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The background is a dark purple space scene filled with white stars of various sizes and yellow four-pointed stars. A large, bright yellow planet with a green ring is in the upper right. A red and white rocket is on the left. A green alien with large eyes is at the top left. A red heart character in a space helmet is in the foreground. A green frog in a space helmet is to its left. A blue and yellow telescope is on a tripod to the left. A white astronaut is on the right. The ground is a yellowish-brown surface with several circular craters. A small satellite dish is in the bottom left. A small satellite dish is in the bottom right.

Hej småles ,

We were lying down under the night sky one day and were curious about what lies beyond Småland. We went to read up on our solar system and want to share it with you on pages 8 and 9.

Wouldn't it be nice to travel into space and to see the planets with our own eyes? We want to be the first from Småland to visit space, just like how the first animal got to orbit the Earth! You can read about it on page 10. We also found out that life in space is quite different from life on Earth on page 11.

It has been quite sunny here in Småland. Did you know that we can actually use the Sun's energy to generate electricity? We talk about solar energy on pages 18 and 19.

We hope that your school holiday would be out of this world. To infinity and beyond!

With Big Bug Hugs,  
Alex and Tampi

# New Merchandise

Tag, you're it! Dress your bag up with the new småles bag tag at only **\$1.50 Smålish dållars**. Available from 10 June 2017 onwards.



# Capsule Machine

Introducing the småles mystery capsule machine!

Happening on 30 June 2017, at the IKEA stores, get a turn to receive a mystery capsule ball that contains a prize for **\$3 Smålish dållars\***!

There are only 150 capsule balls in IKEA Tampines and 100 capsule balls in IKEA Alexandra to be redeemed! Redemption is on a first-come-first-served basis.

\*Limited to one mystery capsule ball per småles member.

# Soft Toy Drawing Competition

We held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Soft Toy Drawing Competition from 3 to 17 November 2016 where kids from around the world get to design a special limited edition soft toy! Here are the 10 global winners:



# Draw -A-Friend



A fellow småles member, Megan Lim Yi Xin, introduced us to a new friend named Blurp! She sent us a lovely drawing and even told us more about him. Read on to find out more!

**Name:** Blurp

## Favourite food:

Harmful bugs  
(e.g. robber flies,  
mosquitoes, fleas, etc.)  
mashed with tomatoes

**Gender:** Male

## Characteristics:

Rainbow coloured fur  
Six tentacles  
(to grab harmful bugs)  
Smells like chrysanthemums  
(a type of flower)



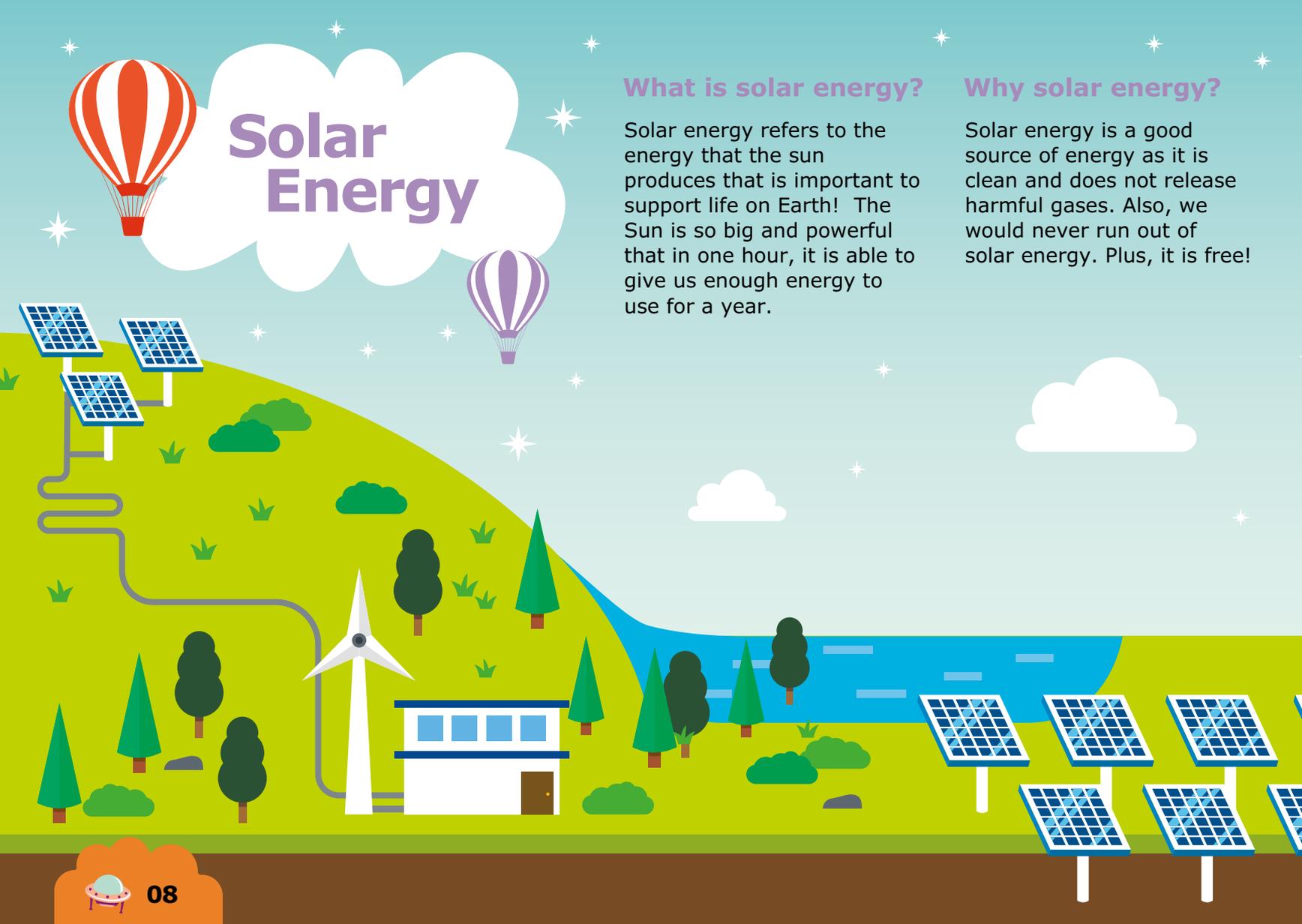


Thank you for introducing a new friend to us Megan! For that, we would like to give you a LATTJO soft toy as a token of appreciation.



Do you have a friend you would like to share with us? Draw it out and describe its traits! Send us your drawing by **10 July 2017** to småles, **60 Tampines North Dr 2, Singapore 528764**, and stand a chance to win a **FAMNIG HJÄRTA Cushion!**





# Solar Energy

## What is solar energy?

Solar energy refers to the energy that the sun produces that is important to support life on Earth! The Sun is so big and powerful that in one hour, it is able to give us enough energy to use for a year.

## Why solar energy?

Solar energy is a good source of energy as it is clean and does not release harmful gases. Also, we would never run out of solar energy. Plus, it is free!



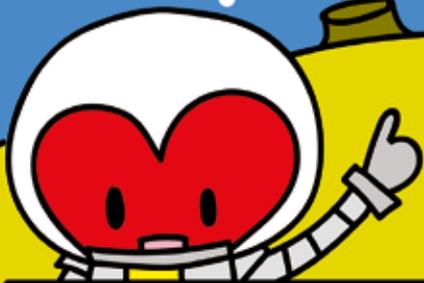
## Solar energy in our everyday lives

There are so many ways we can use solar energy in our everyday lives. Some of us may already be using it! One example is when we hang our wet laundry under the sun to dry.

With modern technology like solar panels, we are able to get solar power from solar energy.

Solar power means changing solar energy into electricity that we can use to light up our rooms, watch the television and more!





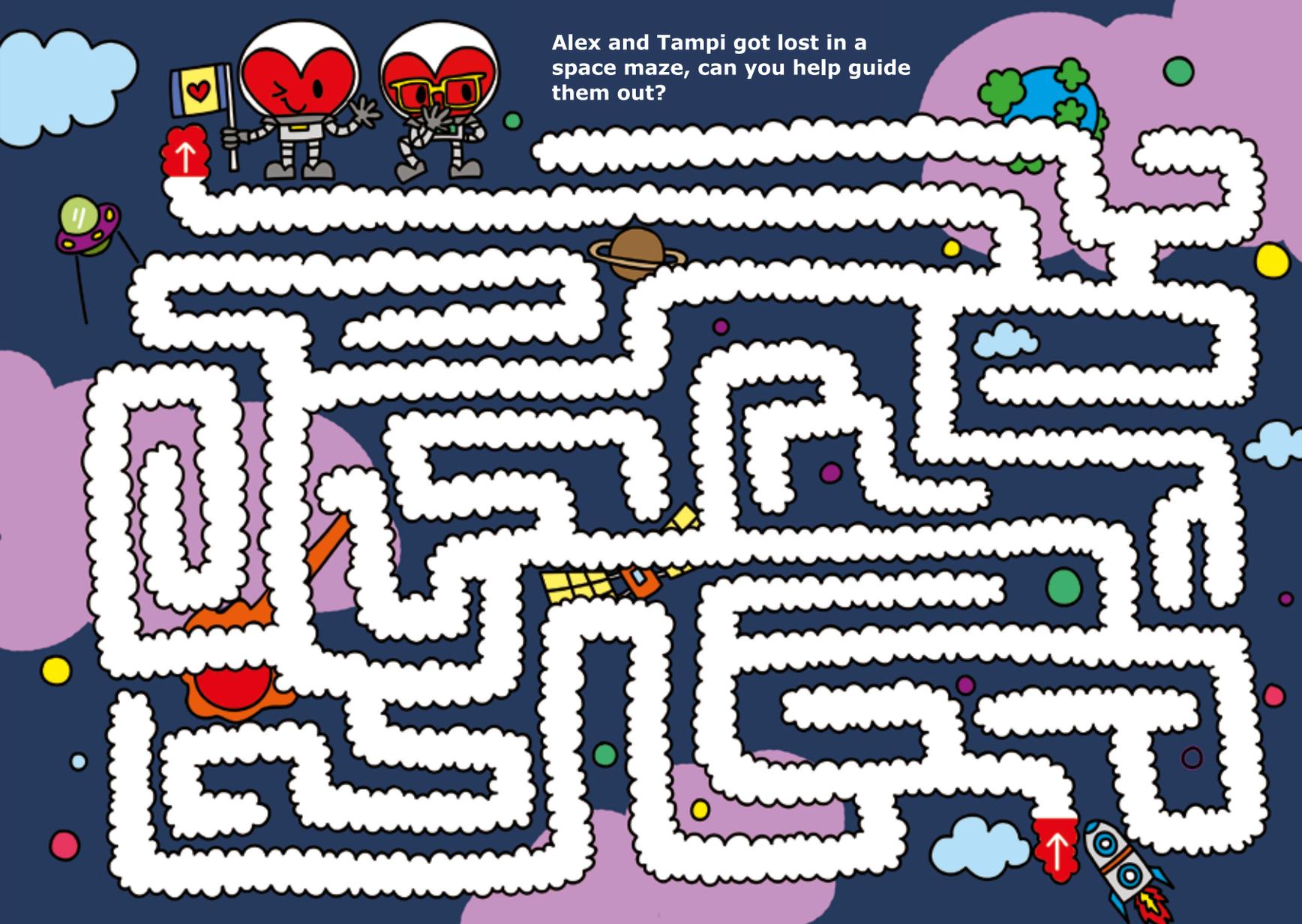
What comes next?

Circle the alien that comes next in the pattern!



Alex and Tampi got lost in a space maze, can you help guide them out?





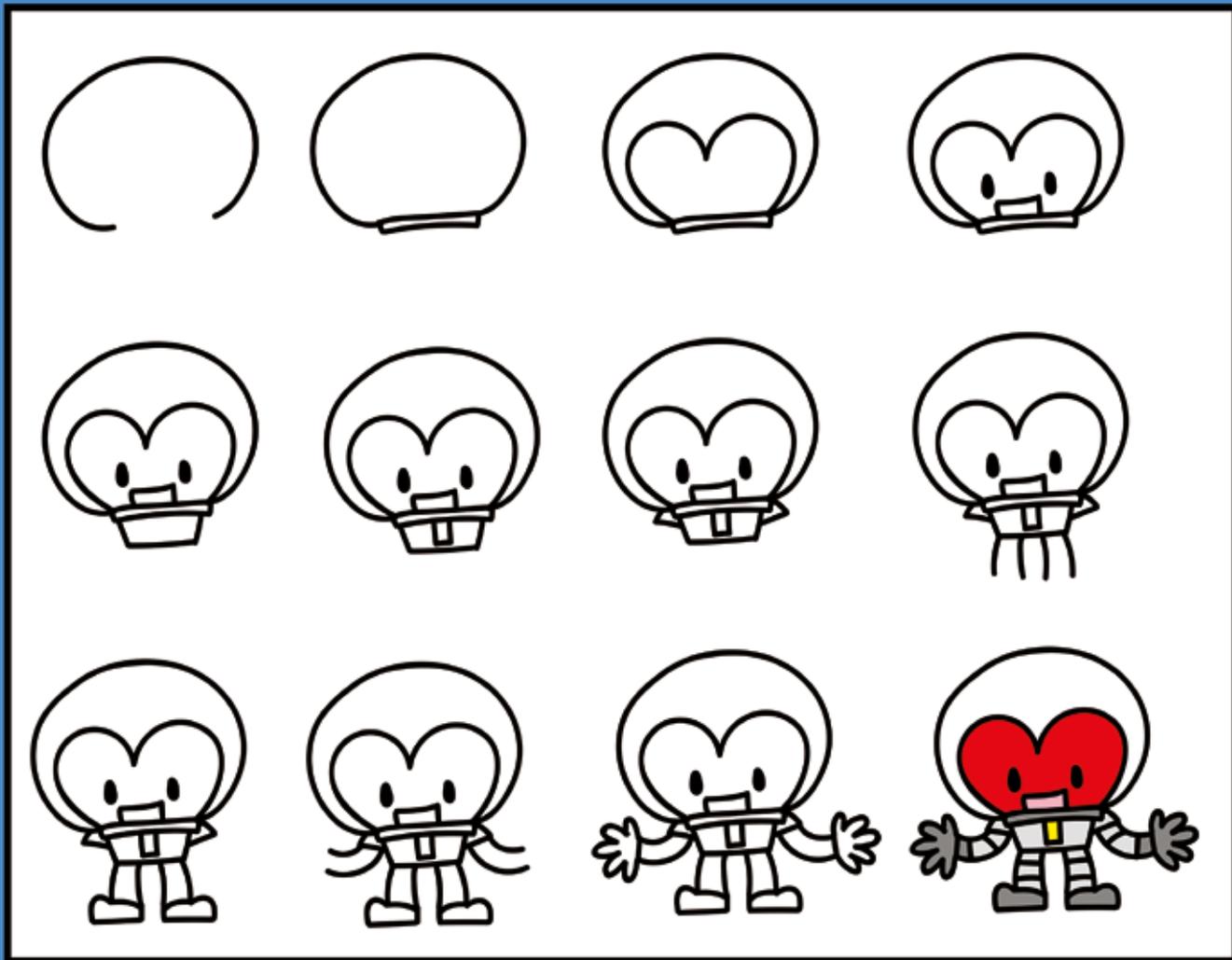
## Spot the difference

Alex and Tampi were exploring space and saw many interesting things!  
Can you spot 20 differences? Circle each difference you can find!



Send in your answers with your name, Smålish passport number and contact details to [alexandtampi@smales.com.sg](mailto:alexandtampi@smales.com.sg) or 60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764 by 10 July 2017. 5 lucky winners will each win a **FESTMÅLTID** lunch box.







## DO-IT-YOURSELF: UPCYCLED ALIEN

Make some new alien friends to bring along on your space adventure!

### Materials:

- Empty toilet paper rolls
- Paint
- Googly eyes
- Glue/tape
- Markers
- Decorations of your choice (googly eyes, pipe cleaners, pom poms, etc.)

### Instructions:

1. Paint the toilet paper roll the colour you want your alien friend to be.
2. Let the paint dry.
3. After the paint has dried, decorate the toilet paper roll however you like! You could paste some googly eyes, draw a mouth or use the pipe cleaners to give your alien arms.



# THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Our solar system was formed a long time ago, even before dinosaurs were around! The solar system is made up of the Sun, the 8 planets, moons, and more! Read on to find out more about our solar system.



## SUN

The Sun is a star which scientists have named Sol. It is the biggest object in our solar system. The Sun also produces light, heat and energy which support life on Earth.



## VENUS

Venus is the second planet from the Sun. Although it is not the closest to the Sun, Venus is the hottest planet in the solar system as it traps the heat it gets from the Sun.

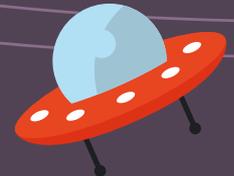


## URANUS

Uranus is the seventh planet from the Sun and is blue-green in colour. It is largely made up of ices and is the coldest planet in the solar system.

## SATURN

Saturn is the sixth planet from the Sun and the second largest planet in the solar system. It is also the lightest planet in the solar system and the farthest planet from Earth we can see with our own eyes.





## MERCURY

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest planet in our solar system. Because it is so close to the sun, it can get really hot on Mercury. However, it gets really cold at night too.



## EARTH

Our home, Earth, is the third planet from the Sun. It is the fifth largest planet in the solar system and has one moon. Earth is also the only planet known to have life.



## JUPITER

Jupiter is the fifth planet from the Sun and is the largest planet in the solar system. Jupiter has 4 large moons and many smaller moons. Jupiter has no solid surface.



## MARS

Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun and has two moons. Because it looks red, it is also known as the "Red Planet". It gets really cold on Mars too as it is further away from the Sun.



## NEPTUNE

Neptune is the eighth and furthest planet from the Sun. It is blue in colour. Like Uranus, it is also largely made up of ices and does not have a solid surface.



# Space Travelling Through Time

Space travel has come a long way. Let's take a look at some of the achievements we've made in space travel!

**4 Oct  
1957**

The first artificial satellite was launched into space.



**Nov  
1957**

A space dog named Laika was the first animal to circle the Earth, even before us, humans!



**12 Apr  
1961**

Yuri Gagarin was the first human to go around the Earth in a spacecraft.

**20 Jul  
1969**

Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin were the first humans to walk on the moon.

**17 Aug  
1970**

The first spacecraft landed on another planet, Venus.

**Nov  
1998**

Work to build the International Space Station began.

**Nov  
2000**

The first group of astronauts moved into the International Space Station.



## Did you know?

The International Space Station is a large spacecraft where astronauts live and work in space.





# Life in Space

Living in space is different from living on Earth. Astronauts have to train for a long time and adjust to life in space. Find out how the everyday life of an astronaut is like!

## Eating

In the past, astronauts eat soft food that they squeeze out from tubes into their mouth. Now, they mostly eat dried food with water squeezed into the food package!

## Sleeping

In space, the astronauts would be floating around. To prevent themselves from bumping into things when they are asleep, astronauts have to strap themselves into sleeping bags.

## Exercising

Because the astronauts would just be floating around in space, they would not use much of their muscles. As such, they have to exercise every day to prevent their bones and muscles from weakening.





# IN STORE ACTIVITIES

Sign up at the Bug House on level 3 for IKEA Tampines and Bug House at level 2 for IKEA Alexandra from 1 June 2017 onwards\*!

\*Availability of workshops subject to the number of signups and is on a first-come-first-served basis.

## Little alien & his rocket cupcake decorating workshop

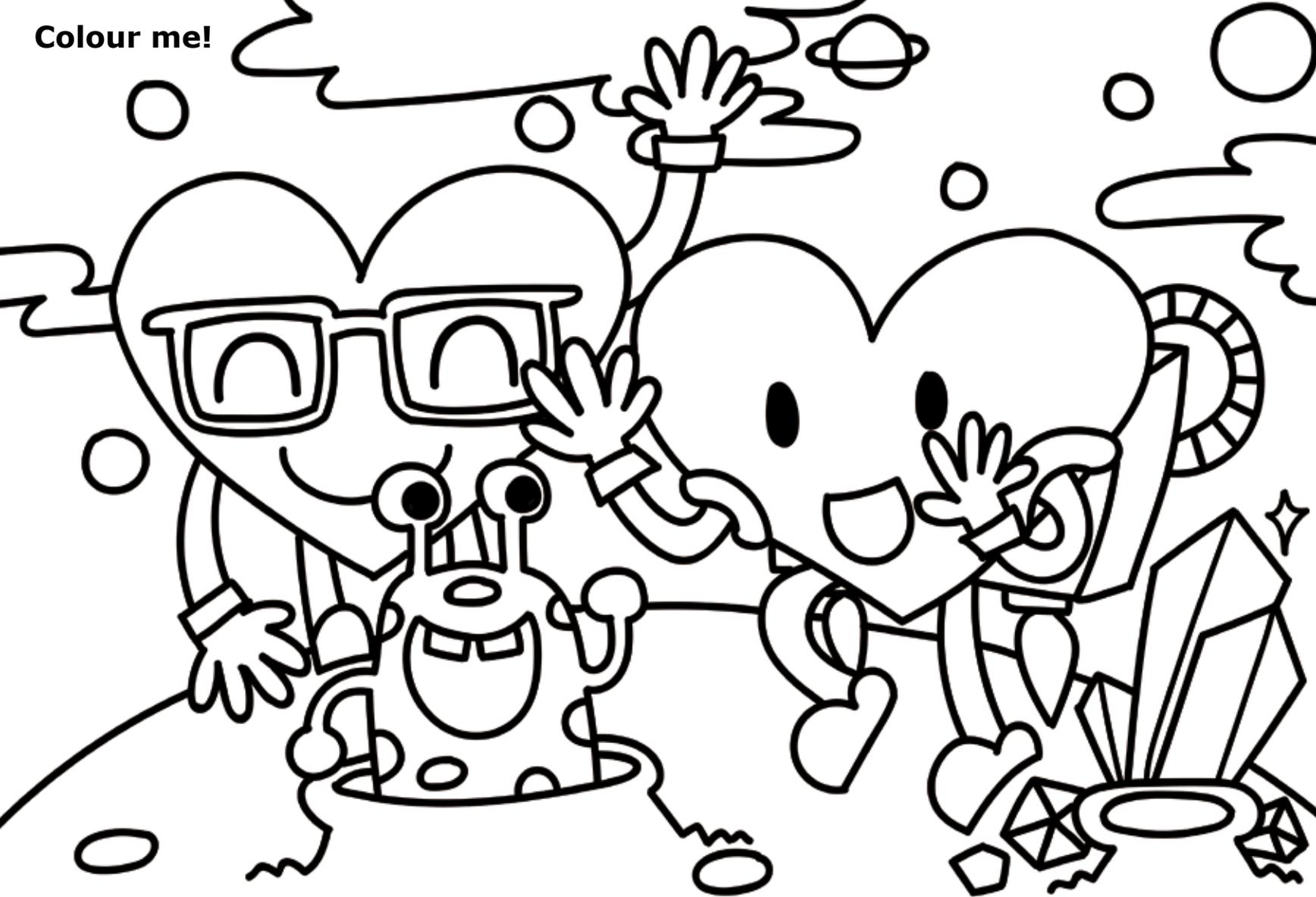
Learn how to decorate these adorable alien cupcakes!

**Cost:** \$1 Smålish dållar  
**Date:** 9 June (Fri)  
**Location:** IKEA Tampines  
**Time:** 11am-11.30am  
and 12pm-12.30pm  
**Session:** 15 pax per session

**Date:** 16 June (Fri)  
**Location:** IKEA Alexandra  
**Time:** 11am-11.30am  
and 12pm-12.30pm  
**Session:** 12 pax per session



Colour me!



# INBOX @ SMALES



Maryam, 7 years old



Last issue's theme:

The weather has been rather warm lately and Alex and Tampi are making a delicious paper smoothie to cool themselves down. How does the paper smoothie look like?



Zachary James Ng, 7 years old



Titus Lian, 5 years old



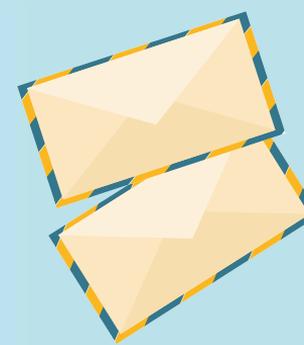
Livia Sim, 6 years old



Raelynn Mak, 5 years old

Alex and Tampi were rowing in a boat down a river when they saw a special fish! Draw how the fish look like!

Send your drawings to us at **60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764** by **10 July 2017** and stand a chance to win a **BRUMMA soft toy!**



The sky was clear blue and fluffy white clouds hung in clusters. Alex and Tampi went to a high hill near their house and started playing 'hide-and-seek'.



Tampi said to Alex "You're it." Alex smiled and started to count "One...two...three..." But was distracted by a colourful butterfly. Alex said "Ooh...look a butterfly." Suddenly he stopped in his tracks and said to himself "Oh no, Tampi is still hiding. I need to go find him."

Tampi was the best at hiding, he went to fairy land and hid there. By now Alex had searched the whole town and was worried and thought "I searched the whole town but I still can't find Tampi. Maybe he is in fairyland because that is the only two places we went to." When Alex reached fairyland he saw a bush moving and said "Found you!" Tampi jumped out of the bush and said "It took you one hour to find me." Alex said to Tampi "I've had a long journey and i can't wait to tell you all about it. But now let's go home." "Ok!" replied Tampi. They went home with huge smiles on their faces.

**Ho Kah Mun, 9 years old**

It was a blazingly hot afternoon. Alex and Tampi were taking a walk in the park. Alex suggested to have a game of hide and seek with Tampi. Playful Tampi agreed immediately. The roles were decided. Alex will be the seeker and Tampi to hide.

The game started and Alex begin to search for Tampi. A beautiful butterfly fluttered past Alex and caught his attention. Alex got fixated by it and decided to follow its path. Poor Tampi was perspiring in his hiding spot for the rest of the day.

**Kaylyn Yeo, 7 years old**

**Alex and Tampi were hiking in a beautiful forest when they heard footsteps behind them... What happened next?**

In no more than 100 words, send your letter to **60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764** or email it to us at **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg** by **10 July 2017** and stand a chance to win a **LATTJO stacking game**.

"Ring!" went the school bell. School was finally over and the long-awaited holidays were here! Alex and Tampi strolled home, playing and joking along the way.

Suddenly, Alex turned around and Tampi was not there.

"He must be playing hide-and-seek with me!" thought Alex, grinning from ear to ear. Alex looked high and low, but could not find Tampi.

"Where are you, Tampi?" Alex called out. "I'm here, help me!" cried Tampi with a faint voice.

Alex looked down and saw Tampi, who had fallen into a pothole. Alex reached out his hands and pulled Tampi out immediately.

Tampi was so afraid that he started to cry. Alex gave Tampi a big hug and the two hearts headed home hand in hand.

**Alyssa Lim, 8 years old**

On a sweltering Sunday afternoon, Alex woke up to the merry chirping of birds. He took out his phone to play a new game called, "Smales Treasure Hunt" that he had downloaded.

He was on cloud nine when he realised Tampi was nowhere to be found!

"Tampii!" he called out. Tampi's name reverberated in the house. Suddenly, Alex saw a door and he opened it. Right before his eyes was Tampi jumping merrily on a huge trampoline!

They found themselves in a theme park island with many roller coasters.

"Alex! You found me!" "Yes, I did. This is an amazing place! We should call it 'Smales Island'. They winked at each other and walked back home together.

**Regine Goh Rui Ying, 11 years old**

**Last issue's theme:**



**Alex got carried away playing one day and couldn't find Tampi! What happened to Tampi?**



After a heavy downpour, the dark ominous clouds finally parted to reveal a bright and radiant sun. Tampi muttered under his breath "finally." He went to look for Alex. Alex was playing with his handphone when Tampi asked him "Hey! Do you want to play hide-and-seek in the garden?" Alex shook his head. "But I thought it was your favourite game?" protested Tampi. Alex answered "Not anymore." Tampi looked hurt but did not say anything. Alex was too engrossed to notice that Tampi had sneaked out of the house. He finally realised that Tampi was missing when he wanted to show Tampi the new character in his game. He shouted frantically "Tampii! Tampii! Where are you?" but to no avail. He dashed out of the house into the garden. After a few hours of searching, Tampi still could not be found. Just when Alex felt like giving up, he heard a noise from the lane outside the house. He opened the front gate and the sight he saw surprised him. Tampi was playing happily with a bunny! Tampi noticed Alex and asked him to join them. Shouts and laughter soon echoed around the neighbourhood.

**Wu Zhe Xuan, 9 years old**

