroy the earth, to a destructive degree." Max thought this rhyme absolutely sucked, and he can't believe he said it, because nothing happened. Suddenly, the whole entire digsite shook dramatically. Max stumbled into the water, as the dusty door

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opened, and the bone of the skeleton fell into the water as well. He stood up. Upon the door, was just another cave like room. Max headed for the exit, but there were water ripples behind him. The rhyme was right, Max released something.

Max headed towards the surface. For the first time, Max saw rain fall upon the land. His team was walking and talking around the hole. He thought he should keep this a secret, so he went home. When he got home, the rain was not just falling over the desert area, but all over the city. It was extremely heavy rain. Max noticed that there was nobody on the street. As he was watching the rain, his window was suddenly hit by something hard. Cracks in the glass spread throughout the window frame. It was not just rain, but hail. He can notice the hard chunks of ice hitting the ground. One piece hit a street lamp and it bent, facing the ground. He noticed the windshield on the parked cars shattering, as well as the windows on the homes.

Max decided to go to sleep, but that was nearly impossible because of the noise. Tomorrow, Max decided to meet Henry for fishing day, which is Sunday. He looked out the window. "Holy Moly!" Max shouted. From the colosseum place, there was a huge unnatural river heading towards the right of it. It was heading to the forest, which contained another river that headed towards the beach. It seemed to be already there, but it seemed dug out. Max had a sickening feeling in his stomach. He knew

that these anomalies were his fault.

The fishing place was at the said creek. He took a long walk to find Henry. Max noticed some sand along the river he was following to find Max. He was close. And the river seemed larger. There was a dead fish on the surface of the river. Awkward and strange. Wait a minute. Further down the river, there was a whole ecosystem of fish dead and floating on the surface of the river. Max's calm, slow walk turned into a frantic run. Still the same fish floating in the water. The graveyard of sea life ended and he saw Henry. "Did you see those dead fish Henry?" Questioned Max.

"...Yeah. I think we're not gonna have much of a catch." Exclaimed Henry, with a creaky voice. When they started fishing, Henry was right. Fish bones and fish bones and just more bones. Max thought about the hole and what he released, the hail and the fish. "Man, I'm gonna walk home, alright?" Said Max with a firm voice. Before Henry could say anything, Max was on his way.

Max tossed and turned at night. Whatever he released did this. A few hours back before midnight, no water would come out of anything. This night was a sleepless one. The TV Burst to life. An emergency broadcast. At midnight? Max didn't bother, he could hear clearly from here. At Midnight, a whole flood happened. Nobody died though, but a lot of the beach was destroyed, and the creek behind it got drenched, and also the road to the right



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of the beach. Max had enough. He was gonna confront the beast that was driving him insane. Max drove to the beach. "Lucky you, whatever you are. You had your fun, I'm gonna put you down!" Max cried while driving. Max wasn't really prepared. All he brought was a flashlight and a butter knife.

When he stepped foot on the sand, he saw something resting near the water. It was curled up into a ball. Max sneaked up to it. "Wrong time to take a nap pal!" Max said under his breath. He couldn't really see what it was. It was like a snake or something, but Max didn't care at all. He Threw the butter knife at it. What? It shattered into a million pieces, barely leaving a mark. The creature woke up. At the speed of light, it stood over Max, and released a mighty roar. It wasn't a snake, it was much more of a dragon. It swept its massive head down at Max, but it evaded. It turned around and swept its tail and flinged Max to the foot of the forest behind the beach. It approached Max but when it was close enough, he threw sand in its big angry, orange eyes on the side of its head. He had to turn around to do it, and while it was stunned, he attacked it with his heavy flashlight. One of those kinds of flashlights. It rolled over, then it escaped into the water. In the distance, it looked like a massive bubble filling with building up pressure was occurring. Then, it exploded. Max could see the dragon rising out of the water and falling back in.

Suddenly, Henry jumped out of the forest

and landed on the sand holding a remote. "No time to explain Max, but I made a plan that involves some bait." Henry shouted.

"You knew?" Max replied. Henry pushed Max into the water. Max then swam deeper and deeper into the sea. "Bingo" Max thought. He could see a bout with some kind of equipment attached to it. Max grabbed it and looked ahead to the misty depths of the ocean. The creature re-emerges. It swam at max, showing its sharp teeth. Max held the equipment in front of him. It swam faster at him with fury, but upon impact with the thing Max used to protect him, It attached to the dragon's head. It glowed red, and it looked like it became heavier. The dragon floated to the sandy seabed. Max swam up. "Now by the looks of it, I think it was a drake." Henry exclaimed.

"Get me home now." Max replied.

## Mario Facts

By Mitchell R, Year 3

Everyone knows what Mario is, right? He's your favourite video game character that keeps going slow because he ate too many cheeseburgers for his 24 hour long lunch.

Mario was invented by Japan in the 1980s. Sonic was invented later to keep up competition.

Mario has a large collection of games on the Nintendo and Nintendo Wii. Games include

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Mario Kart, Donkey Kong and many others. These games are very popular around the world.

There are new games like Mario Kart World that you can buy for your Nintendo Switch. Here are some recommended tips for playing Mario Kart World. You will need, chips, a beanbag, a pillow fort, a sign that says KEEP OUT in capitals, the ultimate power to be able to complete the game to 110%. You might have everything except the last thing. Beat the game to 110% to get the ultimate power to beat the game to 110% percent!

[Writer's block]

Okay I have an idea now...Chapter 22 basically of this mixed article [me trying to be funny, just saying]. Anyways, I don't know if this page is going to spill over to the next page when I run out of space. I will just pray that it does...I'll keep typing and see what happens...

It did! You won't see this, it just happened on my laptop when i did it. Wait no... anyway back to Mario.

Mario was released in the mid 80s, and Sonic came around about 10 years later. I would usually call that an evolution of a competition. That's what I call two stores that sell exactly the same thing. I don't know why they do that.

There will be more Super Mario facts soon.

## Dark Rising

By Nandin-Od B, Year 4

### Chapter 1: Hannah

"WAKEUP WAKEUP WAKEU-"

"Be quiet, Lola!" I yelled.

"But it's 5 am! WORK TIME!" she yelled in my ear. Just as I just said that, the Military bell rang, and Lola cheered as I groaned. Oh yeah! I haven't introduced myself, I'm Hannah, a 21-year-old who still hasn't moved out of home yet.

Lola and I got dressed and then headed to the breakfast tent to eat our disgusting porridge. "Ick, why do we have to eat something so gross?" I asked.

"Cause we're in the Woman's International Military League (WIML), DUH!" answered Lola.

"Hellooo!" sang a bright voice. Of course it had to be Paige, the pageant queen. Like an older sister to me and Lola, she was always there to help.

Most people hated that they were in the military but not Lola and Paige who were mostly joyful.

"DING DONG DING!" As the bell rang again, the Military Captain entered the breakfast tent and everyone saluted. It wasn't my fault I ended up in WIML (the Woman's International Military League).

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My “friends” signed me up.

Hannah.

“Everyone, this month we will be training to fight the Montuans so we can WIN the war!”

“Don’t make me add more!” scolded the General, coming out of nowhere just like Paige. Hannah went silent, and the PE session began.

As everyone cheered, I silently wished that this would end soon.

To be continued...

## Chapter 2: Lola

“I’m going to destroy that smirk on your face!” Hannah pounced on me and we wrestled until the General put us on the guard lookout job as punishment. I have never done the guard lookout job, mainly because I’m usually good at following instructions. It’s like detention but a MILLION times worse. Hannah and I both groan.

“DING DANG DONG!” It was the PE bell this time. They have a breakfast bell, training bell, dinner bell, bedtime bell, Taco Bell – Wait, what? Why are we talking about restaurants? PE was where the real wrestling happened. It was all the workout stuff that no one really enjoyed.

“Whyyyyy do we have a workout session!?” groaned Hannah.

“I don’t know, probably because we have to become buff so we can fight!” Paige said, turning up randomly. “At least we don’t get extra aiming sessions and at least I don’t get lookout jobs!” she teased.

“I need REST, like right NOW!!” screamed

## The Silly Dragon

By Nandin-Erdene M, Year 1

A silly dragon named Sam was sleeping until she woke up and ate her breakfast. Sam the silly dragon loved to go to school. At school, she enjoyed learning. After school, Sam would go home to rest and watch TV.

Over to you, dear reader. What will you write today?