



It has been reported that a Saudi Prince has bought 80 tickets for birds on an Etihad airways flight.

Most people know that pets aren't allowed in aircraft cabins, (with the exception of guide dogs) but it turns out that many Middle Eastern airlines allow one exception: the falcon. While the falcon seems like an unlikely travel companion, there is in fact a reason.

As the national bird of the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Oman, the falcon is seen as a symbol of courage in much of the Middle East and falconry is considered a traditional hobby. Before that, falcons lived indoors and visitors could only see them through glass screens.

80 falcons on a flight!

Chinese New Year 2017!

Happy Chinese New Year 2017 - The Year of the Rooster. The new year has begun and will last until Feb 15, 2018.

The festivities usually start the day before the New Year and continue until the Lantern Festival, the 15th day of the new year. Each Chinese New Year is symbolised by one of 12 animals which appear in the Chinese zodiac.



London celebrates Chinese New Year

The main celebrations in the UK were held in London and began on Sunday 29th January.

Thousands of people marked the occasion in London's Chinatown, where a parade was held.

Which Chinese Zodiac sign are you? Find the year you were born!

-  Rat: 2008, 1996, 1984, 1972, 1960
-  Ox: 2009, 1997, 1985, 1973, 1961
-  Tiger: 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962
-  Rabbit: 2011, 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963
-  Dragon: 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964
-  Snake: 2013, 2001, 1989, 1977, 1965
-  Horse: 2014, 2002, 1990, 1978, 1966
-  Sheep: 2015, 2003, 1991, 1979, 1967
-  Monkey: 2016, 2004, 1992, 1980, 1968
-  Rooster: 2017, 2005, 1993, 1981, 1969
-  Dog: 2018, 2006, 1994, 1982, 1970
-  Pig: 2019, 2007, 1995, 1983, 1971



Our oldest ancestor discovered!



An international research team, including scientists from the University of Cambridge, have discovered what they believe to be our oldest human ancestor – a microscopic, bag-like sea creature, which lived about 540 million years ago!

Named Saccorhynchus, the species was about a millimetre in size, and probably lived between grains of sand on the seabed. Fossilised traces of the creature that have been found are said to be in very good condition.

The researchers said it had a very large mouth in comparison to the rest of its body and probably ate by engulfing food particles, or even other creatures. Any waste material would simply have been taken out back through the mouth!

What scientists believe the Saccorhynchus would have looked like.



Peter's journey from Southampton to London.

Peter's journey!

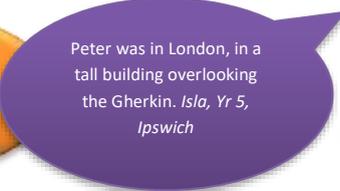
We showed a picture last week of Peter bear in London! Well done to Isla from Ipswich who guessed correctly! We looked at the journey that he would need to take. Was it quicker by train or by car? Which route was the most direct?

How would Peter get from London to your school? Draw a map or send details of his journey to us using our details below.

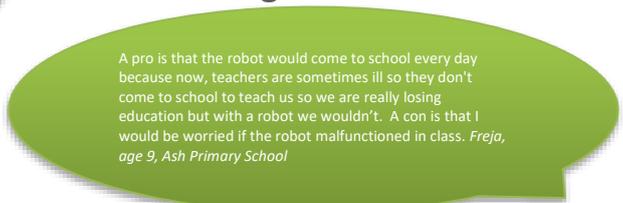
YOUR COMMENTS



Where was Peter the bear? Our winner... Isla!



Freja emailed with her Thoughts on robots...



Where is Peter heading next week?

Do you have any exciting adventures or trips planned? Let us know and we'll send Peter through!

NEXT WEEK:

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