

Year Four Literacy Booklet Term Three



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Nota para madres y padres :

Bienvenidos al nuevo trimestre.

Aquí está el cuadernillo de Literacy para este tercer trimestre.
Como siempre, todas las actividades están relacionadas con el trabajo que hacemos en clase y, por eso, sólo se deben hacer cuando se indica.

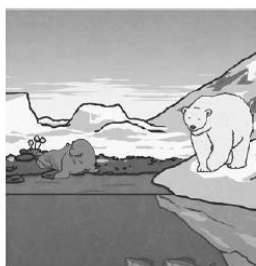
Muchas gracias por su colaboración.

Polar Animals

Polar Bears

Polar bears are very large, meat-eating mammals that can be found in the Arctic. Mammals are animals with fur and warm blood. Fully-grown polar bears can measure over 2.5m long and weigh around 700kg. They are not like other bears because they spend most of their lives swimming and hunting on ice for food. They only come onto land to have babies.

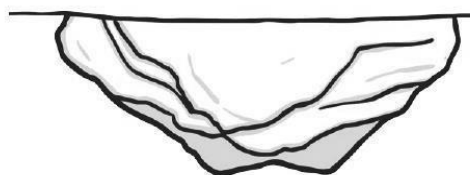
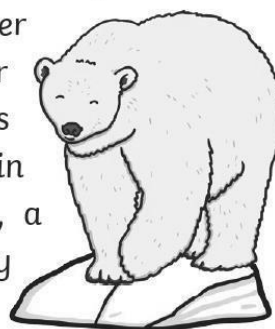
Polar bear cubs stay in their dens for up to five months after they are born and stay with their mums for up to 2 years after that.



Wow!

Polar bears are strong swimmers, using their huge feet like paddles to push through the water. They can swim for hours to get from one piece of ice to another.

Polar bears live at the very top of our planet, and it is bitterly cold there. Water and steam will freeze almost instantly in the Arctic in winter. Thankfully, polar bears are adapted for this environment. They have a thick layer of fat which keeps heat trapped inside their bodies. They also have a thick coat that keeps them warm and also helps them to blend in with the snow. Despite how it might look, a polar bear's fur isn't really white. It's actually transparent (see-through) and it reflects light to look white.



POLAR BEARS.

Read carefully and answer the questions.



1) What kind of animals are polar bears?

2) Where do they live?

3) What do polar bears eat?

4) How are they different from other bears?

5) How long do cubs stay with their mothers?

Vocabulary (1) : Find words or expressions in the text that mean :

a) enormous, very big : _____

b) extremely cold : _____

c) very quickly; immediately : _____

d) fortunately : _____

Vocabulary (2) : Complete these sentences with words from the text.

a) Wild animals are very well _____ to their habitat.

b) Some animals have thick _____ to protect them from the cold.

c) When it's very cold, the water on the lake can _____.

d) Some animals have camouflage to help them to _____ into the environment.

A Martian lands on Earth

It was the middle of the night when the rocket landed in the supermarket car park. The engine had failed. The hatch opened and the Martian peered out. A Martian, I should tell you, has webbed feet, green skin and eyes on the ends of horns like a snail. This one, who was three hundred and twenty-seven years old, wore a red jersey.

He said, "Bother!" He had only passed his driving test the week before and was already losing his way.

He was also an extremely nervous person, and felt the cold badly. He shivered. A car hooted and he scuttled behind a rubbish bin.

It began to rain. He wrapped himself in a newspaper but the rain soon came through that. And then he saw that a sliding door into the back of the supermarket had been left a little bit open, just enough for him to wriggle through.

*Extract from Judy and the Martian
by Penelope Lively*



Tick (✓) the true sentences. Cross (X) the false sentences.

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| 1 | The rocket landed during the day. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | The rocket landed in a supermarket car park. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | The Martian was 127 years old. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | The Martian was very hot. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | It started to rain. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

What did the Martian look like?

6 Skin – _____

Feet – _____

Eyes – _____

Answer the questions.

7 The Martian wore a red jersey. What is another word for 'jersey'?

8 What does the Martian do that shows he was nervous?

9 Why did the Martian go into the supermarket?

10 What do you think the Martian will do next?

Ma Liang and the Magic Brush

Once upon a time there was a boy who liked drawing but he was too poor to buy a brush. One night he said to himself, 'If only I had a brush, I could draw pictures for the poor people in my village.'

Suddenly an old man with a long white beard appeared. 'Don't be frightened,' he said. 'Here's a brush for you. But you must only draw pictures for poor people with it.'



Ma Liang began to draw a hen, and as he did so it changed into a real hen. 'Wow!' he said. 'This brush must be magic!'

Then he saw a poor woman cutting wood. 'You need an axe,' he said. So he drew an axe and it changed into a real one.

Next he saw a poor farmer pulling a plough. 'You need a buffalo to pull your plough,' Ma Liang said. So he drew a buffalo and it changed into a real buffalo.

'Thank you. You are very kind,' the farmer said to Ma Liang.

Soon the king heard about Ma Liang's magic brush. 'Draw me a tree with gold coins hanging on it,' he ordered.

'You have plenty of gold. You don't need any more,' Ma Liang replied. The king was angry. 'Throw him in prison!' he cried. His soldiers caught hold of Ma Liang, threw him in prison and locked the door.

'If I had a key I could unlock the door,' Ma Liang said. So he drew a key and it changed into a real key. He opened the door quietly and escaped. When the king discovered that Ma Liang had got away, he got on his horse and chased him with his soldiers.

Ma Liang said, 'I need a horse.' So he drew one and it changed into a real horse. He jumped on it and galloped away.



A traditional story from China

Ma Liang and the Magic Brush



True or False?

- 1) Ma Liang liked drawing. _____
- 2) One night an old woman appeared. _____
- 3) Ma Liang drew some animals. _____
- 4) He painted a river with his paintbrush. _____
- 5) He used the paintbrush to help the poor people. _____

Complete the spaces with a verb in the PAST from the story.

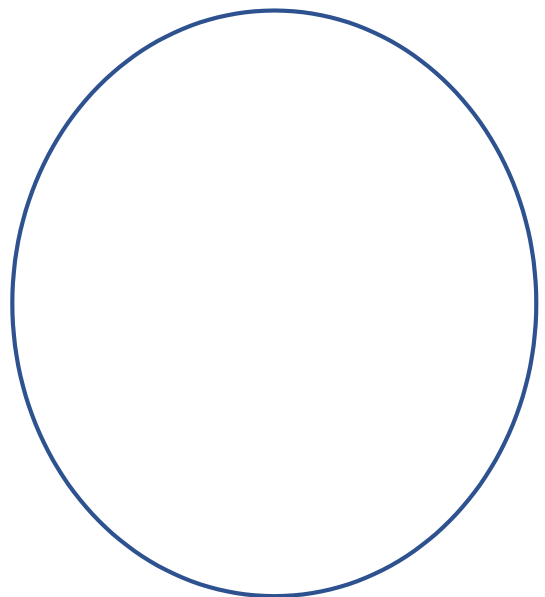
- a) Ma Liang _____ pictures with his magic brush.
- b) He _____ a woman cutting wood.
- c) The king _____ more gold.
- d) Ma Liang _____ on the horse and escaped..

Imagine you have a magic paintbrush, so the things you paint become real. What are you going to paint? Write and draw:

With my magic brush I'm going to paint

I want to paint _____, too

because



5 Read and match

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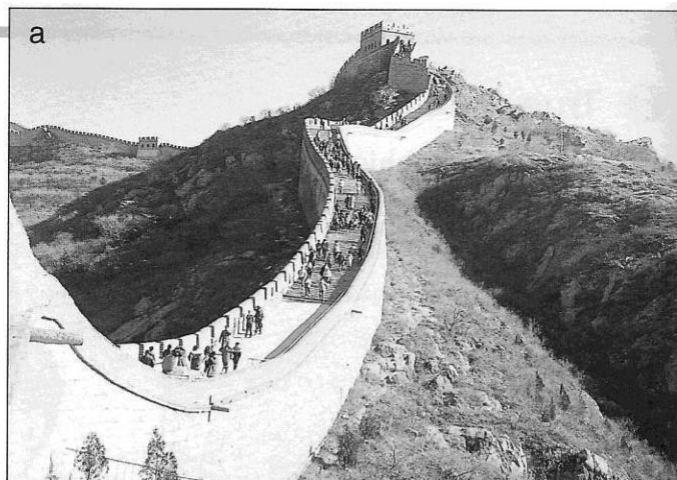
1 The Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef is made of coral. It lies off the north-east coast of Australia. The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef in the world – more than 1,500 kilometres long. Coral is not a plant but an animal. The Great Barrier Reef is made of millions of corals.



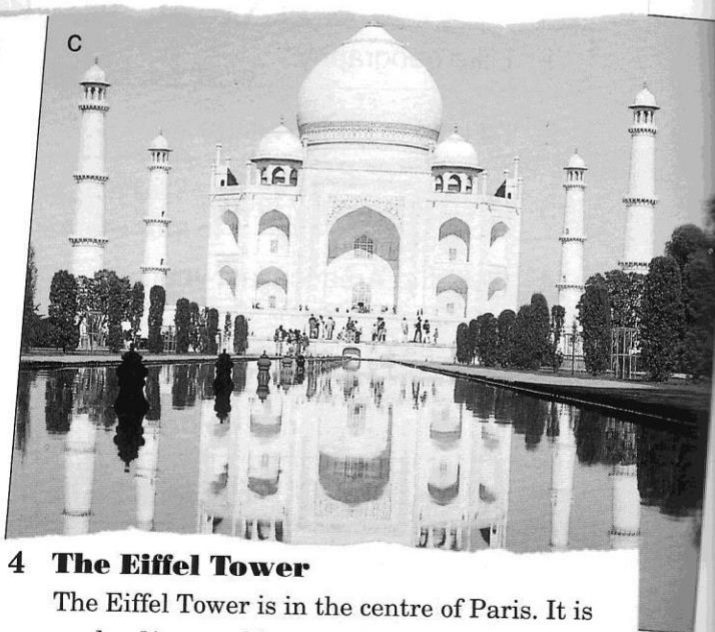
3 THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

More than 2,000 years ago the first Emperor of China built this wall to keep China's enemies out. It is the longest wall in the world. It is made of stone and earth and is about 2,400 kilometres long. There are towers every 180 metres. When someone attacked the wall, soldiers in these towers lit a fire to warn of the attack.



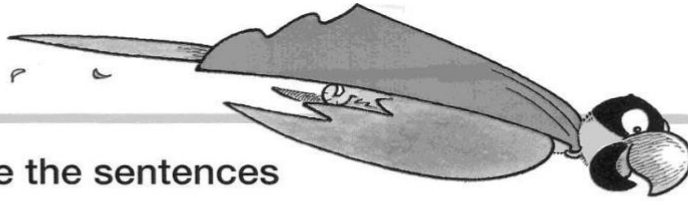
2 The Taj Mahal

This is the world's most beautiful building. It stands on the banks of the River Jumna. The emperor Shah Jahan built it when his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal, died in 1631. It is made of white marble and it is surrounded by beautiful pools and gardens. When Shah Jahan died, he was buried beside his wife.



4 The Eiffel Tower

The Eiffel Tower is in the centre of Paris. It is made of iron and is more than 300 metres high. The French engineer Gustave Eiffel designed it in 1889. You can walk to the top or take a lift there. For more than 40 years it was the tallest building in the world. Now many buildings are much taller than the Eiffel Tower.



6 Complete the sentences

- 1 The Great Barrier Reef is the ____ coral reef in the world.
- 2 The Taj Mahal is made of ____.
- 3 The Great Wall of China is almost ____ kilometres long.
- 4 The Eiffel Tower is made of ____.
- 5 The Taj Mahal is the ____ building in the world.
- 6 The Great Barrier Reef is made of ____.
- 7 The Eiffel Tower is more than ____ metres high.
- 8 The Great Wall of China is made of ____.



7 Ask and answer

- 1 Where can you see the Eiffel Tower?
- 2 The Taj Mahal is on the banks of a river. Which river?
- 3 Why did the Emperor of China build the Great Wall?
- 4 Is coral a plant or an animal?
- 5 When did Shah Jahan build the Taj Mahal?
- 6 Is the Eiffel Tower the tallest building in the world?

What about YOU? Which of these places would you like to visit? Why?

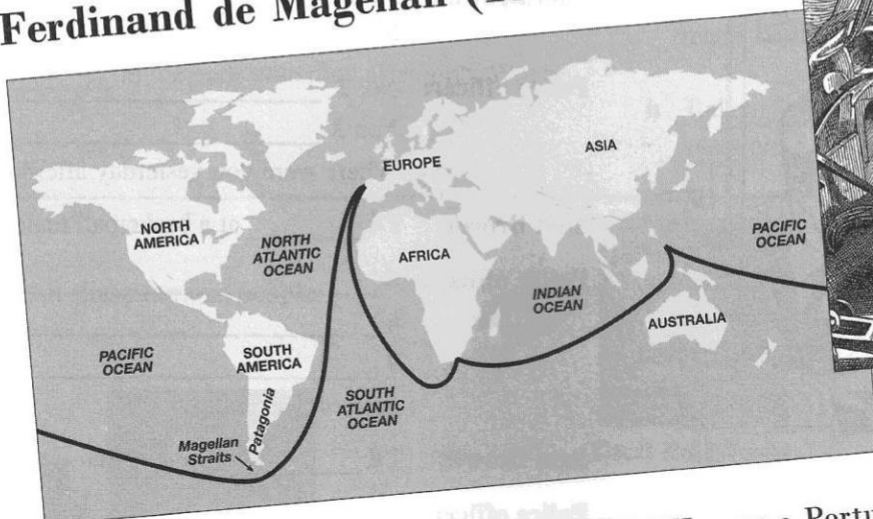
I would like to visit _____ because I
think _____. I
want to see _____
and I _____

Skills

1

Read the text and answer the questions.

Ferdinand de Magellan (1480 – 1521)



Who exactly was Ferdinand de Magellan? He was a Portuguese explorer who was famous because he was the first person to go from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

Magellan was Portuguese but his expedition was Spanish. There were 265 men on the expedition, and there were five ships: the Trinidad, San Antonio, Concepcion, Victoria and Santiago. The journey was very difficult. The sea between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean was very dangerous because the weather was terrible.

When the ships were in Patagonia, the sailors saw some very strange animals. 'The animals are black and white. Maybe they are birds, but they can't fly. They eat fish,' said the sailors. Now we know they were penguins!

The expedition continued to the Philippines. Magellan died in the Philippines in 1521. A man called Juan Sebastian Elcano was the new captain of the expedition. He continued the voyage, and the expedition arrived back in Spain in 1522. He was the first person to go round the world. At the end of the voyage, there were twenty-one men and only one ship – the ship called Victoria!



a Was Magellan Spanish?

No, he wasn't. He was Portuguese.

b How many ships were there at the start of the expedition?

c What were the birds?

d Where was Magellan in 1521?

e Who was the second captain?

f How many ships were there at the end of the expedition?

g Who was the first person to go round the world?

h Who was the first person to go from the Atlantic to the Pacific?

i Where are the Magellan Straits?

2

Write the text again with capital letters.

where does the name america come from? it comes from the italian explorer amerigo vespucci. he was the first european to see the main american continent.

5 Read

Amy Johnson: woman pilot

In the early days of flying, there were many famous women pilots. Amy Johnson was one of them. She was the first person – man or woman – to fly alone from London in England to Darwin in Australia.

Nowadays planes can fly more than two hundred people thousands of kilometres. But in 1930 planes were very small and they were not very strong. They were made of wood

and cloth, not steel and glass. Flying was difficult and dangerous in those days and Amy Johnson had many adventures on her flight to Australia.

She had to stop several times to fill her plane with petrol. She wanted to get petrol in Rangoon in Burma. It was raining very heavily and she could not see very far. She did not know where the airport was. At last she saw a long green strip of land.

'That's not the airport,' Amy said to herself, 'but I'll have to land there, because I haven't got any more petrol.'

She came in to land. She flew lower and lower. People were standing on the grass waving their arms. She saw wooden posts at the end of the field. She was going to land on a football field!

Amy tried to stop, but it was too late. She landed on the football field. She made a good landing, but the plane hit a goal-post and one of the wings broke.

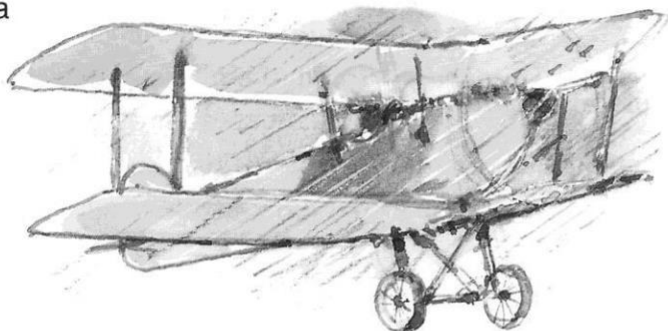
Amy Johnson was very sad. 'I'll never reach Australia now,' she said. But the people of Rangoon were very helpful. They repaired the wings of her plane. A few days later they put the plane onto a lorry and drove it to the airport. Amy took off from Rangoon. A week later Amy landed in Darwin. Hundreds of people were waiting to welcome her. She had completed her flight to Australia.



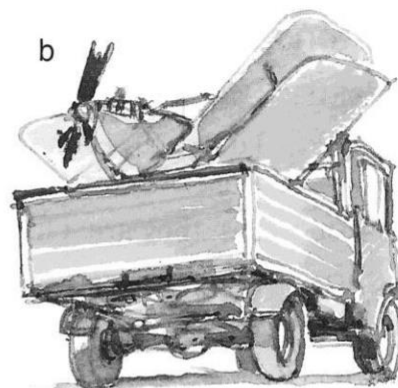
6 Put the pictures in order

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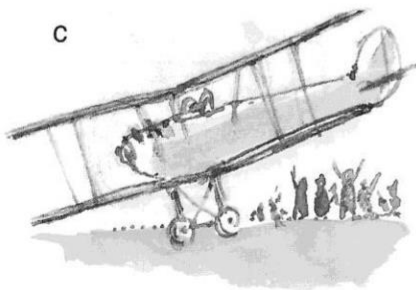
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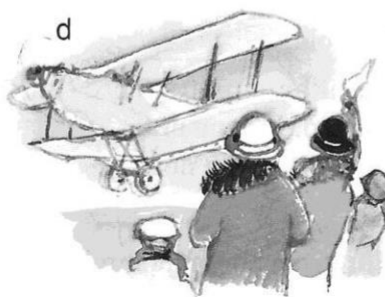
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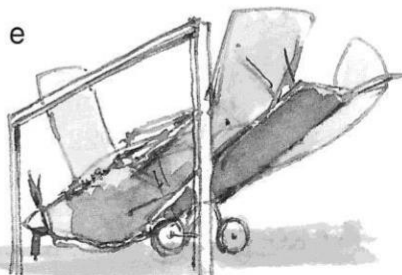
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7 Complete the sentences

- 1 Amy Johnson was a famous ____
- 2 She was the first pilot to fly solo from ____
- 3 Her plane was made of ____
- 4 It was not very ____
- 5 She wanted to land in Rangoon to ____
- 6 Her plane was repaired in ____

8 Your work

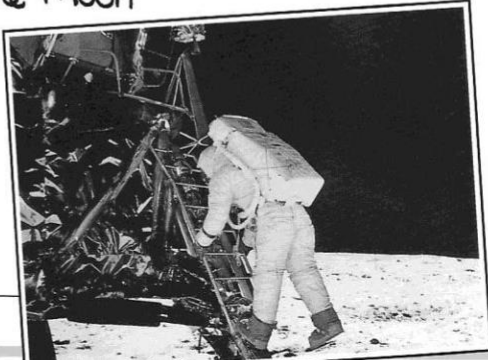
The flight of Apollo 11

What?: first men landed on the moon

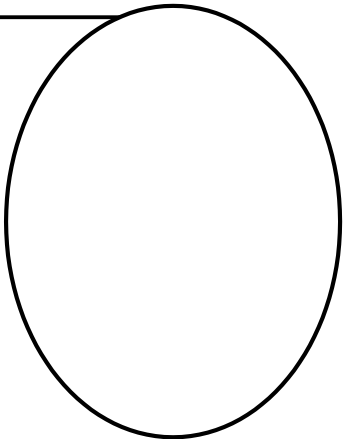
When?: 20 July 1969

who?: Neil Armstrong

name of space craft?: Eagle



_____ was _____





Read the story. Write some words to complete the sentences about the story. You can use 1, 2, 3 or 4 words.

Test! Reading & Writing Part 5

The wrong suitcase!

Lucy and her parents, Mr and Mrs Field, put their summer clothes and swimming things in their big brown suitcase and drove to the airport. Lucy was excited! She loved going on holiday. When the family arrived at the airport, they showed their tickets to a woman in a blue uniform then got on the plane. Lucy's mother read a magazine, her father slept because he was tired and Lucy watched a film. When they got off the plane, it was warm and sunny.



The hotel was ten kilometres away so they took a taxi there. 'Wow!' said Lucy when they arrived. 'Look at that swimming pool! Can we go swimming now?' 'Not yet, Lucy,' her mother said. 'We have to take our things up to our room first.' When Lucy's father picked up the suitcase, he said, 'That's strange. This feels much heavier than it did before!'

Mrs Field laughed. 'You think that because you're tired! Come on! I've got our key. Look! Our room number is 501. It's on the fifth floor.' They went up in the lift, found their room and went inside. Then Lucy's dad opened the suitcase to take out their swimming things.

'Oh no!' he said. 'Whose red hat is this? Why are these big brown shoes in the suitcase? Whose white sweater is this?'

What a terrible mistake! The family had the wrong suitcase!

Examples

The Field family put all their holiday things in a big brown suitcase
They went to the airport by car.

Questions

- 1 The Field family showed to a woman at the airport.
- 2 When they were on the plane, went to sleep.
- 3 The family went by to the hotel because it was a long way away.
- 4 Lucy wanted to when they arrived at the hotel.
- 5 They went up in the lift because their room was on floor.
- 6 Lucy's father opened the suitcase because he wanted to things.
- 7 Inside the suitcase, they found a red hat, some and a white sweater!

6 Read and match

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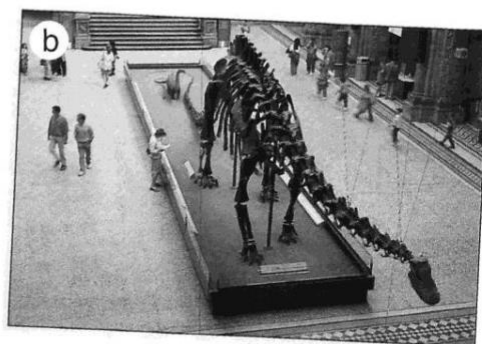


- 1 The Natural History Museum was opened in 1896. When you enter it, the first thing you see is the skeleton of an enormous dinosaur. You can also see life-size models of dinosaurs. These models are robots. They are made of metal and plastic and they move. The model dinosaurs are very popular with children. Many children ask, 'They aren't real, are they?'

- 2 Eureka! was designed specially for children. Children love this museum because there are so many things to do there. You can touch, listen to and smell things in this museum, as well as look at them. You can find the answers to questions like: 'How much do my bones weigh? How do pictures get on television? Why does my heart beat?'

- 3 The Museum of the Moving Image (MOMI) tells the story of film, television and video. There you can see how films are made. The first films were made without sound. You can see some of these silent films at MOMI. You can even act in a film and read the news on television.

- 4 HMS Belfast is a museum with a difference. It's not a building, it's a ship! HMS Belfast took part in the Second World War. It was badly damaged in that war, but it was repaired. Today it is moored on the River Thames. When you visit this ship, you can fire its guns and find out about life at sea.



7 Ask and answer

- 1 Where can you take part in a film?
- 2 Where can you see a dinosaur?
- 3 Where can you smell things?
- 4 Which museum is a ship?
- 5 Which museums are popular with children?
- 6 Which museum tells you about video?

8 Listen and say



My name is Dino Dinosaur.
I live in a museum.
Other creatures live there too.
My goodness, you should see them!

The children love to look at me
and touch my long green tail.
I never ever frighten them
and make them cry or wail.

I'm a nice old dinosaur
and wouldn't hurt a flea.
I love the little children
and know that they love me.

9 Your work

National Air and Space Museum
Where: Washington DC, USA
What to See: Apollo Space capsule
Rocks from the moon
the first aeroplane
the first aeroplane to fly the Atlantic
Non-Stop
What to do: Sit inside a space capsule
See a film showing the history of flight.








READING BOOK ACTIVITIES

 Read the book carefully!

 Copy the title into your notebook.

 Find the names of three or four characters and write them using a capital letter.


 Find some words with five or more letters and copy them into your notebook.

 Copy a picture from the book. Add some labels and speech bubbles.

 Invent a new title for the book.

 Find some words with a double consonant.

 Find some words with a double vowel.

 Find some exclamation marks and question marks.

Writing Activities

You can do some of these activities in class or at home. Write in your Literacy notebook or on paper.

Write your diary for last weekend.

Write about a film you saw recently.

Invent a short story about an adventure.

Write a list of things for a tourist to see and do in your city.

Describe a person in your family.

Where would you like to go on holiday?

What type of books do you like reading?

Write the recipe for your favourite thing to eat.

Invent a dialogue between you and a famous person.

Dictionary Detectives

Find six interesting adjectives and invent some sentences.

Open on any page. How many verbs can you find?

Choose one letter of the alphabet. Find four words that you don't