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Hej småles!

We are coming to the end of the year and we hope you've learnt a lot over the past few bug news issues. Let's enjoy this holiday season while learning more about it. Have you ever wondered, if there are more than one type of Christmas tree? Flip through to page 6 for the answer. And check out our exclusive advent calendar on page 10 & 11 that will keep you occupied for the whole of December.

We will also learn about endangered species, especially the polar bears and the threats they face. See page 15 for more.

With Big Bug hugs, Alex and Tampi



Designed by kids

supporting children's right to play

Say hi to our new SAGOSKATT soft toy collection. They are all designed by kids that participated in our annual drawing competition. This year, all sale proceeds will be donated to Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) to support their implementation of new programmes, subsidy of student's school fees and other initiatives. Find out more at [IKEA.sg/SAGOSKATT](https://www.IKEA.sg/SAGOSKATT).



Candy

Designed by Cleménce, 8 years old: "I love candy and my soft toy also eats loads of candy. She's lucky since she can travel and make other children happy. Please hug a lot."



Llama

Designed by Christel, 6 years old: "I've drawn a llama, an animal that I like. I told my soft toy to always be with you and keep you company. Give Llama a lot of love, because it's special."



Eggplant car

Designed by Ayaan, 8 years old: "My Halloween-themed terrifying car likes to lie under my bed and scare intruders away. You can have fun too when you see how my car frightens the enemies."



Ladybug mouse

Designed by Maria, 9 years old: "My soft toy looks like a mouse dressed as a ladybug. She's changing costumes for a carnival party. Play with her and treat her well."



Globe man

Designed by Yo-Pong, 12 years old: "It's the beautiful planet we live on and I dream that one day I can rollerblade to every corner of the Earth. There is only one planet, so we must take good care of it."



Brown bear

Designed by Sofia, 6 years old: "My soft toy is a bear and during the day it rides on a dog. Good bear, soon you'll be loved! Treat him well and sometimes watch movies together."

Come help us draw a cuddly soft toy!

We need some help from the world's youngest designers below 12 years old. Join our drawing competition from 19 - 29 November 2020 and stand a chance to turn your drawings into cuddly toys. Find out more at [IKEA.sg/Family/Softtoy](https://family.ikea.com.sg/Softtoy).

How to participate:

1. Download the drawing template at <https://family.ikea.com.sg/drawing-template>
2. Start drawing
3. Submit your drawing in-store and you'll receive a Diploma



Types of Christmas trees

A Christmas tree is an evergreen tree that gets decorated with lights and ornaments as part of the Christmas festivities. They can be fresh-cut, potted, or artificial and placed indoor and outdoor. There are many kinds of Christmas trees, but the two famous types are: **Fir Trees** and **Pine Trees**.

Fir trees are a kind of evergreen coniferous tree and a popular choice for the holiday season.

Balsam Fir

The balsam fir is an evergreen tree best known for its conical shape and dense, dark-green leaves that are flat and needle like. It's the most common Christmas tree used in many homes as it looks good and smells well.

Canada Fir

A medium-growing evergreen tree that features fantastic needle retention. Leaves are flat and needle like, with a nice green color.

The yellow-green branches of the Fraser fir feature a conical shape with branches that angle slightly upward. Also known for being extra sturdy, making this Christmas tree a great option for heavy ornaments.

Fraser Fir

This fir tree displays a full pyramid shape with blue or dark green leaves that have one of the richest scents of all the Christmas trees.

Douglas Fir

Pine trees

are evergreen conifers in the pinus genus and are the most common coniferous tree around the world.



The white pine features needles that grown in bundle. With bluish-green hues and pointed tips, the branches of this Christmas tree are flexible and give off little to no aroma.

The scotch pine is also known for its long term needle retention, meaning less clean-up for you when Christmas ends. Fun fact, it's also the national tree of Scotland.



Can be easily identified due to its short and twisted needles that grow in pairs. This particular pine tree features short branches with dense foliage that respond well to trimming.



Sources:

- <https://www.britannica.com/plant/Christmas-tree>
- <https://www.proflowers.com/blog/16-types-of-christmas-trees>

Find your way to reach Sara



Winter art & craft

Make your very own handmade Christmas tree!

*Parental guidance recommended.

Materials:

- 3-5 empty tissue paper roll
- Green paint
- Newspaper or scrap paper
- Hole puncher
- PVA glue
- String (optional)



Steps:

1. Flatten the toilet paper roll and sketch a Christmas tree.
2. Cut the outline of the Christmas tree sketch.
3. Paint the tree green and wait till it's dry.
4. Make some paper confetti from newspapers/scrap papers using a hole puncher. Don't forget to draw and cut out a star for the top of your Christmas tree.
5. Once done, glue the paper confetti on the tree and the star to the top of the tree.
6. Finally, allow the craft to dry completely and make a loop with your string to hang the Christmas tree.

Christmas advent calendar

1 Dec

It's the holiday season! Give yourself a big hug and say "I did great and I love myself very much"

2 Dec

Learn a new Christmas song



3 Dec

Enjoy a great dinner meal with your family and create sweet memories



7 Dec



Recycle old newspapers

Make some homemade Christmas cards



8 Dec

9 Dec

Make a wish list with 10 things you want to do in 2021



13 Dec

Make a delicious hot chocolate with your parents



14 Dec

Bake Christmas cookies and have fun with different frosting flavours



15 Dec

Spend some quality time with your loved ones



19 Dec

Share a joke: What's Santa's favourite sandwich? — Peanut butter and jolly.



20 Dec

Go Christmas shopping with your parents



21 Dec

Wrap some Christmas gifts for your mom and dad.



4
Dec

Read a book about
Christmas stories

5
Dec

Wrap the
presents with
recycled
newspapers

6
Dec

Decorate the
Christmas
tree

10
Dec

Write a letter to
santa

Dear Santa

11
Dec

Clean out your
toys and donate
good quality toys
to charity

12
Dec

Make a DIY
Christmas
tree

View
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16
Dec

Have a
sleepover party
with your
family in the
living room

17
Dec

Make a "Thank you
card" for your parent
and write how much
they mean to you

18
Dec

Dance to a
Christmas Song

22
Dec

Watch a
Christmas film
with your
whole family

23
Dec

Take a picture with
your whole family
with a big, big smile

24
Dec

Perform for your
family the christmas
song you learnt on
the 2nd and 18th of
December



**Spot the
difference**

Can you spot the
20 differences
in this drawing?



Send in your answers with your name, Smålish passport number, age, address and contact details to alexandtampi@smales.com.sg by 30 November 2020. 15 lucky winners will each win a set of MÅLA Whiteboard markers (4/pcs).





Endangered species

An animal is endangered when its entire species is close to being wiped out forever. They become extinct once there is no longer a single one left.

Today, one in every four animals are considered endangered. Unfortunately, the beautiful and majestic polar bears have been classified as one. Let's get to know more about them

About polar bear

The polar bear or the sea/ice bear are the world's largest land carnivores. They live on sea ice and along the shores in the icy cold Arctic. When the sea ice forms over the ocean in cold weather many polar bears except the pregnant females, head out onto the ice to hunt seals.

They primarily spend 50% of their time hunting and often rest silently at a seal's breathing hole in the ice, waiting for a seal in the water to surface. A polar bear also hunts by swimming under the ice.

Type:	Mammals
Diet:	Meat
Average Life Span in the wild:	25-30 years
Size:	Head and body: 7.25 to 8 feet; Tail: 3 to 5 inches Weight: 408 to 726 kilograms



As one of the top predators in the world, polar bears are important to help balance the food chain and the ecosystem. They also represent a strong cultural significance for the Arctic people.

Sources:

- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/polar-bear/>
- <https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/polar-bear>

10 cool facts about polar bear

1

Polar bears are classified as marine mammals as they spend their lives in the ice sea.



2

Polar bears are actually black, not white because furs are translucent, and only appears white because it reflects visible light.



3

They can swim constantly for days at a time.



4

Polar bears can overheat from running or when the temperature rises.



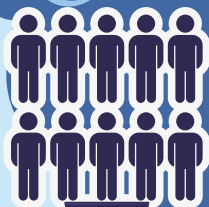
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These magnificent mammals have an incredible sense of smell (up to 16km away) which they use to track their favourite grub, seals.



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Male polar bears can weigh as much as 10 men.



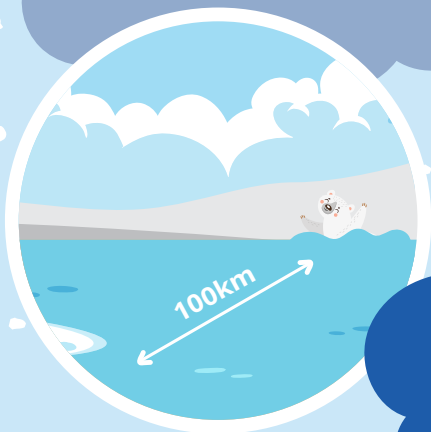
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Scientists can extract polar bear DNA just from their footprints.



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Despite their size, polar bears are excellent swimmers, and have been spotted in waters over 100km offshore.



9

At birth, the polar bear cubs are only around 30cm long and weigh around half a kilogram – that's about the same as a guinea pig!



10

Polar bears clean themselves by rolling in the snow.



Sources:

- [https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/general-animals/polar-bear-facts/#:~:text=1\)%20Polar%20bears%20are%20found,\(meat%20eaters\)%20on%20Earth!](https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/general-animals/polar-bear-facts/#:~:text=1)%20Polar%20bears%20are%20found,(meat%20eaters)%20on%20Earth!)
- <https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/fascinating-facts/polar-bears>
- <https://arctickingdom.com/10-fast-facts-polar-bears/>

Threats to polar bear

Climate change is the greatest threat to polar bears. It causes the ice to melt faster and reform back slower, making it harder for polar bears to hunt and eat. This affects their growth and health.

GLOBAL WARMING

Unhealthy bears will not be able to reproduce easily and if they do, not all their cubs can survive their childhood. As they do not have enough to eat nor have enough fats to stay warm.

Toxic pollution are also a threat to the polar bears because the seals and fishes they eat come into contact with high levels of toxic chemicals. This then affects their growth.

Source:

- <https://arcticwwf.org/species/polar-bear/threats/>
- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/what-is-climate-change/>

How can we help these endangered species?



Support organisations and other wild life parks that are working to help endangered species

Some organisations or zoo have special guided tours and walks for kids. Talk to the guides to find out more about these threatened species and how they are being protected.

The power of sharing knowledge.

Research about endangered animals by reading encyclopedia, books or even watching videos. Learn how the animal lives, about its home and what it eats. Share what you've learned with your family and friends. The more we share, the more everyone can help to play a part to protect these animals.



Recycle and buy sustainable products.

At home, you can help sort rubbish into things that can be recycled and things that can't. Many things can be recycled, including steel, aluminium cans and more. By recycling things, we are able to reduce the amount of rubbish and this will help the environment.



Sources:

- <https://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/factsheet-green-kids-guide-threatened-species-9-ways>
- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/nature/mission-animal-rescue/raise-awareness/>

INBOX @ SMALES

Last issue's theme:

It's finally time for Alex and Tampi to decorate their Christmas tree! How do you think it turned out?



Alex and Tampi are relaxing at a beautiful garden by the lake, what do you think they see?

Include your name, Smålish passport number, age, address, and contact details. Send in your drawing to **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg** by **30 November 2020**. 1 lucky winner will win a **portable red MÅLA drawing case**.



Karin Gratia, 12 years old



Chen Yu Xuan, 11 years old



Wong Zi Ting, 12 years old

"Yey! Mine is a toy train!" "And mine is a snow globe!" Just then, Tampi noticed the third present. "What is that?" The two brothers gazed at the present that was wrapped in red. The present had no nametag, and thus the brothers could not tell whose present it was too. Alex and Tampi cracked their brains, deciding who would get the present. Just then, Alex had a light-bulb moment. He decided that the present belonged to both the two brothers and they would open it together. Tampi gave the box a shake before they opened it. Out of the blue.... "Boo!" A scarlet-colored object flew into their face. "Ahh!" The brothers screamed at the shock. The moment they opened their eyes, they realized it was Lele, their friend ladybug! "Lele! What a surprise!" Tampi exclaimed. "Let's celebrate Christmas together then!" Alex suggested. What a happy Christmas celebration indeed!

Jolene Liu, 11 years old

Last issue's theme:

Every year, under the Christmas tree, there will be a present for each brother. However, this year there is an extra present with no name on it. What do you think is inside the present and who left it there?

Alex and Tampi ran downstairs to receive their presents. Surprisingly, there was an extra present. "Oooh! An extra present! I'm opening it!" The cheerful Alex said as soon as he saw the present. "Alex! Get a hold of yourself! It's surely not ours!" Tampi reprimanded him as Alex tried to open the present. "Well then..." Alex said, disappointed, "Let's find out who's this present is for, Watson!" Alex jumped up. "Hey!" Tampi shouted, "Since when are you Sherlock?!" After a lot of investigating the brothers figured it out. They went to Santa's workshop and placed the present under their Christmas tree and left. Santa looked at a present under the Christmas tree, a label said: To Santa Claus, From Alex and Tampi. Santa laughed, picking up the present. They gave the present to the one who works when you sleep, which was Santa. Well, that was a jolly Christmas!

Wesley Ho, 10 years old

"I can't believe that it's already Christmas!" exclaimed Tampi, putting on his nightgown and getting ready for bed. It was the night before Christmas and the brothers were fast asleep. Each of them had a present for each other under the Christmas tree, labelled and ready to be opened the next day. Alex and Tampi slept soundly, unaware of what was going on that night. "Good morning! Merry Christmas!" The brothers shouted at the first glimmer of daylight. They rushed down the stairs and ran to the Christmas tree. Alex was about to unwrap his gift from Tampi when he noticed another present under the tree! He motioned for Tampi to check it out. The brothers cautiously opened the present together. It was two Christmas hats! Inside, there was a letter saying: Next time leave some milk and cookies for me, boys! Ho,ho,ho! That was when Alex and Tampi realised that the sender of the mysterious gift was Santa Claus!

Ashrie Jed Sto Domingo, 11 years old

"I can't wait to see what Santa Claus has left for us!" Alex squealed. Without another word, Alex and Tampi sped off. Suddenly, Tampi turned around and his eyes widened. "Why is there an extra present here? Is this a dream?" Tampi rubbed his eyes. Just then, a booming voice came from behind them. "HO HO HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS!" It was Santa Claus! "You have received my presents but I have forgotten to put a name tag and the message..." In the blink of an eye, the message was pasted and Santa Claus has disappeared. It read: 'Your adventures have spread so much joy to the kids around the world! I am so proud of you! Enjoy the rest of the year!' "Shall we?" Tampi winked at Alex. "A SECRET PAPER PORRIDGE RECIPE! AWESOME!" Laughter filled the room as Alex held the recipe in the air.

Shane Soh, 11 years old

It's a beautiful day with sun ray shining through the window and colourful flowers flourishing at the front yard. Alex and Tampi were having tea and adoring the beautiful nature and flying birds. Slowly the cloud starts to turn gloomy and....

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Unscramble your favourite Christmas food



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**Wreck this
page**

**Fill the page up with drawings of
polar bears enjoying the Christmas festival.**