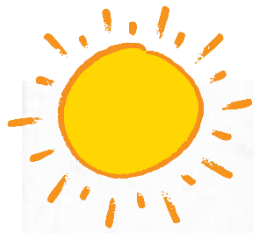
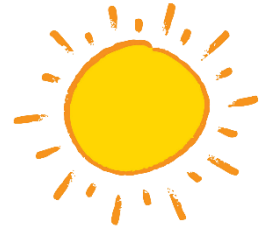


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Last month our Year 12 Biologists and The Falcon Journalists had an amazing day of discovery at Hull's 'The Deep.' From starfish to sawfish, our students enjoyed encountering sea creatures of all shapes and sizes.

With clip boards in tow, our Falconers explored the learning zones, posing keen questions at the marine life experts, whilst our Biologists undertook a professional workshop, gaining invaluable experience, knowledge and a closer look at how to manage a conservation project.

A fin-tastic time for all!



Starfish

By Elodie Jackson, Year 8

Starfish, also called sea stars, are marine animals that live in oceans all around the world. Even though they are called “starfish”, they are not actually fish because they do not have gills, fins or a backbone. They belong to a group of animals called echinoderms, which also includes sea urchins and sand dollars.

Most starfish have five arms, but some species can have many more. One of the most interesting facts about starfish is that they can regrow a lost arm. If they lose an arm to escape a predator, they can often grow it back over time. They also have tiny tube feet on the underside of their arms, which help them move, stick to rocks and catch food.

Starfish mainly eat shellfish such as mussels and clams. They have a unique way of feeding because they can push their stomach out through their mouth to digest food outside their body before pulling it back in. This helps them eat animals with hard shells.

Starfish are important for keeping ocean ecosystems balanced by controlling the populations of other sea creatures. However, some species are threatened by pollution, climate change and damage to their habitats. Protecting the oceans helps starfish and many other marine animals survive.



Sea Turtles

By Jess Sorbie, Year 8

Sea turtles

Sea turtles are reptiles and are typically in the worlds Ocean,sea turtles are air breathing reptiles That has adapted to living in oceans.Most females have got to go on land to lay their eggs.

Most sea turtles are engaged due to pollution and human impact,climate change and poaching.

Sea turtles commonly live 50-100 years rivaling human life span,however their lifespan depends on the species.

Sea turtles eat a wide variety of marine life depending on the species.while some are strictly carnivorous others are omnivores or herbivores. Since they have a lack of teeth they usually break food with there jaws.



Pufferfish

By Summer Costello

Tiny but deadly, the pufferfish is one of the ocean's most fascinating creatures. Known for its ability to inflate like a balloon, this unusual fish is also home to one of the world's most powerful natural toxins.

Pufferfish can come in all different shapes sizes and colours there are three distinct types of pufferfish if you look very closely you can tell which is which,

Different breeds:

- Green spotted pufferfish which can grow to around 6 inches long and is native to south and southeast Asia
- Blue spotted pufferfish which can grow to around 31.5 inches long, and are found in the pacific and Indian oceans
- Flower pufferfish which can grow to around 4 inches and is known for its unique flower like appearance and is relatively smaller than the other breeds that you can find out in the wild

Pufferfish have a diet of many different things in the ocean that can be found all over but are small enough to be eaten by these small creatures

What pufferfish eat:

- Mussel
- Oyster
- Nori
- Cockle
- Snail

These are only a few things out of the massive amount that pufferfish eat everyday

Pufferfish can show a range of habits especially for their survival and reproduction. Their defence mechanism is to inflate themselves when in a situation in which they feel threatened and this helps the pufferfish survive the predators that want to eat them

Pufferfish live in many different oceans depending on the breed. Pufferfish, also known as blowfish, predominantly live in tropical and subtropical ocean waters worldwide, with a significant concentration in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly around Japan, China, and the Philippines.

Pufferfish can live for around 10-15 years in captivity and in the wild they can live for around 5-15 years. Their weight is from around 30 pounds depending on the breed of the pufferfish and the size they grown to.

The pufferfish has been around for many years but their ancestors lived a long time before them. Pufferfish evolved from early tetraodontiform fishes, with their oldest known ancestors dating back to the Middle Eocene, around 48–41 million years ago.



Extract from original writing – ‘The Murder in Ravenswood’

By Elodie Jackson, Year 8

In the sleepy town of Ravenswood, where the mist-shrouded moors stretched like a canvas of secrets and silence, the streets were always lined with an air of mystery. It was a place where the past lingered, like the faint scent of smoke from a fire long extinguished, and where the residents knew each other's stories better than they knew themselves.

On a particularly dreary autumn evening, the tranquillity of Ravenswood was shattered by a scream that pierced the night air like a dagger through silk. The cry came from the grand estate of the wealthy Mr. Edward Blackstone, a man as enigmatic as the shadows that danced upon his mansion's walls.

The scream was from Mr. Blackstone's niece, Emily, a bright and curious girl with a mind as sharp as a knife's tip. She had stumbled upon a sight that would freeze the blood in anyone's veins: the lifeless body of her uncle, lying in a pool of crimson blood that spread across the tiled floor like a river trickling down a mountain.

Emily was shocked and devastated. She screamed again with that blood curdling scream you would only hear in horror films. She fled the body and appeared outside the house scrambling to find her mobile phone. She dialled the detective's number and told them about the body.

Detective Jameson, a man with a mind as keen as a hawk's talons and a heart as tough as the leather-bound books that lined his study, was summoned to the scene.

A sleek navy vehicle with a low roof, brown leather seats and one broken headlight pulled up outside the mansion. A tall slim figure with long legs, slim arms and a deep blue tail coat emerged from the car. Detective Jameson looked down at Emily's petrified face and quivering lips and walked along the grand driveway to the enormous wooden doors with golden door knobs that were glinting in the faint light of the moon.

The two walked inside both hearts pounding against their ribs in case what they found was dangerous. They opened the door to the living room where the body lay. They entered the silent room but Emily froze at the sight. Detective Jameson paced around the body while grunting and going, 'mhm' agreeing to himself about one of his ideas.

The investigation revealed that Mr. Blackstone had been poisoned, a subtle and silent killer that had claimed his life with the stealth of a ghost. The poison, a rare and potent concoction, had been administered in his evening tea, a cup that had been prepared by none other than his loyal butler, Mr. Jenkins.

As Detective Jameson dug deeper, he discovered a web of secrets and lies that entwined around the Blackstone family like ivy on a crumbling stone wall. There was Thomas, Mr. Blackstone's son, a young man with a reputation for recklessness and a temper as volatile as dynamite; Lucy, the housekeeper, whose quiet demeanor hid a past as turbulent as a stormy sea; and Emily herself, whose curious nature and sharp intellect made her a suspect as much as a victim.

Summer Wordsearch

By Elodie Jackson, Year 8



Summer wordsearch

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