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# BUG NEWS



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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 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 & Tampi



# New Merchandise

Tag, you're it! Dress your bag up with the new småles bag tag at only **\$1.50 Smålish dállars!** 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 dállars\*!**

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 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:



United Arab Emirates

Fluffy lion



South Korea

Purple monster/dragon/hedgehog



Bulgaria

Unicorn dog



Austria

Blue bird



Poland

Happy spider



US

Rainbow cloud



Australia

Foxy



Germany

Crocodile



Russia

Toucan



Japan

Egg shaped owl



# 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



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!**





**Do-It-Yourself:**

# Star Buntings

Starry, starry night. Fill your room with stars with this sparkly star bunting!

## Materials:

- Glitter paper
- String
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Paper Clip

## Instructions:

1. Draw a star on the glitter paper.
2. Get an adult to help you cut out the star.
3. Do this for as many stars you want!
4. Once you've cut out your stars, using the hole punch, make two holes on the stars at the top left and right side of the star.
5. Lay your stars out and thread the string through the stars. You would want to thread it through the front, across the back and through the other hole to keep the string hidden at the back of the star.
6. Before you cut the string after threading it through the stars, make sure you leave enough string on each side to hang your bunting up!
7. Now, all you need to do is get an adult to help hang your beautiful star bunting up.

# Solar Energy

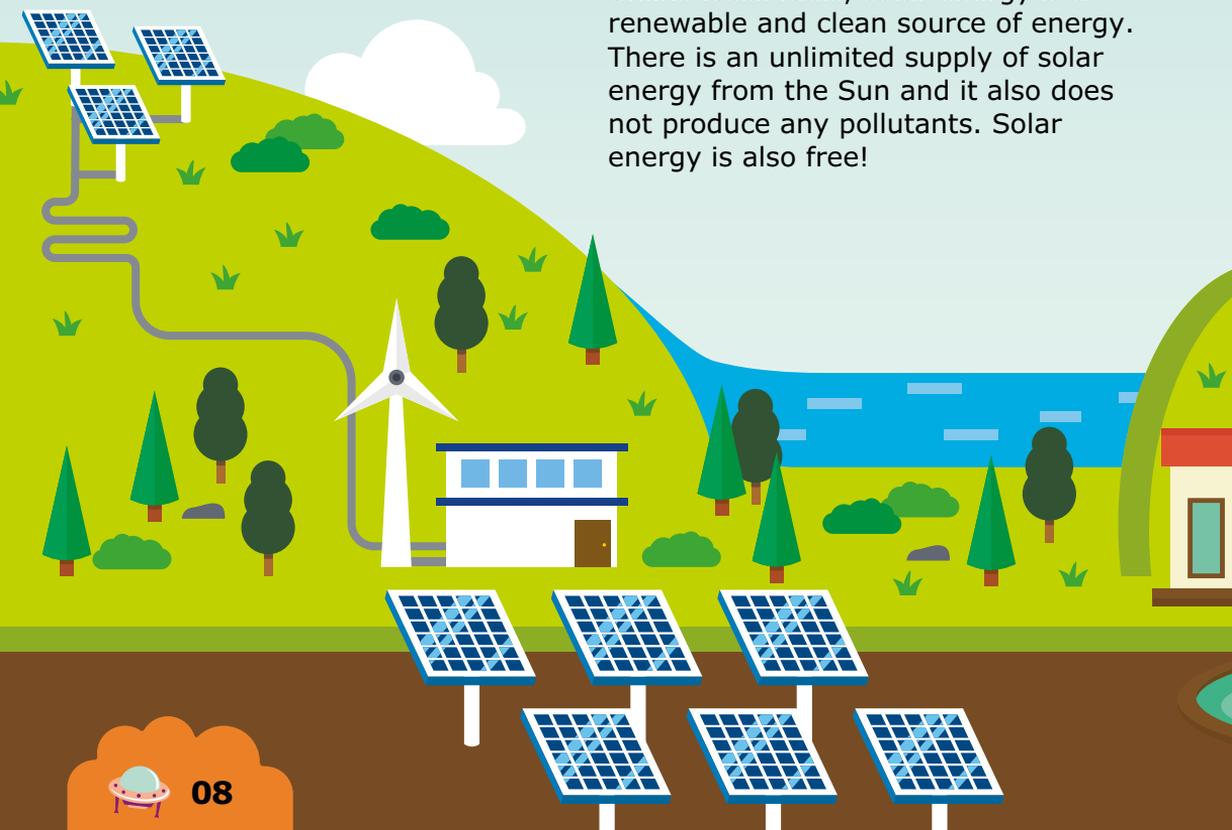
## What is solar energy?

Solar energy refers to the energy that the sun produces. The Sun produces energy is important to support life on earth! It is so big and powerful that the energy we receive on Earth in one hour is more than what is used by everyone in the world in one year.

## Why solar energy?

Our main energy source is from fossil fuels. However, they are non-renewable sources of energy. This means that we would not be able to get energy from fossil fuels once we have used them up! In addition, when fossil fuels are burnt to produce energy, it produces harmful gases which lead to global warming.

Unlike fossil fuels, solar energy is a renewable and clean source of energy. There is an unlimited supply of solar energy from the Sun and it also does not produce any pollutants. Solar energy is also free!



## Solar energy in our everyday lives

There are many uses for solar energy. In fact, we may already be using it right now! For instance when we dry our wet laundry under the sun, we are using solar energy to do so.

Another use of solar energy is getting solar power! With modern technology like solar panels, we are able to convert solar energy into solar power. Solar power involves converting solar energy into electricity that we are able to use to light up our rooms, watch the television and more! Using solar power also helps to reduce our electricity bills.



# THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Our solar system was formed about 4.6 billion years ago. The solar system is made up of the sun and the object that revolves around it which includes the 8 planets, moons, and more! Read on to find out more about our solar system.



## VENUS

Venus is the second planet from the Sun. Although it is not the closest planet to the sun, Venus traps heat causing it to be the hottest planet in the solar system. Temperatures on Venus can reach 465°C. A day on Venus lasts about 116 Earth days long!

## SUN

The Sun is a middle-sized yellow star which scientists have named Sol. It is the biggest object in our solar system, containing 99.8% percent of all the material in the solar system. It also produces light, heat and energy which support life on Earth.

## 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 with a temperature of -224°C. That makes it about 6 times colder than the North Pole in winter!

## SATURN

Saturn is the sixth planet from the Sun and the second largest planet in the solar system. Similar to Jupiter, Saturn is also made up of gas and liquid and is the lightest planet. Saturn has many rings circling the planet and is the farthest planet from Earth we can see with our own eyes.





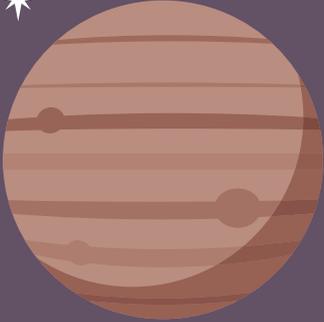
## MERCURY

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest planet in our solar system. Its surface temperature can reach 450°C which is about 4 times the temperature of boiling water! However, temperatures at night can drop to -170°C.



## EARTH

Our home, Earth, is the third planet from the Sun. It is the fifth largest planet in the solar system, has one moon named Luna, and is about 4.5 billion years old. Earth is also the only planet known to have life. About 71% of the Earth's surface is covered by water.



## JUPITER

Jupiter is the fifth planet from the Sun and is the largest planet in the solar system. It is so big that it can fit more than 1,300 Earths! Jupiter has 4 large moons and many smaller moons. Unlike the first four planets, Jupiter is made up of mostly gas and liquid with no solid surface.



## MARS

Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun and has two moons. It is also known as the "Red Planet" as its surface is red in colour. As it is further away from the Sun, the average temperature on Mars is about -60°C. It is also home to the highest mountain, and the deepest, longest valley in the solar system.



## NEPTUNE

Neptune is the eighth and furthest planet from the Sun. It is blue in colour and has a surface temperature of -214°C. Similar to Uranus, it is largely made up of ices and lacks a solid surface. A year on Neptune is 164 Earth years long.

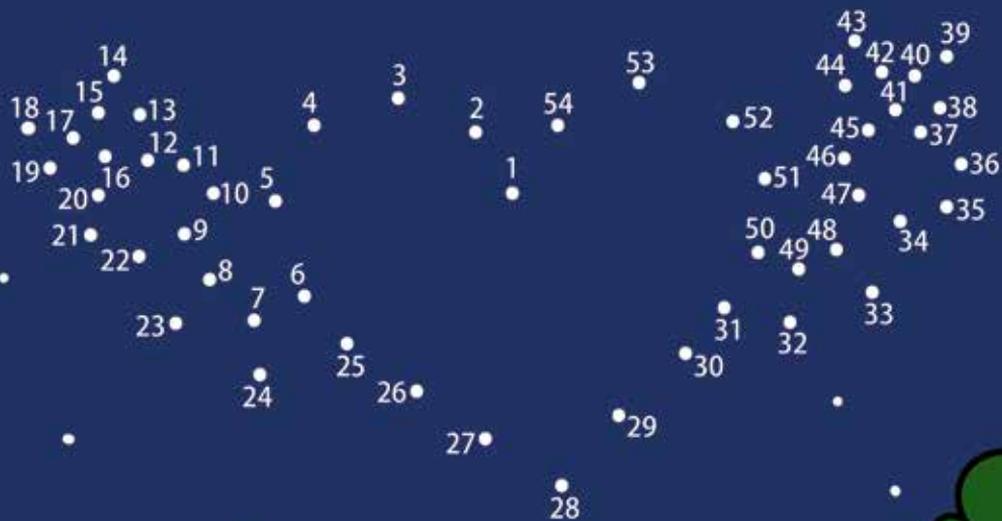
# Spot the difference

Can you spot  
**20 differences?**  
Tell us where each difference is  
located by circling them.

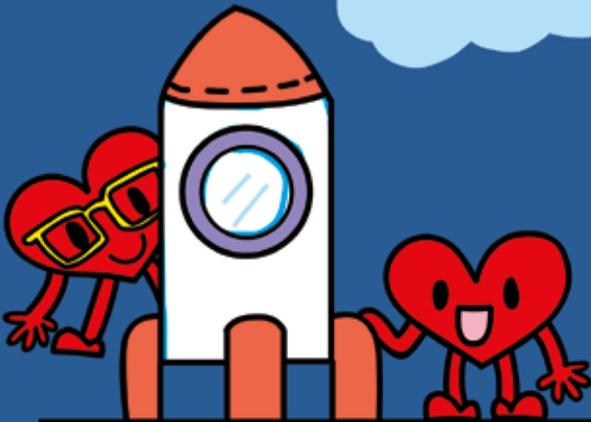




Connect the dots to see what they form!

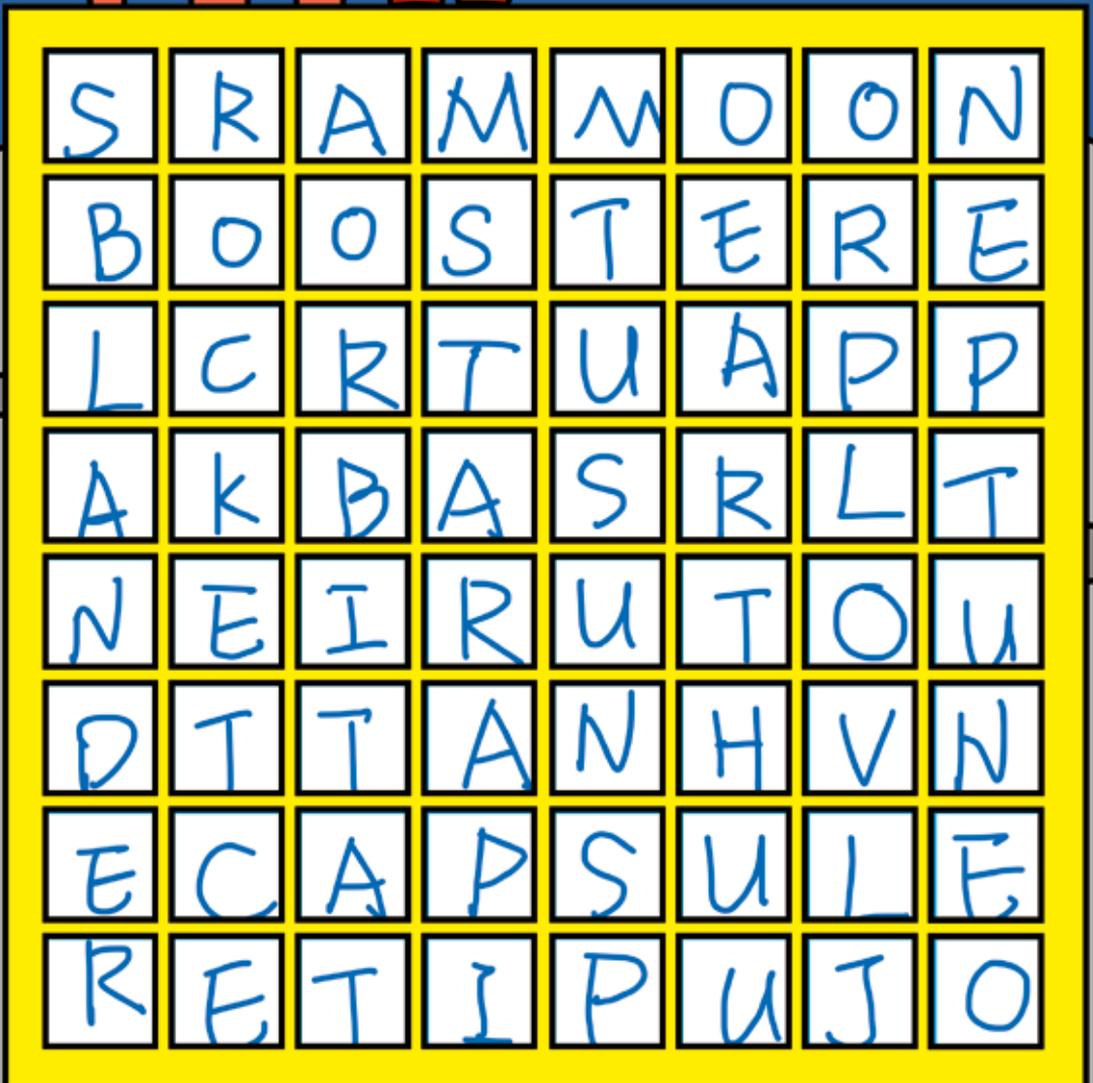


Alex and Tampi are going on a space adventure!  
Can you help them find the words related to space?



BOOSTER  
ROCKET  
MARS  
MOON  
NEPTUNE  
EARTH  
ORBIT

LANDER  
CAPSULE  
JUPITER  
STAR



# Space Travelling Through Time

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." 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 orbit the Earth, even before us, humans!



**12 Apr 1961** Yuri Gagarin was the first human to orbit the Earth.

**20 Jul 1969** Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin were the first humans to walk on the moon.

**17 Aug 1970** The first spacecraft to land on another planet, Venus, and to send information back to Earth.



**Nov 1998** Work to build the International Space Station began.

**Nov 2000** The first permanent crew moved into the International Space Station.





## Life in Space

Living in space is different from living on Earth. Astronauts have to train for a long time and adjust to life without gravity.

### What is gravity?

Gravity is a force that pulls everything down and keeps us on the ground. Without gravity, everything will float away.



### Eating

In the early days of space travel, astronauts had to eat soft food packaged in tubes like toothpaste and squeeze the food into their mouth. Now, astronauts eat mostly freeze-dried or dehydrated food. They simply squeeze water into the food package and eat it after the water has been absorbed. They can even use hot water to make hot meals!

### Sleeping

Without any gravity, astronauts would be floating around in space. To prevent themselves from floating around and bumping into things, astronauts have to strap themselves into sleeping bags.



### Exercising

Gravity helps to keep our bones and muscles strong! With no gravity in space, it is important for astronauts to exercise every day to prevent their bones and muscles from weakening.

# Loving that Job!

In this issue, we interview Connie Tan who has been working as a Visual Merchandiser in IKEA for 3 years. Read on to find out more about her and her job!

## 1 What do you do as a visual merchandiser?

As a visual merchandiser, my job is to attract, engage, and motivate the customer to make a purchase by displaying the products in a way that shows its features and benefits.

## 2 How does an average working day look like for you?

We start with our morning rounds; putting products back into place and touching up our assigned areas in the store till noon. After lunch, we will either be planning for campaigns or doing range presentation in the store.

## 3 Why did you want to be a visual merchandiser?

I wanted to be a visual merchandiser because I love shopping and have a desire to see a good display of products that encourages purchases. To add, I enjoy the exploration of hands-on work and working with different mediums.

## 4 What do you love about your job the most?

The joy of seeing customers picking up and buying the products because they are attracted to the product display that we did and its details.



**5 What are some things you take note of when you're designing a room?**

Customers' needs, who are the target audience and their interest and hobbies, and how the product can be shown to showcase its benefits.

**6 What are your must-haves items when you're doing your job?**

I like to listen to music during morning rounds to give me a boost of energy in the morning. My favourite music genre is alternative synth-pop!

**7 Where do you get your inspiration from?**

Inspiration comes from everywhere. I get my inspiration from design websites too.

**8 Do you design your own home/room? How would you describe your home/room style?**

Yes, I design my own room. My room leans more towards the Scandinavian style where it's mainly white with a hint of green and birch wood.

**9 What is your favourite room design in IKEA and why?**

That will be home 1. I like it because it's a studio apartment and I see myself staying in one in the future. Also, it follows a Scandinavian Modern style which is what I like!

**10 What do you have to say to småles members who want to be a visual merchandiser like you when they are older?**

Take any surrounding as an inspiration, look around, go out more often to see how other businesses work and be more sensitive to textures, patterns and prints.

 Home 1



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# 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\*!

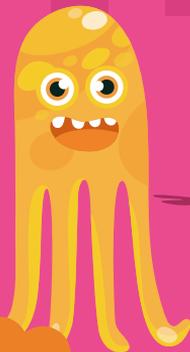
\*Availability of workshops subject to the number of signups and is on a first-come-first-served basis.

## 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



**WRECK-  
THIS-PAGE:**

**Draw an alien using  
only stars**

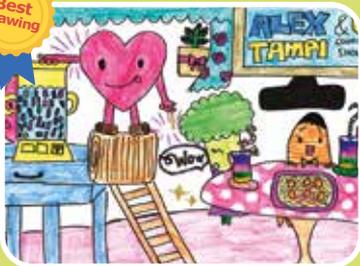


# INBOX @ SMALES



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?



Lyndi Ng, 11 years old



Jalyng Tan, 9 years old



Claire Koh, 9 years old



Javier Yau Kai Xiang, 11 years old



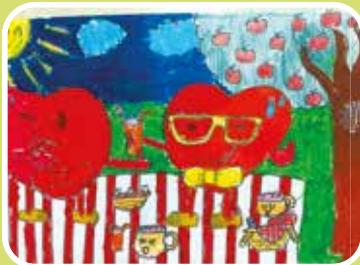
Jerlynn Yau Kai En, 9 years old



Lee Yu Shuen, Treena, 10 years old



Chloe Toh, 11 years old



Chng Yoke Ling, 10 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-peek'.

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**

"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-peek 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**

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-peek 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 "Tamp! Tamp! 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**

**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**.

**Last issue's theme:**

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

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**

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!

"Tamp!" 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**

