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HAPPY NEWS

KIDS

Reading aloud boosts your brain



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Have you ever noticed how calm and happy you feel when someone reads a story aloud with you? Scientists have discovered a fascinating reason why: when people listen to the same story together, their brains actually sync up! This helps them feel calm, connected, and focussed. In one study, families who read together showed matching brain activity, as though their minds were on the same wavelength. So next time you pick up a book, try reading it with someone you love, it's not just fun, it's good for your brain!

Joke of the Week

What's a polar bear's favourite food? *Iceberg-ers!*



Polar bear vs Giant Pumpkin

Canada



In Ontario, Canada, a polar bear named Henry got the surprise of his life when a giant 1,400-pound pumpkin was rolled into his enclosure! At first, Henry wasn't sure what to think, the pumpkin weighed more than he did! But soon, curiosity took over and he started munching away. It was a funny - and tasty - treat for Henry, and a perfect way to celebrate Polar Bear Awareness Week!

Image Credit: Cochrane Polar Bear Habitat



Think Happy

Who would you love to share a story with this week?



New species of bee with tiny horns discovered

Researchers in Western Australia have discovered a brand-new species of bee with tiny horns on its face. The surprising find happened while scientists were studying a rare wildflower. The new bee, named *Megachile Lucifer*, is the first of its kind to be found in over 20 years. Experts think its little horns might help it collect pollen or protect itself. The name "*Lucifer*" means "light bringer" in Latin.



Australia



Image Credit: Dr Kit Prendergast



Hedgehog hospital heroes

In Fife, Scotland, Sharon and Andy Longhurst have turned their house into a special hedgehog hospital to care for sick and injured hedgehogs. They've built tiny wards, intensive care units, and even have volunteers driving "hedgehog ambulances." Since starting Burntisland Hedgehog Haven almost three years ago, they've cared for more than 560 hedgehogs, nursing them back to health and releasing them back into the wild.



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Earth has a secret space buddy



Scientists have discovered that a little piece of space rock has been quietly following Earth around the Sun for over 60 years, and no one really noticed! The rock, called 2025 PN7, isn't technically a moon because it orbits the Sun, not Earth. But it travels right beside our planet and takes the same amount of time to go around. Scientists are calling it a "quasi-moon," or Earth's space buddy!



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