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The Most Anticipated Day of the School Year

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Au, Kwan Pui Oswald – 9

The most anticipated day of the school year – the annual school picnic at the YMCA campsite in Ma On Shan – had finally arrived. The campsite sat perfectly between towering mountains and the sparkling South China Sea, offering breathtaking views of the coast. The salty breeze carried the excitement of adventure, and students scattered across the grounds, eager to explore.

Sammy, an energetic Primary 4 student, was racing through the picnic grounds when he suddenly tripped over something partially buried in the soil. Frustrated and nursing a scraped knee, he grabbed the offending rock, ready to hurl it into the sea. "Wait!" shouted his best friend Bob, grabbing Sammy's arm just in time. Bob's eyes widened as he examined the peculiar object. "Look at these strange patterns... they look like... like marks or imprints of something!" The 'rock' had unusual indentations and textures unlike anything they'd seen before.

As if by fate, a group of paleontologists from the Hong Kong Science Museum were conducting a fossil survey nearby. Dr. Chan and her team had been mapping the area after recent discoveries of dinosaur footprints in Ma On Shan. Bob, whose countless visits to the Science Museum had taught him to recognize potential fossils, suggested they show their finding to the experts.

Dr. Chan carefully examined their discovery under her professional magnifying glass, her eyes widening with each passing second. The intricate patterns and textures on the object were unlike anything she had seen in recent years. "Boys, this is extraordinary!" she exclaimed, her voice trembling with excitement. "You've found a genuine dinosaur fossil fragment, possibly from the same period as the sauropod footprints discovered here last year. This could be a crucial piece in understanding the dinosaur ecosystem of this region. As a reward for your careful handling of this important specimen, we'd like to invite you both to join our upcoming scientific expedition to study dinosaur migrations. You'll also receive a special book about dinosaurs to deepen your knowledge!"

Sammy and Bob could hardly believe their luck. What started as a simple school picnic had turned into the discovery of a lifetime. Their eyes sparkled with joy as they imagined the adventures ahead, proving that sometimes the best discoveries happen by accident.

Sammy and Bob sprang out of bed early at dawn. With their backpacks filled with water bottles, notebooks, and snacks, they rushed to meet the expedition team at Sai Kung Yellow Rock Ferry Pier. The morning sun sparkled on the water as their boat headed towards Chek Chau, where ancient secrets lay hidden in the rocks.

Throughout the day, Dr. Chan showed them how to identify different types of fossils in the sedimentary rocks. They discovered imprints of prehistoric plants, fragments of dinosaur fossils, and even what looked like tiny raptor footprints! Sammy and Bob carefully took notes and helped document each finding with the team's special measuring tools. It was nothing like learning from textbooks – this was real science happening right in their hometown!

After the science expedition, Sammy and Bob sailed back to the ferry pier. They chatted excitedly about all the cool dinosaur facts they had learned. "This was the best science expedition ever!" Sammy exclaimed, and Bob nodded in agreement.

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Chau, Tse Ya – 11

China has quietly been turned into a haven for dinosaur fossils, with paleontologists discovering new species and buried fossils left and right this year. Recently, a fossilized egg was discovered in Ganzhou (East China's Jiangxi Province) that has been identified as the smallest complete egg fossil known to date. The eggs were from the Late Cretaceous Period dating back 80 million years ago.

Masses of dinosaur museums have been built in the entirety of China, all displaying fossils of a lot of species. The director of the research department at the Zigong Dinosaur Museum said that the number and diversity of species, concentration of burial and preservation quality of the bones was boasted to be the best in the world. They also have the best-preserved eusauropoda and the most primitive stegosaurus to date. The museum filled a significant gap in two separate dinosaur periods while giving lots of information to scientists to research.

In another district, the Yixian Formation has yielded an outstanding array of fossils over the years, but it has always been a mystery to scientists, 'How did those dinosaurs die?' They found that there were deposits rich in volcanic, convincing the scientists to blindly conclude that the dinosaurs were entombed by either volcanic mudflows or killed by volcanic ash or other natural disasters, but this has soon been proven to be wrong. During a period, China bursted in dinosaur fossil finds and explorations, leading many paleontologists to flood to China to examine the findings. One expert acknowledged that the Liaoning Province has an array of fossils that are compatible in research with each other. Meanwhile recently, in Yunnan Province, a non-sauropodan sauropodomorph (new species) was discovered. It possesses the largest and longest cranial material in its group in the Lufeng formation(est.40cm) achieving a new record, also indicating sauropodomorph dinosaurs experienced a massive expansion in numbers and maintained a successful diversity advantage around the world. Dinosaurs of all types were prominent during the Jurassic period. An ankylosaurus was recently been identified as the largest of its kind. (It was actually discovered approximately four decades ago) It was named 'Huaxiazhouloung shouwen' This is the end of my passage. Thank you for reading until the end.

The Feathered Secrets of Liaoning

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Choi, Tsz Yan – 11

In the heart of Liaoning Province, where the mountains whispered secrets of ancient times, a young girl named Chloe lived with her grandfather, a retired paleontologist. As the sun dipped behind the hills, painting the sky in hues of orange and purple, Chloe often found herself lost in the stories her grandfather told her about dinosaurs—their grandeur, their mysteries, and their extinction.

One evening, as they sat on the porch, her grandfather leaned closer, his eyes twinkling with excitement. "Did you know, Chloe, that just a few years ago, a remarkable discovery was made here? A farmer stumbled upon the first feathered dinosaur, *Sinosauropteryx*. It changed everything we knew about these magnificent creatures."

Chloe's curiosity ignited. "What did it look like, Grandpa?"

He smiled, "Imagine a small dinosaur, about the size of a chicken, with feathers like a bird. It had bright orange and white plumage, and its eyes sparkled like gems. But the most fascinating part? It could glide through the trees, just like the birds we see today."

That night, as Chloe lay in bed, she couldn't stop thinking about *Sinosauropteryx*. What if she could meet a dinosaur? She closed her eyes, and soon she drifted into a dream.

In her dream, she found herself in a lush, prehistoric forest. The air was thick with the scent of ferns and flowers. Suddenly, a rustle in the bushes caught her attention. Out stepped a small creature, its feathers shimmering in the dappled sunlight. It was *Sinosauropteryx*!

"Hello, Chloe!" it chirped, surprising her. "I've been waiting for you!"

"How do you know my name?" she gasped, taken aback.

"I know many things," the dinosaur said with a flick of its tail. "But right now, I need your help. The other dinosaurs have gone missing, and I fear they've been captured by a group of treasure hunters who want to exploit our fossils!"

Determined to help her new friend, Chloe nodded. "What can I do?"

Sinosauropteryx flapped its wings. "Follow me! We must gather the other dinosaurs and lead them to safety."

They dashed through the forest, where they met a fierce *Velociraptor*. "Why are you here, feathered one?" it growled.

"*Sinosauropteryx* needs our help," Chloe explained. "We must save the others!"

The *Velociraptor*, intrigued by Chloe's bravery and *Sinosauropteryx*'s plea, agreed to join. Soon, they encountered a massive *Brachiosaurus* munching on treetops.

"*Brachiosaurus*, we need your strength!" Chloe shouted. "The treasure hunters are coming!"

With a mighty roar, the *Brachiosaurus* joined their cause, and together they ventured deeper into the forest. Along the way, they gathered more dinosaurs—a wise *Triceratops*, a playful *Ankylosaurus*, and a graceful *Pterosaur* who soared overhead, keeping watch.

As dusk fell, they reached the hidden valley where the treasure hunters had established their camp. A flickering fire illuminated the scene, and Chloe could see cages holding captured dinosaurs. Her heart raced.

"We have to free them!" she whispered urgently.

Sinosauropteryx perched on Chloe's shoulder. "We'll create a distraction. *Brachiosaurus*, use your height! *Velociraptor*, you're fast and stealthy. *Pterosaur*, can you make a loud noise?"

With a plan in place, they executed their strategy. Brachiosaurus stretched its long neck, causing a ruckus as it knocked over pots and pans, while the Velociraptor darted around, creating chaos. The Pterosaur shrieked from above, drawing the hunters' attention away.

In the confusion, Chloe and the other dinosaurs rushed to the cages. With teamwork, they managed to unlock the doors, freeing the captured creatures. A thunderous roar echoed through the valley as the dinosaurs reunited, their spirits soaring.

Just then, the hunters noticed the commotion and ran toward them. Chloe's heart pounded, but Sinosauropteryx flapped its wings and led the dinosaurs in a daring escape, guiding them through a hidden path in the forest.

As they reached safety, Chloe turned to her dinosaur friends. "We did it! You're all free!"

The dinosaurs cheered, their voices blending into a joyful chorus. Sinosauropteryx looked at Chloe with gratitude.

"You are brave and kind, Chloe. You saved us today. Remember, the stories of our kind must live on."

Just then, the dream began to fade, and Chloe found herself back in her room, the morning sun streaming through the window. She sat up, heart racing with excitement. Had it all been real?

As she looked around, Chloe noticed something in her hand. It was a feather—bright orange and white, just like Sinosauropteryx! She couldn't believe her eyes. This feather was proof of her adventure, a tangible connection to the dinosaurs she had just met.

Determined to share her adventure, she rushed to her grandfather. "Grandpa! I dreamed of dinosaurs! And look, I have a feather! We have to protect their stories and their fossils!"

Her grandfather smiled warmly. "Yes, Chloe. You've captured the essence of what we do. Let's begin our own journey to share these tales."

And so, Chloe and her grandfather embarked on a mission to educate others about the wonders of dinosaurs, ensuring that the legacy of creatures like Sinosauropteryx would never be forgotten.

Tim Wang's Dino Adventure

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Fong, Justin – 10

Tim Wang loved dinosaurs more than anything in the world. Every night, he read books filled with pictures of fierce T. rexes, sauropods with very long neck, and stegosaurus with sharp plates. However, his absolute favorite dinosaur was Sinosauropteryx, a small and feathered creature that reminded him of a little dragon. Tim was amazed that scientists had discovered it in China.

One day, Tim's parents surprised him with a trip to Liaoning Province in China. This was where Sinosauropteryx fossils were first found. He felt so excited that he could barely sleep. He imagined ancient forests filled with dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes, some covered in colorful feathers that made them look like strange birds.

When they arrived, Tim was amazed by how calm and green the countryside looked. It was hard to believe that dinosaurs had once roamed this land many millions of years ago. Still, he felt certain that traces of their existence lay hidden under the ground.

On the second day, Tim and his parents visited a small museum. Inside, Tim saw impressive fossils of different dinosaurs. He also noticed fossils of pterosaurs, which were flying reptiles. Finally, he found the display of Sinosauropteryx. Leaning closer, he could see the faint lines of feathers on its bones. He imagined the dinosaur darting through an ancient forest, its tail feathers waving like a tiny dragon's.

That afternoon, the museum guide told Tim about a nearby excavation site where paleontologists were looking for more fossils. Tim begged his parents to let him watch the dig. When they arrived, a scientist named Dr Cheng noticed Tim's excitement. Dr Cheng showed him how to use a small brush to gently sweep away dirt from the rocks, in case something important lay underneath.

After a few minutes of careful brushing, Tim spotted a curved shape in the stone. He called for Dr Cheng, who examined it closely. "This might be part of a dinosaur bone," Dr Cheng said, smiling at Tim. Tim felt extremely proud that he had helped make a real fossil discovery.

That evening, Tim and his parents sat with Dr Cheng and the other scientists. Dr Cheng told them about more dinosaur finds in China, such as giant titanosaurs in Jiangxi and other feathered dinosaurs in Liaoning. Tim listened with wide-opened eyes, excited to learn more.

As their trip came to an end, Tim gazed at the peaceful hills around him and imagined feathered dinosaurs racing through ancient forests. He promised himself that he would study hard and become a paleontologist one day. Perhaps he would return to uncover even more New Tales of China's Dinosaurs.

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Hu, Luo Yu – 11

Joseph was a Hong Kong teenager. He was studying at secondary school. He had a lot of friends. His friends and he loved sports very much, They were good at football, basketball, volleyball , snooker.....

One day after school, Joseph was playing football with his friends in the playground. One of his friends, Michael, kicked the ball in very big strength. The ball flew in the air for a while, then it landed on a narrow and dirty alley.

The alley was between the school playground and a pretty house, it was not mentioned by most of the peoples, including Joseph and his friends.

Joseph ran into the narrow alley which was filled with stones and found the football on a little stone which was smashed because of the football. Joseph picked the football up and readied to go back to the playground. Then, he found something strange on the stone. There was a very little piece of something like bones. Then he remembered, it was a dinosaur's bone! He had matched the news report about the discovery of the dinosaur's bone in Jiangxi a few years ago. He was very interested in it.

A few hours later, Joseph went back home with a dirty football. He went to the police station and handed in the little piece of dinosaur bone. He also told the policeman where he had found it.

Another few hours later, Joseph and his family were watching TV. The news reporter said, "A secondary school student had accidentally found the Gannansaurus bone which is the same as the bones found in Jiangxi, 2013. After that, some archaeologists went to the little alley that the bone was found, and they discovered more pieces of bones....."

A week later, the school held a journey to Beijing.

On the second day, while they were walking in a dead end, something attracted Joseph's eyes. The end of the alleyway was an old concrete wall. The thing that attracted his eyes was dinosaur painting on the concrete wall. It was very beautiful. Joseph wanted to take a photo selfie of it. While he was leaning on the wall and got ready to take the photo, he got a glimpse of the painting again.

A button on the painting!

The button was in red, which was the same colour as the painting. It was really hard to find it, when the colour was the same. Driven by curiosity, Joseph pressed the button.

A long staircase appeared. Joseph and his friends went down the stairs. It was deep. All of them were in a dark room after about thirty seconds. Joseph found his mobile phone in his pocket and open the flashlight of his mobile phone. Then, everyone could see each other. They could see that the room was almost empty. The only thing was some bones and a piece of paper on the ground. It was the dinosaur's bones! The sharpest bones were the same as what Joseph had found in Hong Kong!

While everyone was looking at the bones, Joseph picked up the paper that lied on the ground.

He read out the sentences on the paper, "We are triplets. I have two elder brothers. The time was at Late Cretaceous. I am going to tell you my story. First of all, I am a dinosaur (I don't know if there's any creatures that can understand it). Before our births, there were no languages, intelligence or tools. The three of us were very clever after we were born. We found that the civilization at that time was very low, so we pretended to be as the same as

the other dinosaurs. But actually, we had already invented words, furniture and houses. But no dinosaurs knew. The days passed quickly and peacefully. But don't know why, one of the dinosaurs accidentally heard us talking in a strange way, and it used their 'language' to tell the other dinosaurs. Unfortunately, a dinosaur that also had wisdom heard it and it wanted to get our things and used it to rule the world. It was a gigantic Tyrannosaurus Rex (in our language). Let's call it T-Rex 337. It was combination of strength and wisdom. But its intelligence was very limited. It couldn't make or invent any things. So, it led a loads of dinosaurs to terrorize us: if we didn't hand in what we had made, they would kill us. They gave us three days for consideration.

At the third night, I suggested to ruin all the inventions and escape to the other places. My brothers agreed with me. But, T-Rex 337 expected our movements and took a lot of dinosaurs to chase after us. But we had already ruined everything. We separated during we escaped to confuse T-Rex 337. My oldest brother went to the southeast, my second elder brother went to the south, and I went to the north. I invent this basement with a staircase up to ground.

From: talented dinosaur 3"

After that, all of them got out of the basement, then handed the paper to the police, and tell the police the location of the basement.

After some reporters had asked them some questions about the basement and the paper, Joseph and his friends went back to the hotel.

In the way he had some questions in his mind, "If the things on the paper was right, why did the 'talented dinosaurs' write this? T-Rex 337 couldn't rule the world depended on some furniture! Then why it wanted to know how to invent the furniture?"

In fact, no one knows. Maybe the "talented dinosaurs" knew how to invent weapons but it didn't want to tell anyone to avoid fighting? Or the paper was not true? Or the paper was written by human?

Or

Oscar's Adventure

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Hui, Lap Ha Summer – 9

Oscar the Confuciusornis was too young to go to the big hunt. He was only 4 years old. Within hours, thousands of dinosaurs would be dead. Oscar packed his package and stepped onto the green grass field. the Confuciusornis had to took about 14 hours of flight. After they locked their target after they saw a crowd of triceratops about 2 hours, but what's more attractive was a fire ring in the sky. Oscar and his friends flew over the fire ring and started a new journey.

A time travel happened. Back in 2001, a group of bird (Confuciusornis Oscar and thousands of his friends) flew into flight A-1217-926's engine. Since the engine was broken, the whole plane is out of control. Even the closest airport is 800 kilometers making it impossible to land in the airport. People screaming and shouting all over the USA. Meanwhile, Oscar and his friends were chewing suitcase for fun while Oscar's parents were finding Oscar everywhere. Oscar walked along the dirty engine, then the hamburger caught his eyes. It is impossible to imagine how a hamburger taste. The smell of hamburger flew into Oscar's nose.

The plane crashed into the woods. Thousands of passengers and dinosaurs were dead. But then, the luckiest thing happened! Oscar saw the portal again! The only dinosaur came back. The Confuciusornis went to the south and happily lived all.

New tales of China dinosaurs

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Lau, Lok Kei – 11

“Explorers—having wild and ambitious ideas, always ready for any different adventures...” ‘Drrring!’ The doorbell rang. I put down my book and went to the door. ‘Click!’ The door opened. No one was there. Only a letter with a bright red stamp sat on the floor mat. Filled with curiosity, I picked up the letter; the letter was tenderly brown and smelt weird. No matter what, I still took it back inside. I slightly opened the mysterious envelope. Inside it read:

Dear explorer,

We highly recommend you to join the WTEA—World Teenage Explorers Association. Every year, we find some ambitious teens to join this crazy association. You might stand a chance to work with the world’s top teenage explorers and create a new era of exploring. But most important is to find the eminent China dinosaur fossil—*Huanghetitan liujiaxia ensis*. If we find this last piece of China dinosaur fossil, the WTEA would be the first ever exploring team to have a full set fossil collection. However, all of the above is top secret, please don’t let anyone know. Also, meet us in your backyard at 4 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Best regards,

WTEA

“What?” I gasped at the top of my voice. My crazy scream got my mom rushing into my room. “What’s the matter? You hungry again?” she asked. That’s what she always says; to me it’s already a ‘routine’ being asked like this. As usual, I sighed and said, “Nothing special, only a bug crawled over my bed and freaked me out.” “Get changed, it’s time for bed.” I instantly put my pajamas on and was ready for bed. But again, the envelope caught my vision. Who is ‘us’? What really is WTEA? Thoughts wandered through my drowsy mind. I could hardly even sleep.

The morning sun arose on Saturday, 3:45 a.m. I was already fully geared up, packing my backpack with matches, a torch, some fossil-searching tools, and some snacks. Then I set off for the backyard. I stood silently in my small backyard, confused about what the letter said. As I was still lost in my thoughts, three 15-year-olds (or older), dressed with caps and humongous backpacks, were wandering in my backyard. They looked like professional campers. Just before I was going to call for help, I suddenly remembered, “They must be the members of WTEA!” So, I firmly stepped forward and walked towards them. Before long, they saw me. We had a short conversation and then started our journey.

It didn’t take us long to get to our destination—the Optimistychna Cave. We all stood in front of the cave and stared with amazement. The cave had silicon rocks hanging down and shallow water beneath our feet. The mysterious mist kept us outside the cave for a long time. Taking the first step, I entered the cave with slight hesitation. “Will there be bears living in here?” Then, I took the second step in, and the other three followed. Actually, I was trying not to laugh—being a member of the WTEA, why would they be such scared mice? That thought finally made me burst out laughing... or maybe I laughed too hard. The rocks behind us tumbled menacingly, leaving the four of us alone in the dark cave. One of the leaders turned on their torch. ‘Click!’ We walked for several more minutes and reached a dead end.

To the WTEA members, they were extremely hopeless as we couldn't find the fossil and also got lost in a cave. However, I put the sadness aside and started searching for any exits. For a long time, I still hadn't found an exit and finally gave up all hope, sitting next to the three. Suddenly, "Explorers—having wild and ambitious ideas, always ready for any different adventures..." whirled through my mind. Taking a big step, I stood up once again and slightly pushed the wall in front of me. There was a small rounded lever on the side! Filled with hope, I told the three and pulled the lever. "Creakkkkkk..." the rocks in front rumbled as if they were alive. Light beamed through the narrow cracks. I certainly felt like I was in seventh heaven, excited enough to fly.

When the rocks fully opened, all I saw was a *Huanghetitan liujiaxia ensis* preserved so perfectly, without any pieces missing, in the soft sand. I wonder who made this. The three and I got up and rushed to the fossil; we dug as carefully as possible, not wanting to destroy the perfect fossil. After several hours of time-consuming fossil mining, we all sighed with relief that we had made it to the last piece. "I hope I can work with you in the future. You are really into it when you are mining," said one of the three WTEA members. I gave him a quick smile and said, "I've had a nice day with you guys. Hope to see you all... umm... someday!" They all laughed. I thought, "What's so funny?" One of the members gave me a small emblem with a WTEA logo on it and attached it to my T-shirt. With a very charming smile on his face, he said, "You don't need to wait till someday; you are now an official member of WTEA! We're pleased to have a new elite member joining our marvelous association." I smiled from ear to ear and also said goodbye to them alongside.

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Law, Cheuk Wai Paris – 11

Dr. Li Yan stood nervously under the bright lights of the Beijing auditorium. His palms were damp as he addressed the skeptical scientists. Behind him, the slide projector displayed the fossil of a small dinosaur with long forelimbs, grasping claws suited for precision, an unusually large brain cavity, and primitive tools—sharpened stones discovered alongside the remains.

"This dinosaur," Li concluded, "may have exhibited mammal-like behaviours, such as tool use and social cooperation. It might have survived the asteroid impact that wiped out most dinosaurs and evolved to adapt to changing conditions."

Many scientists exchanged incredulous glances. Someone scoffed, "Dinosaurs with tools? That's absurd!" Sweat beaded on Li's forehead.

Two years earlier, Li and his team were excavating in Liaoning, a region famous for fossil discoveries. That day, Li and Professor Truman uncovered unusual skeletons.

After brushing away dirt, they found fossils unlike anything they had seen before. Though it resembled a small theropod, its forelimbs were exceptionally long, with clawed digits suited for grasping. The skull's brain cavity was larger than those of other dinosaurs its size. Nearby, they discovered sharpened stones and rocks marked with wear. Piled stones near a cluster of fossilized eggs suggested the dinosaur had built simple defences.

As the team analyzed the fossils, one more surprising fact emerged. A researcher announced, "Lab results indicate that this dinosaur lived during the late Cretaceous and survived into the early Cenozoic."

"That means they might have survived the aftermath of the asteroid impact, which is widely believed to have caused the mass extinction of the dinosaurs," Li Yan said, his eyes lighting up with excitement. "This species was likely herbivorous, as seen from their lack of sharp teeth. During the Ice Age, when conditions became terribly harsh, they would have needed tools to handle tough food — crushing bones for marrow, breaking open nuts, or digging for roots and insects."

Truman added, "Some dinosaurs, like Velociraptors, hunted in packs, and Protoceratops protected their young. This species may have gone further—building defences for their nests and sharing tools to adapt to their harsh environment."

But doubts lingered. Could the scientific community ever accept such a groundbreaking claim?

Back in the present, Li attempted to elaborate, but a voice cut him off: "So, are you saying our ancestors were dinosaurs?" The room erupted into laughter. Li clenched his fists, his confidence wavering under the weight of their mockery.

Later that night, back at their office, Truman tried to console him. "Every big discovery faces resistance, Li. Darwin, Galileo—they were all doubted at first."

Li Yan sighed, “I’ve been fascinated by dinosaurs since I was a child. Even though they went extinct 65 million years ago, I’ve always believed they’re connected to the species we see today. Sometimes, I even wonder if the phoenix in Chinese mythology came from our ancestors’ distant memory of pterosaurs.”

At his countryside home, Li gazed at the majestic phoenix painting on his wall. His grandfather had gifted it to him as a child, saying, “The phoenix rises from the ashes, bringing hope and renewal. I hope it reminds you to always find strength after a setback.” Li closed his eyes, wondering if he could ever rise above the ridicule his team faced.

Out of nowhere, a dazzling, multicolored light flooded the room. Shielding his eyes, Li ran outside. Above him, a magnificent phoenix soared across the sky, its feathers blazing like molten gold. His heart pounded with awe, but in a flash, the light engulfed him.

When he opened his eyes, Li found himself in a frozen, snow-covered landscape. The air was icy cold, and frost clung to the trees. In the distance, the phoenix led him to a cave.

Inside, he gasped at the sight before him: the fossils he had discovered had come to life. Some small, red-feathered dinosaurs were using large stones to fortify their nest. One sharpened a stone, while another used it to crack open frozen fruits.

Li couldn’t believe his eyes—these creatures worked together with remarkable intelligence and creativity.

Li’s pulse quickened, and his breath caught. Their small, lightweight bodies required less energy to survive, making it easier to find food and escape predators. Their longer arms and larger brain cavities—shaped by evolution—allowed them to use tools and solve problems, helping them adapt to their environment. These traits showed the beauty of nature’s ingenuity.

He picked up one of the sharpened stones, turned to the phoenix, and whispered, “Could this species have outlived the extinction? Could they be our distant relatives?”

The phoenix didn’t respond. It spread its wings, and the world around him dissolved into shimmering light.

Li awoke at his desk, his notes scattered beneath him. It had been a dream—or had it? He glanced at the phoenix painting and felt a renewed sense of determination. Perhaps the dream was a message: to believe in his work, even when others doubted him.

He thought of Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, the physicist whose theory of black holes was ridiculed, but later proven correct. “Science is full of unknowns,” Li thought. “I just need to find more evidence.”

Suddenly, Li Yan’s eyes widened in shock. There, on his desk, lay a sharpened stone. He had no memory of bringing any stones home.

Weeks later, the fossils and tools were displayed in a museum. The plaque read: Phoenixsaurus: The Toolmaker. A reconstructed scene of the dinosaurs’ nest and their tools drew crowds of visitors. Some marvelled, while others questioned its authenticity.

Out in the jungle on a new dig, Li looked to the sky and saw vibrant clouds, like the phoenix was watching over him. He mused, “If that asteroid had missed Earth, perhaps dinosaurs would still rule today. What about us? Is humanity destined to face its own extinction?”

Reaching into his pocket, he pulled out the sharpened stone. Had it come from the dream? It seemed to whisper untold stories of the world, a silent reminder to seek truth with unwavering courage.

The New Year Treasure Hunt

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Lee, Hei Lam Hailey – 9

Once upon a time, a group of dinosaurs lived in a beautiful valley in ancient China. They took care of each other and lived peacefully. Hailey is a Protoceratops; she is a bit greedy, and tends to speak a bit loudly because she is hearing-impaired. Alvin is her best friend; he is a Lufengosaurus. Alvin loves going on adventure, but he always causes trouble due to impulsive personality.

It was a sunny day when Hailey and Alvin were sunbathing on the grassland.

“What makes your tummy so big?” Alvin asked.

“I just had one hundred apple pies for breakfast, but I think I can still eat some eggs,” Hailey said.

“Oh no! By the way, the Chinese New Year is around the corner. What are you going to do?” Alvin asked.

“I will help my mother prepare the reunion dinner and lucky dumplings. My father also asked me to do the spring cleaning with him. It’s too much work for me,” Hailey complained.

Suddenly, they heard someone whispering behind the trees.

“Are you serious? Treasure under Huoyan Mountain?” It was Tommy, a Microraptor, people called him the encyclopedia.

“Of course, there has been hidden treasure for a long time, but no one has reached it before because of the extreme temperature and...” said Chilly.

“Hailey, let’s go treasure hunting!” Alvin cried.

“What? Why?” Hailey asked.

“Just follow me! Come on!” Alvin was very excited.

They were passing through the Great Wall Forest.

“Could you just stop eating? We need to reach the mountain by the afternoon,” Alvin shouted.

“Ah? What did you say? Afternoon tea?” Hailey asked.

“NO! We are going for a treasure hunt in Huoyan Mountain, which will make us rich! Hahaha...” Alvin was in a good mood.

“I am exhausted! Can we take a break? It seems we have walked 21,196 kilometers. My parents always remind me to stay behind the Great Wall Forest because it protects us from the enemies. We’ve come too far! Maybe we should turn back,” Hailey suggested, feeling scared. But Alvin took a deep breath. “No way! We should be brave! Come on!”

Finally, they reached the mountain.

“It’s really hot! It seems we are going to find the treasure in this heat. The treasure must be very precious and valuable!” Alvin said excitedly, his eyes shining brightly.

“The highest temperature can reach 81 degrees Celsius in Huoyan Mountain. Oh! Can you see those eggs on the sand? Woo! They’re well-cooked and yummy!” Hailey said. “Why are there eggs here?” Alvin wondered.

They kept walking toward the cave.

“Can you hear the sound, Hailey?” “No, I keep sweating and I am hungry. Where are those eggs that I took from the sand?” Hailey was searching for the eggs.

Suddenly, they heard a loud roar. They were scared and hid behind a big rock. A giant shadow appeared.

“Oh god, it’s Charlie, the legendary Yangchuanosaurus. He used to be the guardian of peace and fortune. Why is he here?” Hailey was terrified.

“That’s why Chilly said no one could reach the mountain before; they are scared of this big monster. I should wait until they finish their conversation,” Alvin blamed himself. “He seems to be looking for something. What is that?” Alvin mumbled.

“What did you say? I can’t hear you,” Hailey shouted.

“Shh... keep quiet! He will hear us! Oh god, he is coming!” Charlie smashed the rock with his big claws.

“Give it back to me, you tiny idiots!” Charlie roared loudly.

“What do you mean? We did nothing! We are not going treasure hunting; we know nothing about the treasure...”

“Stop Alvin!” Hailey screamed.

“My lunch! My yummy lunch! You guys stole my lunch!” Charlie was angry.

“Lunch? I got it! Hailey, give him back the eggs. They are his lunch,” Alvin cried.

“The yummy eggs? No way! They are mine! You know I didn’t get full this morning,” Hailey rejected.

“Are you lost your mind? We are going to die! Give him back! PLEASE!” Alvin turned pale. Hailey reluctantly returned the eggs.

They were trapped by Charlie. “Look! There is a box on the rock. It must be the treasure. I have a plan. You try to distract him and I will go get the box,” Alvin suggested.

Hailey walked toward Charlie and said, “Do you want to hear a song? A song about a monster, like you. Um... it is sung by a famous Chinese singer; he is also called Charlie, Charlie Zhou.”

“Okay,” Charlie was curious.

“I see your monster, I see your pain, tell me your problems, I will chase them away...”

“Run! Hailey, run! I got the box,” Alvin shouted while flying.

“You two idiots! You are going to ruin the New Year!” Charlie chased after them.

“I can’t run anymore! I ate too much!” Hailey cried.

“Keep running!” Alvin urged. Charlie’s claws were almost upon Hailey.

“I am flying!” Hailey shouted.

“You should keep fit, Hailey!” It was Tommy and Chilly. They came to rescue them.

They escaped into a cave. Alvin opened the box. There was a giant egg inside.

“Why Charlie put his lunch in the box?” Hailey asked.

“It is an egg of a dragon!” Tommy said.

“Yes, this is what I guard every year,” Charlie explained as he walked into the cave. “Dragon symbolizes strength, power and good fortune. Its presence during the Chinese New Year celebrations is thought to promote prosperity and success in the coming year. This dragon is ready to come out. Let me see...should be after three days,”

“That’s the first day of Chinese New Year! Sorry, we almost ruin the fortune of the whole valley,” Alvin felt sorry.

“Let’s keep the dragon in Huoyan Mountain and wait for its blessing for the New Year,” Charlie suggested.

They both agreed. They left the egg to Charlie and go back to valley happily.

The Tales about China Dinosaurs

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Wong, Cho Kiu – 9

The tales about China's dinosaurs are so exciting! It's amazing to live in a country that has discovered fossils of creatures that became extinct over 65 million years ago, such as the Sinosauropteryx and the pterosaurs. Since the discovery of Sinosauropteryx, more than 40 dinosaur species have been found in the province of Liaoning, including over 24 species of pterosaurs—winged reptiles.

Recently, a new species of titanosaur was found in Jiangxi. Because China is less well-explored by paleontologists, I'm very excited about what might be discovered next and the incredible historical stories these fossils will tell! Maybe one day, scientists will find a way to bring dinosaurs back to life. If that happens, we could study them more closely and see what they looked like. Or perhaps scientists might invent a machine that lets us travel back in time to see the dinosaurs. It's all so exciting!

My favorite dinosaur is probably the Sinosauropteryx. It mostly ate Zhangheotherium and Sinobaatar. It belongs to the family Compsognathidae and is carnivorous. Another of my favorite dinosaurs is Micropachycephalosaurus. It lived in China during the Late Cretaceous and was found in the Jiangjunding Formation. Dromaeosaurids and Tyrannosaurids were some of its predators. Micropachycephalosaurus likely fed on low-growing plants, such as ferns, cycads, and other vegetation. Another fascinating dinosaur is Caihong, which lived in forests and may have glided from tree to tree, preying on small mammals and lizards.

All of these dinosaurs are amazing, but my favorite remains Sinosauropteryx. It's a very special dinosaur, and no other can replace it in my heart.

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Wu, Hok Chung – 11

“Hurry! We need to get to the museum before 7!” Xiang shouted, pulling his friend, Han along. “Okay, but after this, we’re hitting the park. I can’t handle too much of this boring stuff,” groaned Han. Han was energetic for his age, thriving on roller coasters and haunted houses. Now he was being forced by his friend to go to the museum, so he was, in fact, quite annoyed. “It’ll be amazing! Just imagining the remains of creatures that once roamed the Earth makes my heart race!” said Xiang, pushing up his glasses a bit. Xiang was a huge dinosaur fossil enthusiast. He wanted to be a palaeontologist. He had devoured countless books on dinosaurs and fossils, which cluttered his room like a mountain.

The museum had dim lights, illuminating the displays in the hall, the air had the scent of ancient bones and it was full of visitors. After entering the museum, Xiang rushed to the fossil displays, admiring them like jewels, while Han muttered, “I can’t believe people spend time looking at rocks.” rolling his eyes at Xiang. As Han yawned and turned around, a big experience centre stood before him. It has a sign saying ‘Dino Adventure’. Strangely, unlike other experience centres in the museum, this one had no line. Han beamed as he saw ‘Adventure’ and quickly pushed Xiang inside before Xiang could ask “What is this?” and then he went in himself.

The experience hall was pitch black. Then an eerily calm voice of a woman, reminiscent of a digital assistant, echoed softly through the air, “Welcome, please take a seat. Your adventure will begin in a while.” Two light shone on a row of seats. Han and Xiang sat down. The mysterious feeling and unusually cold air sent goosebumps across their skin. Suddenly, a blinding light torn through the darkness and eclipsed everything.

When the blinding light finally faded, the two boys were speechless at the sight before them. They were looking at the dinosaur world, filled to the brim with dinosaurs. They realized they were seated in a huge, self-moving glass ball. The woman’s voice spoke again, “You are now in Fujian, China.” The window slid open to the roof of the ball. “This is so realistic!” gasped Xiang. At this moment, a volcano far across the lake erupted, and their flying glass ball shook as some volcanic ash flew in. Han thought, there can’t possibly be volcanic ash in here. This must be some special effect. More volcanic ash flew in, and he started choking. The window slid shut automatically. The glass ball zoomed rapidly and moved towards some baby dinosaurs that were hatching. “Those are Deinonychuses!” said Xiang, his eyes widened at the sight. Surprisingly, their parents had feathers on their tails, backs and underneath their forearms. “Wow! No one had ever found dinosaurs with feathers,” exclaimed Xiang. The babies tried to walk around to find food, but they often tripped or got blocked by the smallest of small rocks and logs. The two friends watched them for a while.

In an instant, they zoomed across the ground, clinging to their seats to avoid being thrown off. When they finally slowed to a stop they were in a completely different place. They were in a big forest, surrounded by tall trees. The woman’s voice said, “Your location is Liaoning, China.” The seats spun around to let them look around. They could see a lot of little dinosaurs scurrying around. “That’s a Beipiaosaurus....and that is a Sinornithosaurus! And that’s a....” Xiang was moving his head so fast that it was a blur. Meanwhile, Han turned his seat around and saw a bird like creature on a branch and asked, “What’s that?” Xiang saw it too and answered, “It’s a Microraptor! One of my favourite dinosaurs! Wow! It also has feathers!” Suddenly, it jumped onto a branch of a tree and blended in the shadow using its black feathers. What’s it up to? They both wondered. As if answering them, the Microraptor opened its arms and glided to another tree and caught a lizard in its mouth! “Awesome! So that’s what its feathers are for! Gliding!” cried out Xiang.

Then their glass ball began to pick up speed again. After a while, it slowed down and the surroundings began to unfold. They reached a big plain with lakes as far as the eye can go. “This is Gobi Desert, China.” This time, instead of moving by itself, the ball had some pedals marked fast or slow. The boys stepped on the pedals to control their speed. “Why are we here? There’s nothing to see here.” said Han. “Well, then we better move on.” Xiang stepped on the fast pedal but nothing happened. Instead, a rustle came from behind them. “Ummmm....what was that?”

asked Han with a worry look on his face. Just after he said it, a gigantic dinosaur appeared behind them, snarling and baring its fangs. “Ahhhh! It’s the Tarbosaurus in Late Cretaceous Period! It’s the strongest dinosaur around here!” Both feet went for the fast pedal. The ball lurched forward, as if it was stung by a wasp, then zoomed away in full speed. The Tarbosaurus gave chase, but the boys soon lost sight of it. After the two boys turned their heads back to the front, they were back to the dark experience centre again. “That sure was something. I never knew there were so many dinosaurs in China and most of them had feathers. ” said Xiang, breathing a sigh of relief. “Nor did I. I think I will come to have another adventure with Mum and Dad next week.” said Han.

And Han did. Or you could say he didn’t. The Dino centre was just gone. His parents said it was just his dream and no one could explain anything about it. What happened to the experience centre? Was the whole thing real? Or was it just an illusion? That will remain a mystery for now.....

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Yang, Yu Fei – 11

Have you ever wondered if dinosaurs lived and even defeated humans? I will tell you a story about that.

Baby brontosaurus and his mum are going to visit the museum to learn more about humans! Let's join to see what's inside the museum!

When you first go in, there's a dead human body of a brave warrior inside a coffin and a sign explaining its origins. It was from a couple hundreds of decades ago when the ancestors of Tyrannosaurus rex defeated humans. Even though it had been a long time, it didn't have much big damages.

Secondly, there's skeletons of adults and children of different ages and sizes displayed in a corner. The body parts were labeled to make the bodies easier to understand. Next to it is a human trapped in a big cage just like birds for dinosaurs to observe.

Thirdly, there's a chart showing what humans eat, with the food pyramid next to it. The chart also shows the amount of food that adults and children eat, making it more specific.

Next to it, there's a large room to try different human sports and activities such as soccer, basketball, badminton, different instruments, different kinds of chess etc. That way, it would be easier to learn about humans by experiencing it themselves.

In the middle of the museum, there's a special room filled with electronics such as computers, laptops, phones etc. that humans invented before they perished. The dinosaurs can study it and have a deeper impression in electronics and have some inspiration in making something similar.

Next to it is a similar room filled to the brim with moving robots and obstacle courses. The dinosaurs can control the robots and race across the obstacle courses. The dinosaur adults can supervise their children's robot race by talking through walkie-talkie's while scanning around the obstacle course from spacecraft on the ceiling for places the robot could collide.

Then there's a self-made workshop that you can get a small mannequin and design its clothes and accessories. They can learn about how humans dress and the way they dress themselves. They could also learn about traditional clothing and accessories.

And lastly, just like all museums, there's a gift shop. Inside, there's human food to try, electronics, sports equipment and miniature robots to play with.

It has been a pleasure going on this adventure with you, so see you next time!

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Yiu, Yiu – 10

During a blazing hot summer, twelve-year-old Lily excitedly travelled to the countryside of Yunnan with her younger brother, Ben to visit their beloved grandmother.

Grandmother's cottage was nestled in a lush forest, surrounded by tall trees and vibrant flowers, creating a magical backdrop full of wonder.

As they stepped into the small, wooden cottage, Grandmother prepared a delightful feast of steamed dumplings, fragrant stir-fried vegetables and creamy soup as a warm welcome that made them feel right at home. The children quickly sat down on the chairs around the table and enjoyed their meal.

After the meal, Lily and Ben raced each other to the attic, their laughter echoing off the creaking stairs as they play a fun game of hide and seek among old trunks and dusty boxes. Lily spotted a tattered curtain and decided to hide behind it. She uncovered the curtains, but to her surprise, she found a mysterious door. Lily yelled for her brother to come. "Why is there a door here?" she asked. Ben exclaimed, his voice full of curiosity, "Open it!" As Lily turned the doorknob, a bright light filled the air and the children stepped into a forest. Lily and Ben decided to walk around and explore the forest. Suddenly, they heard a loud thump. A large shantungosaurus appeared in front of their eyes. Lily and Ben gasped in fear as they ran away. "Don't worry, I won't hurt you," the shantungosaurus said, trying to calm them down. Ben asked, his voice slightly trembling, "Where are we? What is this place?" The shantungosaurus crouched down to their level and smiled warmly, "Welcome to the Cretaceous Forest! This is a hidden realm where the wonders of the ancient world blend with the magic of imagination! There are lots of dinosaurs here, such as archaeoceratops, avimus, confuciusornis and a lot more!" Then, Lily and Ben explored the forest with the shantungosaurus. During the adventure, the children admired the dinosaurs' vibrant scales, shining under the sunshine like jewels. The shantungosaurus said in a serious tone, "There is something you should be aware of. Microraptors are highly dangerous. Even though they are small, their sharp and pointed teeth can easily hurt you. Plus, they have the ability to fly, so they can move very quickly." Then, they came across a big pond. "A plesiosaur lives there, it's one of my friends! But plesiosaurs are completely aquatic and they never venture on land," the shantungosaurus explained. The children were amazed, they didn't know there were such interesting creatures. Suddenly, Ben spotted a dinosaur flying in the sky, "Look! There's a dinosaur flying!" "That's a microraptor! Quick! Hide before it sees you!" Lily said, "Oh no! It saw us! Run!" The microraptor struck Ben, but Ben dodged it. The shantungosaurus roared loudly to scare the microraptor away. There was a scared look on the microraptor's face, it flew away and the children were safe.

At last, the sky turned dark, signalling the children that nightfall had arrived and it was time to go back to the real world. Lily and Ben waved their goodbyes and reluctantly made their way back home, knowing their playful afternoon had come to an end.

Fossil of Tuojiangosaurus

Baptist (STW) Lui Ming Choi Primary School, MO, Tsz On – 10

One day, Dr. Sapiaientia was going on a hike in Sichuan alone. When he was deep in the mountains, he found an unusual fossil in a cave. With a glance, he quickly identified the lizard-like figure as Tuojiangosaurus. What interested him more was the strange ancient sentences next to it. Slowly, he read them aloud.

As he uttered the last word, a deafening thunder exploded on top of his head. Before he knew it, here came a real-life size Tuojiangosaurus! It fell straight from the sky! Dr. Sapiaientia quickly moved towards the fossils, hoping to keep it safe from the gigantic fossil-crushing creature. To his surprise, the fossil had disappeared. The dinosaur looked at his widen jaws and said, “Are you ok? You look shocked.”

Dr, Sapiaientia shouted, “A a.... talking Tuojiangosaurus! How... how... peculiar!” Of course he wanted to say “crazy”, but he didn’t want to seem rude in front of a monstrous dinosaur.

The Tuojiangosaurus said, “I was lying there for millions of years because the evil Guanlong killed me when we were fighting.”

“Fight? Why did you and the evil Guanlong had a fight in the first place?” questioned Dr. Sapiaientia. To his understanding, Tuojiangosaurus and Guanlong were not rivals. In fact, Guanlong should be much smaller than this enormous creature in front of him.

The Tuojiangosaurus replied, “That’s because I wanted to save my big cousin, Yingshanosaurus and little cousin, Chungkingosaurus.”

“But why did Guanlong want to catch your cousins?” Dr. Sapiaientia asked curiously. He was fascinated by these creatures since he was five. According to his studies, the cousins were never a food choice for Guanlong.

The Tuojiangosaurus answered, “Um, ah! That’s because we were classmates! My cousins and I were always nice and friendly. So, we had a lot of good friends, but the Guanlong. He was impossible! He is rude and impolite. When someone was in his way, he pushed! When someone made a comment about him, he punched! When he got hungry, he stole food form others! Day by day, he became a loner. He had no friends even the nicest teacher from school would not speak to him! Yet everyone knew, deep down, secretly, he wanted friends!” cried the Tuojiangosaurus as he poured out all his sorrow memories.

“A rude thief who wished to have friends!” Dr. Sapiaientia sneered.

“He thought if the most popular dinosaurs disappeared, all the dinosaurs would want to be his friends,” said the Tuojiangosaurus, “so he tricked my cousins to his home. ”

“Oh...but why would your cousins trust him?” Dr. Sapiaientia asked. He could not wait to unravel the truth.

“They were too kind, they thought that he truly changed.” the Tuojiangosaurus continued, “Guanlong lured them to a deep dark forest and locked them into a cave. Two days later, I went there to find food. Suddenly, I heard my cousins shouting for help and Guanlong was teasing them! I was very angry that I rushed out to charge at him, but he was strong and quick. He dodged my attack and I rolled down the cliff at the end,” the Tuojiangosaurus said sadly.

“Then what happened? Did you save them? Why are you showing yourself to me?” Dr. Sapiencia had a million questions on his mind.

“Everything went dark after the fall. All I know is my soul came out from my body and went into a time tunnel, then I met you!” The Tuojiangosaurus said.

“That means you are a dino ghost!” Dr. Sapiencia was speechless.

“Don’t be scared, Doctor, I won’t hurt you. You can save my soul! You knew the ancient language to let me out. Now, follow me, by saying the incantation on the fossil, you can set my poor soul free!” the Tuojiangosaurus said.

Dr. Sapiencia followed the creature. They went deeper and deeper into the forest. He asked a lot of questions about the daily life of a dinosaur. It was the most fruitful study since the first day his career.

“This is unbelievable. Who would have thought Dinosaurs are in fact magical creatures?” Dr. Sapiencia.

“Of course, we learnt magic and I was going to be the best magician!” the Tuojiangosaurus said. They came close to a cliff. “Here is the rock.” whispered the Tuojiangosaurus, “With this rock, I can travel back to my time the incantation is here.” the Tuojiangosaurus pointed with its tail.

“Boom!”

Millions of years flashed before their eyes. When it finally stopped, they saw Guanlong.

“I thought you fell off the cliff,” Guanlong asked coldly.

“Yes, but I got back here and resurrected! Don’t you hurt my cousins!” the Tuojiangosaurus asked.

“I wanted friends.” The Guanlong groaned, “If they become my friends, I will let them go for sure.”

“Friendships are built upon trust, love, care and many more good things.” The Tuojiangosaurus said. “Threats never works. Don’t be a monster. You can be someone better. ”

Guanlong wept. He admitted this was wrong and he let Yingshanosaurus and Chungkingosaurus go.

Dr. Sapiencia was shocked, he never knew dinosaurs were such emotional creatures. As the dinosaurs reconciled, he whispered those magic incantations. Millions of years flashed before his eyes, he was back into the cave, only to find that he was standing on the fossils of the Tuojiangosaurus, Yingshanosaurus, Chungkingosaurus and Guanlong. Their postures were just like taking a picture together!

Legends of the Whispering Forest

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Choi, Hok Ping – 9

Amongst the lush valleys in ancient China, where mountains kissed the sky and rivers skipped through fertile forests, laid a hidden utopia—— a world where dinosaurs flourished freely, each with its own story waiting to be unfold.

Chapter one: The Whispering Forest

Deep within the Whispering Forest, a young Therizinosaurus named Li was known for her curious nature. With long claws and vibrant green scales, she loved exploring the hidden corners of her home.

One day, while following the melodious songs of the Dromeosaurus, Li stumbled upon a shimmering lake that sparkled like diamonds under the sun. As she approached, a creature unlike any she had ever seen glided above the water. It was a Pterosaur, graceful and majestic. Intrigued, Li called out, "What brings you here, sky dancer?"

The Pterosaur, named Feng, landed beside her. "I seek the legendary Skystone," he replied, his eyes gleaming. "It grants the power of flight to its possessor!" But Li said, "Haven't you flown already?" "Yeeaaaaah, but I don't really fly that fast."

Together, after they worked out their differences, Li and Feng embarked on a quest through the forest, facing challenges that tested their bravery and friendship.

On their journey, they encountered a wise old Stegosaurus who shared the legendary tales of the Skystone's last known location—a hidden cave guarded by the fierce Allosaurus.

Chapter two: The Cave Of Echoes

As they came near to the Cave of Echoes, an ominous silence filled the atmosphere. Li's heart raced, but she stood tall beside Feng. "We must be brave," she whispered.

Inside the cave, sounds and echoes of their footsteps created mystical melodies. All of a sudden, the ground trembled—— the Allosaurus emerged! With a roar, it charged forward, but Li remembered the tales from the Stegosaurus.

"Feng, use your speed!" She shouted. Feng darted and swooped, leading the Allosaurus on a wild chase. As the beast grew more disoriented, Li spotted the glimmer of the Skystone in a crevice.

"There it is!" she cried. Swiftly, she reached for it, and then the cave was filled with a bright light.

Chapter three: The Power of Flight

As the light surrounded them, Li felt a surge of energy. The Skystone had chosen her as its guardian. In that moment, she realized it was a form of true power: the ability to unite the forest's inhabitants!

With her newfound strength, Li transformed. She could jump higher and run faster, her claws were gleaming! Beside her, Feng was invigorated.

Chapter four: The Legacy

Together, they returned to the forest, where they shared their adventure with other dinosaurs.

United by their tales, the dinosaurs of the Whispering Forest formed a bond that transcended fear. They celebrated their differences, learning from one another, and forging friendships that would last through the ages.

As the sun set behind the mountains, casting a golden light over the valley, Li and Feng watched as their friends gathered.

The Whispering Forest became a sanctuary of unity, where every dinosaur, from the smallest Compsognathus to the mightiest Tyrannosaurus—rex found their place.

The tales of Li and Feng were passed down through generations, inspiring not just young dinosaurs, and us to embrace our uniqueness and seek exciting adventures.

The legacy of the Skystone and the courage of two unlikely friends stood through the test of time, reminding all that true strength lies in unity and friendship.

The Titanosaurs in Jiangxi

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Yip, Shun Ming – 9

Far far away in Jiangxi, there was a desert with hidden ancient fossils. It was once a jungle full of living creatures, including dinosaurs. The scientists did not figure out why the jungle transformed into a desert. But the scientists knew one thing positively and that was, the desert had many ancient fossils.

John the archaeologist was very good at finding ancient fossils, Jacky the cryptologist was good at looking for lost ancient fossils. Together, they were a very powerful team. They have heard about the desert with hidden ancient fossils. Therefore, they set off for the desert in a car loaded with a lot of materials to find ancient fossils. John doubted, “Can we find ancient fossils?” Jacky said, “I don't know but there can be a lot of new ancient fossils.”

John and Jacky made it to the desert in Jiangxi after travelling with their materials. They used the tools to find ancient fossils. Soon, they had already found an ancient fossil right beneath their car! They were ecstatic. It was a fossil that was never seen before. John quickly discovered that the ancient fossil belonged to a titanosaur. They took a picture of the fossil and sent it back to the laboratory. Someone came and dug out the ancient fossil. Then, they brought it back for investigation.

When John and Jacky returned to their laboratory, they started studying the titanosaur fossil. Yet they needed more help to study the new fossil. In China, there was a very knowledgeable scientist who knew a lot about dinosaurs. He has everything that they needed to solve the problem. It discovered that titanosaurs were very powerful dinosaurs a thousand years ago. They could knock over any dinosaurs with just a hit and they were very fast. However, the T-rexes defeated the titanosaurs with a trick. But no one knew what the trick was. John and Jacky were surprised by the secret of the titanosaurs' defeat. They wanted to know what the trick was. And they thought that A22 bot was a scam because it said it knew everything about the titanosaurs.

In the end, John and Jacky went on another adventure to discover the secret of the titanosaurs. It was a very great adventure to find new ancient fossils of the titanosaurs.

Adam's Dinosaur Story

Chiu Sheung School, Hong Kong, Chan, Jin Wang Jayden – 11

15th October

Hi, my name is Adam. I'm a nine year old who loves dinosaurs. My whole room is filled with dinosaur related posters and books. My favorite thing about dinosaurs is that their size is enormous! A tyrannosaurus rex can grow up to forty feet in length and a sauroposeidon can grow up to more than sixty feet tall. They are about the average height of a five-story building! Anyways, I have to sleep now. Goodnight.

16th October

I learnt that China has found about forty or so fossils, which is pretty surprising. I think I only knew about foreign countries finding fossils but not my country. The news is too hidden and I think there are only a few people that know this.

17th October

It was a tough day. First of all, I couldn't sleep because I keep thinking about fossils in China. The next morning, I was really drowsy and I was almost late. When class started, for no apparent reason, my brain was like, "Yeah, let's think about some random dinosaurs and mythical creatures that are not related to the class at all." From what I remember, I thought about riding a fire dragon and fighting a huge t-rex, about ten times larger. I started thinking about random dinosaur facts like dinosaur fossils have been found on all seven continents, all non-avian dinosaurs went extinct about sixty-six million years ago and other stuff like that.

And I would have finished my daydream if not for the teacher asked me a question that we have just learnt. Of course, I got busted and had thirty minutes of detention after school. The ONLY time I've had detention.

18th October

I couldn't hold it anymore. I had to learn more about China's fossils. After school, I went on the internet and searched about China's fossils. The sinosauropteryx fossil was the first fossil found in China. Sinosauropteryx translated is "the China dragon bird". And I just knew that Hong Kong has recently found a dinosaur fossil as well. Although its name is not confirmed, it is really out of the blue.

From those fossils, scientists think there are more fossils in Hong Kong and China. Since those places have not really been explored by paleontologists (People who find and examine dinosaur fossils). Hopefully they find more in the future.

19th October

I should have remembered I had daydreams yesterday. Because today in school, I fell asleep in class again and dreamed about visiting a dinosaur museum. It was about the history of dinosaurs like how they died, when did people find the fossils, how do people find the fossils and a lot more. According to my book, everything was true.

And then guess what happened? I got caught by the teacher and went to detention AGAIN. But this time, my parents also got a warning letter so I am so dead.

20th October

After a night of being scalded, I remembered that I forgot to search up a question: why are finding fossils important? It turns out it was to understand dinosaurs better. They show us how life, landscapes, and climate change have changed over time. I think it would really help us understand why are we like this and why are we here.

21st October

I could control my dinosaur dreams now! That is very nice since now I can't dream in class anymore. And I just realized that these couple days were like a story. I think I learnt more about dinosaurs now. These couple days were the best.

An Astonishing Encounter

Chiu Sheung School, Hong Kong, Perido, Denise Margarete – 10

Last week, I was studying for a big history test about dinosaurs and their fossils. Beforehand, I thought dinosaurs were lazy and boring, so I decided to call it a day so that I could get some sleep before the test. Once I was finished getting ready for bed, I immediately went straight to sleep.

Once I was asleep, I started to dream that I was in my room, still studying for that history test. Suddenly, I heard loud stomping noises outside my house. I looked out my window, and saw nothing. I looked out again, but still nothing...but was it really nothing? Out of nowhere, I heard another stomping noise, louder than before. Then, outside my window, there was something that made up a dinosaur footprint..? “What is that...a dinosaur footprint?!” I wondered. I could feel a great sense of adventure rush into me! Immediately after that, I rushed straight to the door to get outside.

When I got outside, I saw a big dinosaur! It was super gigantic, I never thought dinosaurs would be so big! It was also a very beautiful color, a nice and warm green. It had giant spikes on its back, and a really long tail, so I decided to climb on its tail and see what it was like on a dinosaur. Once I was up on the dinosaur (well, very tired, of course), the view was breathtaking! I could see the whole city up there, even all the islands surrounding it, too! I felt as if I was looking at a miniature world! But soon, the dinosaur started to move really fast! “The dinosaur must have felt me on its back..” I thought.

Not long after, I would say about...10 minutes, the dinosaur stopped and laid down to rest. I slowly got off it, making sure it didn't wake up and stomp on me. After I walked for around 15 minutes, I saw people! “Finally, someone I can actually talk to!” I happily thought. While I was approaching the people, I saw digging tools, brushes, and what seemed to be fossils in their hands. “Paleontologists! Maybe they can help me..” I wondered.

I tapped a woman's shoulder. “What are you doing?” I asked. “We're digging up fossils for research,” she politely replied. I asked her, “Where are we..?” “Well, we're in China!” she said. “China!? But I live in Hong Kong, not here!” I frantically replied. “Well, I'll explain.” she replied happily. “In the 1990s, a farmer found fossils of clearly feathered dinosaurs. Since then, China has become the global epicenter of fossil-hunting, and they found more fossils of different dinosaurs.” “Wow..” I said, in awe of what I had been told.

“Well, while you're here,” she said, “could you help me dig up some fossils?” she asked. “Sure!” I replied excitedly. It was really interesting and fun, as I got to learn about dinosaur fossils, and I got to dig up different fossils and identify the dinosaurs, like pterosaurs, titanosaurs, tyrannosaurs, and more!

“Wow, I'm actually studying in a dream..” I thought. Once we were done, we washed our hands and ate some fortune cookies. My fortune read: “You will pass your history exam”. “Well, that's good, I guess..” I thought. “Well, I'd better get going!” I said, and rushed back to the dinosaur.

Then, I stopped. I stood there, thinking “Wait— dinosaurs and humans, in the same era?” Then I remembered, it was a dream, I can do anything I want! So then, I immediately thought of a dinosaur. Right there and then, there was a dinosaur in front of me! It looked like it was going to leave, so I quickly climbed up its leg. There I was, on top of a dinosaur, looking at another yet breathtaking view.

Soon after, I saw and quickly recognized the view of my house, so I slid off its tail (luckily, it was being dragged slowly on the ground), and quickly ran back home. Back at the house, I laid down on my bed, just thinking of what had happened. Suddenly, I heard an alarm. An alarm that sounded like mine.. I suddenly jerked awake, immediately sitting up on my bed. “Oh no,” I thought, “The exam is today!”

But, in the end, I passed my history exam with near to perfect marks, like it said in the fortune. That was weird. How did the fortune from the dream come true...? Well, I guess it was from all that studying in the dream! And, because of that dream, now dinosaurs, fossils and history have a whole different meaning to me now! All you need is a little imagination and start dreaming that NOTHING is IMPOSSIBLE.

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

Chiu Sheung School, Hong Kong, Rehan, Arham – 10

"Wow!" Dr. Bobby Kyle exclaimed, his voice echoing in the vastness of the excavation site. A beam of moonlight illuminated the irregular shape of a fossil protruding from the sand. Though he knew he mustn't get too excited because it often led to brazen actions, he could not suppress a small gasp.

He came here to do what his parents could not do as paleontologists themselves. Sometimes, when his parents went to work on a weekend, he came along with them and often got in situations where they would discover fossils of existing dinosaurs. But that was not his goal. He was always told stories of unrecorded creatures in history, so he set it upon himself to find them. This excavation site stands out because his parents used to work there, and he wanted to continue their legacy.

He dropped to his knees and began to dust the fossil. When he uncovered the fossil, he noticed something strange inside its ribcage. Its ribcage was humongous, therefore he could stand up in it. That was when he saw a glowing blue orb in the middle of the ribcage. He reached out to touch it, but it released a loud whine. As he could not bear the pain, he closed his eyes, and when he opened them, he saw himself in a lush forest.

He just sat there, contemplating what had unfolded before his eyes, when he realised he was sitting on something squishy. "Ugh!" he exclaimed as he sprang to his feet. He took a closer look, and he realised that it was dinosaur dung. He pieced together that the orb somehow travelled him back to the Jurassic period.

Wow, this is a big discovery Dr Kyle thought, looking around in awe. He knew that he needed to find a way to travel back to the present, so he started to walk. He saw a few caves, but they had thorns and brambles in the way. It was turning night when he finally spotted a cave. He debated whether to go inside, as tyrannosaurus rex tend to stay in caves. It started to rain, so he had no choice but to go inside. Thankfully, there were no dinosaurs and he could claim the cave as his own.

In the morning, he took his flashlight and explored the cave. He was not looking where he was going and crashed into a wall. Or he thought so. He fell through the wall and he ended up in a room. Surprisingly, he saw that it had such an incredible workmanship, beyond the ability of any creature. He saw a door with a strange dinosaur symbol on it. It was the same shape as the fossilized dinosaur he discovered! His curiosity led him to open the door and everything was engulfed in a bright light.

When the light faded, a mysterious voice said " Do you know why I brought you forth?" " Who, I mean, what are you?" Dr. Kyle said, his voice betraying his fear. "I am The Keeper Of The Secret. I brought you here because I saw something in you, a spark of adventure, and determination. Failure has befallen many that had preceded you. Your resourcefulness and decisiveness are what led you here. I now know that you are ready, ready to become 'The Keeper of The Secret'. Did you notice that there are no dinosaurs here? It is because all the dinosaurs succumbed to an ancient disease. The fossil you discovered was a titanosaur who survived the virus. You must not share this with anyone, not even your boss. Every fossil has a secret. Go and discover more fossils."

He woke up and saw no time had passed since he was transported back in time, even though he spent a day there. Another thing was that the orb disappeared, but he paid no notice to it. He was busy planning his next move. His new mission was to discover all the secrets of every fossil in the world.

The end.

Discovering the Mysterious Bone

Chiu Sheung School, Hong Kong, Safwat, Kabir S M – 11

Once upon a time in the 1480s, there was a farmer named Zhong. He lived in the province of Liaoning. He lived in a meadow with grass, flowers and trees for miles and miles. He worked day and night to earn money.

Soon one day he was digging a big area of land to plant carrot seeds. Then after one hour of digging, he saw something shining and when he touched it, it felt hard, so he dug for another 20 minutes and thought he found a big rock in the shape of a bone.

Then when he called the paleontologists to inspect it, they found out that it was a dinosaur bone. Thus, they put it in the case.

Zhong was very happy that he was also on the news to be finding that dinosaur bone. And he was also offered a few million dollars for finding the dinosaur bone by the government. He had a family of 5 (including him) now he can also pay for his 3 kids school fee and tuition fee, so they can gain knowledge and be successful in life.

He can also buy nice clothes for his family. He can also buy a better house having a bedroom for each of his kids.

He can also start a business and earn more money than he has now. Thus, he also got a certificate of finding that bone. Paleontologists told him that he found a dinosaur bone which we were trying to find over a decade. The name of the dinosaurs bone that he found is called a *Sinosauropteryx*. He told the paleontologists that first he thought it can be a monster, facts: "Chinese people can sometimes be very emotional because they look tough on the outside but soft on the inside".

But he was brave enough to dig and dig to see what it was he was also curious to see that what is that. While digging he also thought that it can be anything for example he thought it could have poison that could harm him.

Thus, being scared he stopped between being scared that he could injure himself but then his son came and gave him courage. Because of his son's courage he dug and dug he was really tired but then his 2 sons and 1 daughter each came with a shovel to help him. That made his job more easier.

This historic invention from a farmer's Zhong farm score him worldwide awareness and pride as his rural community. It was called the greatest paleontological event, and the audience appreciated it as the recognition and awards which helped Farmer Zhong and his farm earn in the scientific community. The unique story of an ordinary farmer digging up an ancient gem and then presenting it to the rest of the earth was beyond the human's imagination and the story leaving the earth alive has become the basis for later studies worldwide and inventive adventures.

Since, then he was on the news whenever he went outside everyone recognised him. He was also awarded by Guinness world record holder.

Without seasons, Li's farm was much more prolific and rich than it had ever been. What began as a small and humble plot of agricultural land transformed into a vibrant hotbed of community gathering, where neighbors communicated and shared their stories and tended to their visions. What is more, while the dinosaur bone was back in its honored position, its spirit still seemed to live with every sowing of the seeds and each time the harvest was carefully pulled together and reaped.

Thus, the modesty of a bone that was found by a stroke of luck in a rural field brought a drastic change in not only the life of an industrious and responsible farmer but also greatly influenced the spirit and vision of an entire community. This became a stern reminder that the past, with all its mysteries and tales, sometimes possesses the only key to a brighter and better future for everyone.

Soon then Zhong's farm business income went just higher and higher he just watched the money growing. He didn't even need to start a new business !

So many curious people visited the village especially for that exciting bone, and while they visited, they didn't forget to buy all sorts of fresh vegetables and specially crafted handicrafts exquisitely made on Zhong's farm. The lonely and far-off yip-yip of the dog joyously got replaced by the vibrant voices of neighbors excitedly sharing their personal stories with the amused visitors—all chatting and chattering in excitement, not unheard of. For the first time in decades, boisterous delight and a chorus of rhythmic laughing echoed through the air of that village. With increased footfall and people crossing the village day and night, the crops flourished much more than what Zhong could have imagined, dreamt of, or had wished for.

The sun set on the horizon bathing the land in a warm golden light. Zhong knelt down on the edge of his farm near the old oak tree. His hands were trembling as he scattered the dirt exposing a bone which was waiting to be discovered for a number of years. This bone looked strange to him and he thought to himself, what kind of secrets does this bone have.

He then started to think of his ancestors who used to carry on this work in generations before him. He thought has this bone possibly belonged to some animal or maybe one of the ancestors who worked on the farms and got lost somewhere in the fields. As he stared at it more closely he felt as though he had the find of the century which went on to become his source of pride. This was not just an ordinary find but a lost part of him that reminded him of the cycles of life which made him who he is.

Since then Zhong's life got better and better.

The Missing Egg

Farm Road Government Primary School, Chan, Tsam Wai Talia – 10

Once upon a time, dinosaurs ruled the land. There were many kinds and many colours – like the colourful raptors, strong and tall brachiosaurus, meat-eater T-Rex, pteranodons that flew in the sky, mososaurus that swam in the sea, triceratops with its deadly horns, Argentinosaurus the biggest and heaviest dinosaur, and many, many more. You ask me who I am? I'm Delta, the leader of the raptors and our story begins in a hot, dry desert.

We raptors live together. In our group, we have me, Bella, Lavender and more. Yesterday, we laid some eggs. I counted them and there were five eggs. But today, there were only four. I was so nervous. I took a look at the ground and saw footprints from a pteranodon! Grr! I must find him! My precious egg! But not to worry – the others raptors were ready. We had to follow the footprints to find our missing egg.

First, we went to the cold, freezing ice mountains. "Why would a pteranodon even come here?" Bella asked. "This is a frozen place. Let's quickly followed the footprints before we get frozen."

We saw a shadow! The pteranodon? "Wait! I don't think so!" said Lavender. "I think it's just some snow." I felt embarrassed. Grr! I just wanted to find that missing egg!

It was too freezing there, so we wanted to find a cave to warm up. We found a small cave and there was a little campfire in there. Nice! When we were done resting, we followed the footprints again.

After a while, we were leaving the ice mountains, finally. It looked like we were going into a jungle. "Wait! What's that?" Bella shouted. "It's a T-Rex! Run!"

"Wait! I'm not here to hurt you!" said the T-Rex. "A pteranodon stole my food, I want to get help."

We were surprised. "Oh? The pteranodon? He stole our egg too!" I said. "Let's be friends and catch the thief together."

"Sure! I'm Jack," the T-Rex said.

"I'm Delta, this is Bella and this is...wait! Where is Lavender?"

Lavender replied, "I'm here! Look! There's a cute little mouse. A yummy, yummy mouse!" Then she crunched the mouse.

"Hey! Let's go into the jungle!" Jack shouted. "Don't let the pteranodon get away!"

Our group of dinosaurs went into the jungle. "It's so wet in here! Ugh! I hate it!" I roared angrily.

"Hey! Let's just find the egg, catch the thief and go home!" Bella replied.

We continued to follow the footprints until they suddenly stopped. Oh no! Where could the thief be?

"The pteranodon!" Jack shouted loudly. "It's over there!"

The pteranodon suddenly flew high into the sky. Oh no! The footprints were gone! What could we do? We were lost and would never find the missing egg.

"We're doomed! Now we're stuck here forever! I knew we shouldn't have come here!" Jack roared loudly.

We were all exhausted, doomed, hopeless...but suddenly a star appeared. It wasn't just any star. It was a star that filled us with hope and perseverance. The magic of the star would show us the path, so we followed the star day and night.

"Where are we?" I asked exhaustedly.

Lavender shouted, "Wait! What's that? The star is there! Let's go!"

So, we followed the star again and it led us to a brachiosaur. "Hi there, Miss Brachiosaur," I said. "We're lost and looking for a missing egg. Can you help us?"

The brachiosaur said, "A missing egg, I see? A dinosaur lost in a tree? The problem isn't difficult to solve. Find a purple pond and you will see it all!"

"Thank you so much!" I said. "My name is Delta. Let's be friends. What's your name?"

“My name is Kate, you see? A friend I think you will be!” said Kate. After she finished speaking, she left.

“Her speaking is very special,” Bella said.

We went to find the purple pond. We searched everywhere until we saw a purple light glowing.

“That must be the purple pond!” Jack shouted excitedly. “We can find our path!”

We ran towards the purple light. The pond was there! We found it! “Wait! Where is the path? I asked worriedly.

Suddenly, a purple fish popped out and spit a rainbow towards the path.

“Is that grass?” I asked. “Yes!” We were finally out of the scary jungle.

“Thank you, rainbow coloured fish!” Lavender said excitedly.

But suddenly, a triceratops shouted angrily, “Stop right there! We’re not allowing you guys inside the forest!”

“Chill! We’re just here to find a missing egg,” I said angrily. “Look at the pteranodon footprints behind you. He stole my egg and if we don’t follow him we’ll never get the egg back. We must be quick, please!”

“A pteranodon? He’s the one who stole my plants,” said the triceratops. “I’m with you. Let’s find the pteranodon. I’m Spike.”

We needed to follow the pteranodon quickly. We ran like cheetahs and saw some cute mammals, lots of trees, insects, flowers and grass. Oh, we loved the forest.

“Hey, the pteranodon!” I shouted excitedly. “He’s there! We can finally catch him!”

It was really him. He had the egg, the food and the plants. We used our strength to catch the pteranodon.

“Ow! No!” the pteranodon shouted.

“So! You are the egg thief!” I said.

“Yes! So what?” the pteranodon replied.

The triceratops, Spike, said, “You shall go to jail! Follow me.”

In the end, every dinosaur got their things back and my missing egg hatched into a tiny, cute red raptor.

The Dinosaurs' Holiday

Farm Road Government Primary School, Cheung, Yu Ching Sofia – 10

In a Chinese New Year, long, long ago, there were two dinosaurs named Danny and May. They liked going to the country town during Chinese New Year because the country town had a strong New year atmosphere.

In a certain Chinese New Year, Danny and May didn't appear in the country town. Hakka dinosaurs in Hakka towns were worried about them because they went there every year, but this year they didn't appear. So, they went out of the country town to find them.

They looked for Danny and May in the forest, on the mountain, near the river and waterfall, but they couldn't find Danny and May. They returned to the country town disappointed.

When they got home, they found out that the Chinese New year was still a month away. The town mayor discussed with the Hakka people what they should prepare with one month left. There was one Hakka dinosaur called Mine. She said, "We can buy or make some gifts for them."

"Good idea!" said the town mayor. "But what do we buy or make?"

Another Hakka dinosaur called Tom said, "We can make our most famous handicraft – a bamboo basket. I know Danny and May really like eating sweets. We can buy some winter melon candy."

The town mayor said, "Cindy, you go to buy winter melon candy with Tom. Mine, you can make the bamboo basket with Kate. Wenny, your handwriting is beautiful, so you can write Spring Festival couplets. After you finish, you can put the Spring Festival couplets on everyone's' doors.

After putting up the Spring Festival couplets, the Hakka town was very festive, so they packed the winter melon candy and some handwritten couplets in the bamboo basket.

On New Year's Day, dinosaurs May and Danny went to the country town to visit the town mayor and Hakka dinosaurs. The Hakka dinosaurs gave them a bamboo basket of some winter melon candy and handwritten Spring Festival couplets.

"Thank you! We really like eating winter melon candy!" said Danny and May.

Danny and May stayed overnight for a week in the country town. During this week they went to a lot of places such as the Great Wall and Tiananmen Square in Beijing.

They were really cheerful, so Danny and May said, "We had a lot of fun these days. Do you want to come to our village?"

"Yes, of course!" said the town mayor.

So, they packed their bags and followed Danny and May to their village.

After they arrived in Dinosaur Village, they put their bags in Danny and May's home. After putting down their bags, Danny and May introduced them to their family and friends one by one.

They said, "These are all our friends. This is Mine, Cindy, Kate, Wenny, Tom and Peter."

"Hi Uncle and Aunt! We are Danny and May's friends," said Mine, Cindy, Kate, Wenny, Tom and Peter.

“Welcome to Dinosaur Village! There are a lot of recreational facilities in our theme park. There’s a roller coaster, bumper cars and a pirate ship. May will take you to that tomorrow,” said Uncle.

The next day, May and Danny took the Hakka dinosaurs to Dinosaur Theme Park. First, they went to an exhibition about dinosaurs. They saw a lot of dinosaur fossils and learned about the story of dinosaur history. Then, they played on the rides like the roller coaster, bumper cars and pirate ship.

After playing on the roller coaster, Kate said, “I was very exciting just now, but I didn’t like that feeling. I was so scared.”

Then, they came to the Ferris wheel. Cindy looked up and saw how tall and big it was. Mary encouraged her and said, “Don’t be afraid. We will ride together.”

They got on the Ferris wheel, and as it slowly rose, Cindy thought the whole amusement park was at her feet and felt like she was flying.

Next, they played on the bumper cars. They all drove the bumper cars and rushed around the venue laughing constantly.

Then, they went to play on the carousels, pirate ship and other rides. Each ride brought them different fun and surprises.

After they finished playing the games, they went to the aquarium. There were thousands of sea animals and Wenny said, “The stingray looks like a plane and the jellyfish are like lanterns.”

Finally, they bought some souvenirs at the store outside the aquarium.

At night, they took the bus to go to May and Danny’s home to eat dinner. Mary and Danny’s mum made a lot of food like bruised spare ribs, pizza, roast duck, sushi and more.

May and Danny’s parents said, “It is late now. Why don’t you stay here overnight?” So, they stayed there overnight.

The next day, they weren’t happy because they needed to go back to the country town. Before they left, Mary and Danny gave them their specialty dinosaur cookies and said, “Next Chinese New year we will visit you again. Bye-bye!”

Ghost of the Past

Farm Road Government Primary School, Choi, Cheuk Wang Anthony – 10

Dinosaurs are animals that lived millions of years ago. There were dinosaurs that flew, walked, ran, swam and even dug. Why am I interested in dinosaurs? Because there is a job that I do. What job? The job is a fossil digger. I'd like to share a story about it. But before I begin my story, you maybe have a question – Where are all the dinosaurs? Why can't I see them? The answer is that an asteroid hit Earth and the super volcano eruption made all the dinosaurs die. But we can still see the dinosaurs today because the fossils are still there and that gives scientists the evidence to know what the dinosaurs looked like a long time ago. Now, on with my story.

Four years ago, my friends Jack, Jenny, Maechel, George and I were discussing where we could go to find fossils. Maechel said, "How about the forest? Maybe there are fossils there." We all answered, "Great idea!"

Then, we drove our car to the nearest forest. After many hours, we finally arrived at the forest, but it was too dark, so we grabbed our torches and went inside. We searched for hours, but we still couldn't find any dinosaur bones. There were just normal animal bones. Hours later, the sky went dark and it was even harder to find dinosaur bones.

"I'm very tired and want to give up," Jenny said.

Then I replied, "Don't give up yet! Don't you remember that we promised to go to the forest to find dinosaur bones?"

"Let's go deeper inside the forest to find it!" Jack shouted.

Then we went deeper and deeper, crossed giant swamps and rivers and passed thousands of trees. Then, we found something when George suddenly tripped over something and fell to the ground. "What is that?" George shouted loudly.

Maechel shouted, "George! Under your feet! Oh! It's a dinosaur bone!"

George replied. "Let's pull it out!"

Jenny told everyone to grab the bone. She shouted, "One! Two! Three! Pull!" Everyone pulled the bone out. I took a picture of it. George searched online and said, "It might be a tyrannosaurus bone. It could be a tyrannosaurus leg bone."

Jack asked, "Are there any more details?"

"Yes!" George answered. "Wiki says the leg bone is about 65 million years old. And does anyone have a bandage. I hurt my leg."

Maechel shouted, "I have one!" Then everyone helped with George's wound.

After we helped George, he said, "Wait! I feel something is under me."

"What is it?" asked Jenny.

George stood up and shouted happily, "I found another dinosaur bone!" Hours later, we had found almost all the bones of the tyrannosaur.

Jack asked, "Where's the last piece?" After hearing this, everyone started looking to find that last piece. We looked everywhere, but the piece still wasn't found.

Suddenly, a voice said, "What are you all doing? And who are you?"

I answered, "We're scientists and we are looking for the last piece of the tyrannosaurus."

The voice replied, "I know where it is."

"Where is it? And who are you?" I asked.

The voice answered, "The last piece is in an abandoned temple in the center of the forest."

Then, we packed our bags and headed to the center of the forest. So, we went back to our car and started to drive.

By the next day, we were at the center of the giant forest, but at first we couldn't find the temple anywhere. "I found something here!" shouted George.

Then, everyone ran to George and we saw the temple. We all grabbed our torches and started going into the abandoned temple.

After a few minutes, we still couldn't find the last piece of the dinosaur.

"Oh my God! Is that a trap?" I shouted, pointing to a strange button on the ground.

"Maybe it is a trap, so nobody step on it," said Maechel.

Going deeper into the temple, more traps appeared. "This temple is like a pyramid, so maybe the bone is underground," said George. So, we all headed deeper underground in the temple. Finally, we saw the last piece of the dinosaur and picked it up.

Suddenly, the same voice said, "Now put it back with the other tyrannosaurus bones."

Jenny shouted, "We already put it back with the other bones! Who are you?"

The voice answered, "I am the tyrannosaurus who has been buried here for 65 million years."

We were all really shocked. Jack said, "We will bring you to the museum. Do you mind?"

The voice answered, "It's OK. I'm friendly. I will never hurt people because I can't move my body, you know?"

After this, we finally brought the bones to the museum. The tyrannosaurs talked to a lot of visitors. After years, the tyrannosaurs became the most famous exhibit in the museum. It appeared on TV, in ads, in newspapers and more. It's still there and is having a great time every day.

Sam the Dinosaur

Farm Road Government Primary School, Hui, Cyrus – 10

Sixty-five million years ago, Sam the dinosaur was a strong dinosaur. He could defeat anyone before he died. Then in 2024, something extremely interesting happened in the Gobi Desert in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. Suddenly, Sam the dinosaur woke up! “Roar!” it screamed loudly.

The village nearby heard it and the villagers came out and were shocked. “What is that?” said one of the villagers. He called the police.

“What is your emergency?” asked the police officer.

“A dinosaur is awake in the desert! Please help us!” the villager said seriously.

The officer laughed loudly and shouted, “There is no way! Ha! Ha! Hey, this guy says that he saw a dinosaur!”

After he said that, everyone’s phones started ringing. Ring! Ring! Ring! The officers picked up their phones and heard, “Emergency news! Emergency news! A dinosaur is awake! I repeat! A dinosaur is awake!”

After the broadcast ended, the officer said, “You’ve got to be kidding me!” and he left the office embarrassedly.

At the same time, scientists were working quickly because they knew they didn’t have much time left. After ten days, they finally found a way to trap the dinosaur, but unfortunately the dinosaur had already arrived in Shanghai.

Fortunately, the citizens were hiding in an underground base. The plan was to make a giant obsidian cage and drop it on the dinosaur from the sky when it was nearby.

Suddenly a scientist asked, “Why don’t we just kill him?”

Another scientist replied, “Two reasons. One, we don’t want anyone or anything to be killed. Two, a dinosaur might be stronger than a million rifles.”

When the meeting ended, the construction workers started working, but they realized a problem. Where could they get obsidian? They went back to the meeting and started thinking again.

“What if we mine the top of a volcano and drop like a billion tons of water inside?” said one scientist. “It might be very difficult, but we need to try.” The other scientists agreed.

A day later, they started working. They wore armor because of the heat of the volcano. After ten days they could finally mine the volcano and dropped tons of water into the volcano. The lava suddenly turned into obsidian.

After mining the obsidian for five days, they finally had enough to build a giant obsidian cage. The dinosaur was in Shanghai, so they went there and dropped it on the dinosaur. Boom! The cage dropped down, but suddenly something happened. The dinosaur broke out of the cage!

“Oh no!” the people screamed as the dinosaur headed to a port and drove a boat to Africa.

In a hot desert in Africa, the people there told the scientists what happened. One of the scientists said they must lure it back to Shanghai and trap it in a giant bedrock cage.

“But where can we obtain bedrock?” another scientist asked.

“What if we mine into the mantle?” one scientist suggested. “We can mine out the mantle and make another cage.” All of the scientists agreed.

So, they sneaked back to Shanghai and mined the mantle. While they were mining they heard a sound. “Emergency news! The dinosaur is attacking Africa!”

“We need something to lure the dinosaur back here. We can’t bring the mantle to Africa,” said a scientist. One of the workers saw a bell in the town centre and thought of a plan to put a lot of bells in Shanghai and ring them all the time. The sound would go around the world and the dinosaur would come there.

After many days of building, a giant mantle cage was built. “Are you ready?” a worker asked.

“Yes, we’re ready!” the workers shouted. “Ring it!”

Dong! Dong! Dong! The bell rang three times and the whole world heard it. The dinosaur started coming to Shanghai.

After five days, they saw that the dinosaur was nearby. The workers went up to the top of the cage and waited for the dinosaur.

“Are you ready?” a scientists asked. But there was no sound from the other side. While they were waiting, a worker had fallen straight down to the ground. “Help!” The worker yelled.

Another worker saw it and placed down a trampoline and let the worker land on it. The worker landed on it, but he still fainted. So, the other workers quickly climbed on top and used the telephone to call the scientists in the mantle for help. “A person on the ground has fainted,” the other worker said.

Unfortunately, the dinosaur was now under the cage and a worker pressed the button and the cage dropped down. It worked!

This case finally ended with no one dying.

“Thanks! You guys helped the country a lot,” said the government.

“This is a thing we needed to do,” said a worker. The world was peaceful again.

The Dinosaur Forest

Farm Road Government Primary School, Kong, Hoi Ching Bethany – 10

Two years ago, Ryan, Lily and Tam were going to China's dinosaur forest. They were very curious and wanted to learn about dinosaurs, so they went to explore them. They packed their stuff and went to China.

"I'm very excited to go there!" said Ryan.

"Me too! But I'm a little bit scared," said Lily.

"Well, I'm not even scared or worried!" said Tam. "Let's just have fun and learn new things."

At three forty-five, they arrived there.

"Wow! This place is so cool and gigantic!" said Lily.

"I agree with you Lily," said Ryan. Then, they went into the forest.

Five minutes later, they saw a big dinosaur coming after them. The dinosaur ran very fast like a leopard. Lily, Ryan and Tam were scared and very tired.

"Oh No! What we do now?" they said.

Lily, Ryan and Tam ran far, far away and the dinosaur was too tired to run any faster, so it stopped chasing them.

"Wow! That was so close! Thank God we're safe!" said Tam.

"I hope we will be safe here," said Ryan worriedly.

"There seems to be like a hundred thousand dinosaurs!" said Lily. But they still continued the journey.

One hour later, they got to their place and started to walk around. Lily and Ryan both found big sharp footprints on the ground. They followed the footprints because they wanted to know what kind of creature it was. They started to feel a bit scared and puzzled.

Ryan asked, "is this a dinosaur or a wild animal?"

"We don't know what it is," said Tam. "I hope there aren't any dinosaurs around or ready to chase us like an hour ago."

But even though they were very scared, they still went in there.

When they got in there, it was very dark and cold inside. It didn't feel like the same forest anymore. It looked like a smoky forest with tall trees.

Suddenly, there was a low sound.

"Oh no! The dinosaurs are coming! Let's run! Quick!" shouted Lily. "But where should we run? To the right or to the left?"

The children were shocked and worried that they might be in danger. The dinosaur that was chasing them was China's most dangerous dinosaur. All the scientists in China were trying to find one like the one they just found.

"No! Please don't eat us! We are nice and kind!" said Tam loudly to the dinosaur.

Just then, Lily and Ryan tried to talk to the dinosaur and said, "Mr. Dinosaur? Are you lost in the forest? Are you trying to find your family?" But the dinosaur shook his head.

"I think he is saying no to us, guys!" said Lily.

"Oh! Maybe he is lonely and wants to play or talk to us," said Ryan.

"I don't know. Let's see," said Lily.

They talked to the dinosaur and said, "Come on Mr. Dinosaur. Let's go. Do you want to play with us?" The dinosaur began to follow them and they walked for a long time.

Suddenly, the dinosaur stopped and didn't follow them anymore. It went the other way. Lily, Ryan and Tam ran up close to it and Lily asked, "Mr. Dinosaur, are you all right?"

But the dinosaur didn't reply to them and just walked away.

“Maybe the dinosaur didn’t like us,” said Ryan. “Or it’s just tired of walking any longer.”

The dinosaur went far away. Even Lily, Ryan and Tam couldn’t see it. The dinosaur seemed unhappy. When the dinosaur’s friend came, Mr. Dinosaur stopped and talked to his friend.

His friend asked, “Mr. Dinosaur, why don’t you go back home? Are you scared?”

Mr. Dinosaur said, “No! I’m just lonely. A minute ago a few people came and I was scared those people would hurt me.”

“Oh! Mr. Dinosaur are you ok?” his friend asked. “Humans won’t attack us.”

“But I’m still scared,” said Mr. Dinosaur. “I think they’re still coming.” The dinosaur was so nervous.

After a while, the humans came and saw the two dinosaurs talking to each other.

“Wow! I didn’t know dinosaurs could talk to each other!” said Ryan. “It’s so cool!”

“So, Mr. Dinosaur? You can also talk to humans, right?” asked Tam.

“Yes! Some dinosaurs can’t talk, but I can,” said Mr. Dinosaur.

Suddenly, there were two strangers coming towards Lily, Ryan, Tam and the two dinosaurs.

“We’d better run, or else!” said the dinosaur.

“Ah! Hurry! Go! Go!” shouted Ryan.

The two tall strangers were holding big sharp knives.

“I think they want to eat us!” said Lily.

An hour later, both strangers were left behind. They couldn’t run as fast as them anymore.

“Luckily, we lost them!” said Tam. “But now we’re lost.”

“Wait! I know where there is a little wooden treehouse that is for people to stay there,” said Mr. Dinosaur.

“Thanks!” said Lily. “And sorry for chasing you an hour ago.”

“No, it’s fine. I’ve been chased ever since humans came here to explore. They think I will hurt and eat them,” said Mr. Dinosaur sadly.

“Sorry for hearing that,” said Tam. “I hope they will know your true feelings.”

“Oh! Thank you for helping me!” said Mr. Dinosaur. “Here, take this book. This book is so special. When you guys are lost in the forest, just open it and there is a map. But remember don’t lose it and don’t give it to strangers, OK?”

“Sure! We won’t lose it. We promise you!” said Ryan.

“Bye, Mr. Dinosaur! We will miss you so much!” said Lily.

“Me too!” said Mr. Dinosaur happily.

In the end, Lily, Ryan and Tam were very happy every day. They took an airplane and went back home.

“Today was the best trip to China’s dinosaur forest!” said Lily excitedly.

“Yes, I liked China’s dinosaur forest and Mr. Dinosaur,” said Tam.

“Hey, guys! Do you want to go there next Sunday?” asked Ryan. “I miss Mr. Dinosaur.”

“Ok!” said Lily and Tam.

Portal Adventure

Farm Road Government Primary School, Kwok, Ho Yin Arielle – 9

Sixty-five million years ago, I was exploring dinosaurs like Liaoceratops, Sinraptor, Guanlong, Yimenosaurus and Tsintaosaurus. Wait! How about we start from the beginning, and this is how it started.

One day at school, when I was bringing the homework upstairs with my friend Cherry, we suddenly saw a door that we had never seen before. We wanted to take a closer look, so we decided to go in that room. When we went in that room, we saw a mirror and were sucked into a portal. After that we found that we were in a weird land.

Cherry asked, "What is this place?"

"I read a book all about Chinese dinosaurs," I said. "These are Chinese dinosaurs and we're sixty-five million years ago."

Suddenly, a voice said, "Welcome! This is where the Chinese dinosaurs live. You need to collect dinosaur fossils, diamonds and coins to open the portal back home. But if one of you get eaten, you'll be dead forever. Good luck!"

I said, "Come on! We need to be fast! We also need to be careful!" Then, we ran to find some fossils and coins.

We first found a shiny and glowing diamond. We dug it out of the sticky mud with a hoe and the voice said, "Good job! You have one point now, but I warn you to look at the sky because some dinosaurs know how to fly, like Microraptor, and avoid going in the water because some dinosaurs know how to swim too."

Then we said, "OK! We'll be careful."

We started to walk again until we found a golden thing. We thought there was some gold, so we dug, but it wasn't gold. It was a dinosaur egg! I tried to carefully put it back avoiding the dinosaur mum, but suddenly the dinosaur flew at us. I said to Cherry, "We'd better run! A dinosaur is flying towards us!" We ran as fast as lightning, but the dinosaur flew faster and almost caught us. Luckily, Cherry had a smart plan and threw a rock at the dinosaur. The dinosaur thought the other Chinese dinosaurs were calling it and turned around and left.

We kept walking. I said, "We need to be more careful and take a closer look before we dig."

"You are so smart!" said Cherry.

Then, we found some dinosaur fossils. The mysterious voice said, "You get five points for five fossils. Use this device to scan the fossils and see what dinosaur it is."

So, I scanned them. I said, "It's a Guanlong!" Then, we kept walking.

We found some more coins and diamonds and dug them out. The mysterious voice said, "Good job! But beware of the pond nearby. Some tiny Chinese dinosaurs will hide or swim in it, like Avimimus. Good luck!"

I asked, "How many coins, diamonds and Chinese dinosaur fossils do we need to open the portal exactly?"

The mysterious voice said, "All of them! One hundred! Bye!"

We kept walking and digging diamonds, coins and fossils. After a while, I said, "We've almost collected half of them, but we'll have to go faster to get back."

Suddenly, a volcano erupted. The mysterious voice said, "Be careful! Jump into this hole immediately." Then, we jumped in.

After we jumped into the hole, we found we were suddenly on the other side of China! In the hole we found lots of treasures.

The mysterious voice said, "Well done! Scan this fossil and find out what kind of Chinese dinosaur it is." We scanned it and found out that it was an Alectrosaurus. We thought it was very big.

After a while, Cherry found some shiny things under the sea. She dove into the sea. I followed her and she said, "This is already enough to open the portal." When we scanned the fossil we found out it was Datousaurus.

Suddenly, a dinosaur chased us. We swam in the opposite direction quickly to avoid the dinosaur eating us. I asked Cherry, "Don't you remember that the mysterious voice said not to go in the water?"

Cherry said, "Yes, but I wanted to collect more of the things."

"Never mind! Now we just need to find a hole to put all the things we collected to open the portal," I said to her.

We went through a dark tunnel. In the tunnel were a lot of dinosaur fossils. Cherry and I quickly dug some out and scanned them. We went through a lot of tunnels and caves.

When a dinosaur started to approach us, I told Cherry to quickly grab a lot of strong seaweed. We needed to make a trap to catch the dinosaur. Cherry and I quickly got the seaweed and tied it together. At last, the dinosaur got stuck!

We found the hole and we put in all of the coins, diamonds and fossils. The portal opened and we jumped in and came back to our school. We had only been gone for two minutes after all of that. We were so surprised.

Cherry said, "It was an exciting adventure."

"Yes it was!" I said.

Then, we went back to our classroom.

Dinosaur Beach

Farm Road Government Primary School, Leung, Lai Ting Jamie – 10

A few years ago, a scientist called Jimmy wanted to relax, so he told his family he wanted to have a trip. His son, Silas, was so excited.

“Yes! I love trips! Where are we going?” Silas yelled.

His mom, Sofia, was not that excited. “Where can we get the money?” Mom asked.

“Today was my payday. I got a lot of money,” Jimmy said. “And we’re going to China!”

When they finished taking the train to China, they checked into their hotel.

“Whoa! This room is so big! It is much bigger than our house!” Silas yelled. “Yeah! This room has a discount!”

After that, they all went to Yalong Bay which is a famous beach in China. While Mom went cycling, Silas and Jimmy were digging in the sand to find pretty seashells. But then something happened.

“What is this, Dad? Why is it hard and weird shaped?” Silas asked confused.

“Son, give it to me. It is a dinosaur fossil. It is very rare!” Jimmy said. Jimmy put the fossil in his back to bring back home. He was confused why there was a dinosaur fossil at the beach.

“Dad! Come play with me in the sea!” Silas yelled. Then, they played for four hours and they were all so tired.

When they got back to the hotel, it was already midnight. Jimmy, Silas and Sofia went to sleep. When it was bright in the morning, Sofia woke up first and cooked breakfast. Then, she woke Jimmy and Silas to eat breakfast.

“Wow! This food is delicious! I love these pancakes. They are so fluffy!” Silas told his mom.

After that, they went to the Guomao Mall. The mall was enormous. There were claw machines, restaurants, clothing shops, supermarkets and significantly more.

First, they went to the clothing shops.

“Wow! This shop is massive! There are dresses, purses, pants, jeans and substantially more!” Sofia said.

After she shopped for an hour, Silas asked, “Mom? Are you done?”

“Yes, I’m done!” Mom replied.

Then, Silas wanted to go to the claw machines. “Wow! There is a large amount of toys!”

After a lot of hours playing, Silas had won many plushies and toys.

Then, they went back to their hotel. “No! This is the last night here in China!” Silas cried sadly. They packed up their stuff and slept.

The next day, they went to the airport and took a 16-hour flight back to America.

When they got back, it was already the next day, so Sofia and Jimmy had to go to work.

“I don’t feel like going. I am so tired!” said Sofia. “I’m going to take care of Silas.”

“OK! I’m going to work! See you later! Bye!” Jimmy said as he walked out the door.

When he got to the lab, he took out the dinosaur fossils.

“Oh my God!” said another scientist. This is the fossil of a Spinosaurus! This is extremely rare! It is as rare as the vaquita. We need to research it. We can’t lose it!

“Oh! Really? I found it on Guomao Beach in China!” Jimmy said. Then, they put the fossil in the safe. Then, they went back home.

The next day, when Jimmy woke up, he went to work. When he was checking the fossil, he found it was gone!

“What? The fossil is gone! How could anybody open the safe? It is a secret safe!” he shouted. Then, he called his buddies. “The fossil is gone!” Jimmy yelled.

After that, the scientists came swiftly. Then, they called the fossil police. A policeman came and asked, “What happened?”

“Our rare fossil is gone!” Jimmy said.

“OK! We are going to search for the fossil now!” the policeman said.

The police searched and asked the entire city if they had seen a robber with a fossil. No one knew.

All of a sudden, a man with a fossil wearing a black hoodie and black sweatpants walked right in front of them.

“Hey! You! Stop right there!” the policeman yelled. “Put the fossil down! I know that you are the thief!”

Then, the robber ran away and the police chased after him. The robber was as fast as a cheetah, but the police didn’t give up.

After almost thirty minutes straight, the robber gave up. The police put him in handcuffs and got back the fossil.

“Bring this fossil back to the lab and give it to Jimmy,” one of the policemen said. Then, they put the robber behind bars.

“Oh my God! I’m so grateful!” Jimmy yelled.

After a year of examining the fossil, they sold it for a hundred piles of money. Almost a billion dollars.

“Oh goodness gracious! You made 250,000 dollars?!” Sofia said.

“Yes! We are wealthy!” Jimmy yelled.

In the end, Sofia and Jimmy had a new baby. They named her Bethany. They also bought a huge mansion and they lived a happy life.

Dinosaur Potions

Farm Road Government Primary School, Tang, Chit Huen Luzia – 9

Last year, a scientist hired me to do a really fun, but scary, thing. He hired me for fossil hunting! I was really excited, but scared. The scientist said I could meet her in her laboratory. I'm a safe girl, not a dangerous girl. When I saw the scientist, I was super-duper scared because the desert has snakes, crickets and I don't know what!

So, the scientist told me we will make a potion that revives dinosaurs and we will also make a nice potion to make dinosaurs nice! I was super surprised. This was my first time making a potion. I jumped with happiness!

After making the potions, the scientist said we would go to the desert by teleportation. My mouth was open wide and my mind was confused! I was speechless. I didn't know teleportation was real! Whoa! There was a portal to the desert! What a genius scientist!

I walked through the portal. I was already in the desert! The scientist locked the portal, so it wouldn't go bad, like maybe having an insect or some things go through.

So, we started to hunt. Once I stepped one foot, something felt hard, so I asked the scientist to come. We dug and dug until we found a T-Rex's fossils. They were so big! But not as big as the Titanosaur we found next! The scientist and I got more help to lift the Titanosaur. I was so happy!

There were a hundred people to help lift the Titanosaur! I knew it! The Titanosaur was really big, so after some hunting, we hadn't found another one we liked, except for the T-Rex and the Titanosaur. So, if you were wondering where we put our fossils, we made a giant room to put the fossils in. The room was really big! The scientists were so good at this job.

There were two rooms. One was the maybes, and the room were not my favourites. Of course, the T-Rex and the Titanosaur were in the maybe room. The others are in the not favourite room. So, we decided to do both.

We didn't have any more potions, so we made more. After making the potions, we fed the dinosaurs to bring them back to life first. Then we fed the other potion that makes them nice. The scientist said we needed to wait for a few months, so we kept waiting, of course in our houses.

After a few months, the scientist contacted me. She said it was slowly working. I ran as fast as I could to go there. We needed to bring them out of the room first because they were too big. And...whoa! They were alive! I was so shocked! The dinosaurs didn't eat people!

The activity ended, but I still wasn't fired. A message from the scientist came and she said I needed to go on a mission again. My mission was to make a dinosaur! They said I would be part of the team if I passed this test. So, I met the scientist in the laboratory and she gave me the potions. I started to do the tests one by one. So far so good.

She opened the portal to the desert, which was far, far away. But just as I stepped in, I was there. I started to mix the potion and poured it on the ground. Now I had to wait for a few months again.

After a few months, the dinosaur came out in an egg, alive! It might eat people, so we just put it in a cage. And that's how I became their team member. Yay!

So we kept making potions and learning about animals and humans while the dinosaur was growing. We took good care of the baby dinosaur. It was happy!

Weeks, months and years went by and the dinosaur was very big now. So, we took it out and it ran around. It didn't bite us. I was scared the dinosaur was going to eat me. Others laughed at me running around and sitting on chairs. I laughed too!

When we were making the potion, the dinosaur came to our table. At first it was going great, but then the dinosaur touched the beaker. The beaker burned the dinosaur. So we washed it immediately. Thank God the dinosaur was OK! We were so worried about it.

In the end, the dinosaur learnt its lesson to never touch the beaker again or else it would burn itself. Now, it's a good dinosaur. It's not touching any potions or beakers again.

Digging Up the Past

Farm Road Government Primary School, Tong, Steven Yu Loi – 10

One day, the teacher made an announcement that we were going to plant trees. We were all pretty excited.

The coach ride was pretty boring. The teacher wouldn't let us chat for some really odd reason, so we all stared out of the windows and daydreamed. Then I had an idea. I would dig my hole for roots much deeper than the height of the tree. Then I would discover what's inside the Earth.

At the planting site, we all got a shovel each. Then we chose our tree and carried it to the grass. The trees were about two metres tall, but I planned to dig much deeper than that.

After digging for a while, I noticed that the teacher was watching nearby. Then she suddenly said to me, "Your hole is too deep!" I took no notice. "Hey! Can you hear me?" The teacher sounded impatient. She opened her mouth to say something, but I catapulted a pile of fresh soil into her mouth. That should leave me in peace for some time.

It was already midday. My hole was much deeper than the tree's height. I was sweating in the hole and my back ached. The other classmates had already finished planting long ago and had all circled around me and my hole and shouted and screamed about how deep and wide my hole was. The teachers all stayed away from me and didn't try talking to me as they might risk their mouths by doing so.

Suddenly, my shovel hit something hard. At first, we thought it was a rock. But as I dug around it, I saw that it was long. All the students gasped as I found more of these 'rocks'.

"Should we take them out and examine them?" asked a student.

A teacher came by and saw these strange rocks. Then, after a pause, she squealed. She asked, 'Are these fossils?' We all took a step back and saw what shape these objects had formed. They were huge leg bones.

Soon, the paleontologists and journalists came rushing by and fighting to be the first to see the precious bones.

"Me first! The president sent me!" said one.

"No me! I'm from Europe!" said another.

After a few minutes of squabbling and fighting, they all finally saw the giant bones. The paleontologists got to work and studied the bones carefully. After a bit more digging, we were able to see the whole dinosaur body. It was a dinosaur that walked on two legs.

After a while, the paleontologists smiled. "Ah ha!" One of them said. "This is a perfectly preserved *archaeornithomimus*. Its name means ancient bird mimic."

Soon after, we found another dinosaur nearby. It was a lot smaller and more lizard like than the first one. Another paleontologist stepped out, smiled and said, "This is another well preserved dinosaur." At this point everyone was listening carefully, including the teacher. "It was a herbivore dinosaur," the paleontologist went on. "Its name is *archaeoceratops*. It means ancient horned face."

Suddenly, a student raised his hand. "How do fossils form?"

The paleontologist, unfazed, answered his question. “A fossil forms when a living organism, such as a plant or animal, dies and is buried by sediment quickly. Then you wait for ten thousand years.” Everyone gasped in amazement.

“How many species of dinosaur are there?” a first grader asked.

“There are roughly 700 known species of extinct dinosaurs,” the old paleontologist answered.

Suddenly, very suddenly, without warning, a complete archaeoceratops skeleton rose! Everybody’s jaws dropped on the hole. Some students screamed and said stuff like, “Whoa!” and “Cool!” The journalists were all busy and narrated furiously while the photographers snapped away madly. The teachers were once again squashed against the warehouse walls and trying to stay away from the terrifying beast. The paleontologists were all whopping and cheering. I stood there blankly, not know what to do.

The creature seemed calm, and it didn’t want to eat us, which made sense. When all of the reactions died down, a calm paleontologist approached the dinosaur skeleton cautiously. When nothing happened, the golden-haired, burly paleontologist called, “It’s safe! You lot can come closer and take a look!” Immediately, but still slowly, everyone moved carefully towards the dinosaur.

The dinosaur sniffed, but he sensed no danger. Suddenly, it actually spoke English! “Hello!” It said. It had a dry, raspy voice. Everybody gasped. Some tried to scream, but no sound came out.

“Hello,” I said. I came back to my senses. “Aren’t you supposed to eat us?”

The dinosaur jumped back, then roared with laughter, making the earth quake. “Ha! Ha! Ha! I don’t even have a digestive system. Plus, I’m a herbivorous dinosaur.”

“Wow!” I exclaimed. “You really know a lot about modern English! Can you tell us about life in the cretaceous era?”

“Of course! But first, tell me who on modern Earth are you multi-coloured animals? You don’t look like you come from Earth,” the dinosaur said, sniffing around. “And what is that neck choking-smell?”

“Oh, that!” I laughed. “We are humans – modern rulers of the world.”

“Hmm!” the dinosaur remarked. “So you now rule the world that we once roamed on? Wow!”

“Exactly!” I said. “You sure are a smart dinosaur.” The people behind me murmured in agreement, and the dinosaur grinned.

I continued, “Anyways, that scent that you smell is now must be the fumes of a car, right?”

“A car? What’s that?” The dinosaur was confused.

“Oh, that is an invention of humans,” one of the paleontologists suddenly cut in, patting his own car. “It helps the slow, plodding feet of mere humans go fast!” the excited, jumpy paleontologist said. “Look at me go!” The dinosaur was amused.

After a day packed full of action and dinosaurs, we all went home happily. As for the dinosaur, it stayed in a zoo and played with humans every day.

Matthew Saves the Dinosaurs

Farm Road Government Primary School, Xiao, Yu Matthew – 10

Once upon a time, Haha, Lala and Mama quarreled with each other. Haha said angrily, “Lala! You stepped on my foot!”

Lala shouted, “You stepped on my foot first!”

Mama said, “Don’t shout! My eggs are about to hatch.”

But they didn’t give in to each other. They were very noisy, so they provoked a lot of the other Chinese dinosaurs like Glimoreosaurus, Microraptor and Caudipteryx.

Suddenly, a time machine appeared. A man named Matthew came out and said something the dinosaurs couldn’t understand, so the dinosaurs started to run away.

And then Matthew said, “Haha, Lala, Mama come here!”

“Who are you?” asked the dinosaurs.

“I am Matthew from 2099,” Matthew said.

“That’s why you can control dinosaurs!” the dinosaurs said with sudden enlightenment.

“We must unite!” Matthew said.

“Why?” asked the dinosaurs.

“Because you will have a disaster,” said Matthew. “The reason is your anger.”

“But why should we believe you?” the dinosaurs asked.

“I know that you quarreled with each other,” Matthew said.

“OK! So, can you tell us what happened in 2099?” the dinosaurs asked.

“About 65 million years ago, a man called Mat Mat exploded China. And now the angry dinosaur energy has polluted the world in 2099!” Matthew screamed.

“Oh dear! So why did you come here?” the dinosaurs asked.

“Because I want to help you migrate to 2099. I can’t bear to see the dinosaurs destroyed,” Matthew said. “We need to tell all the dinosaurs to get into the time machine. Can you help me?”

“Of course we can help you!” the dinosaurs said.

Matthews said, “First I need to explain what happened in the future. Over the past ninety-nine years, Chinese archaeologists found a lot of Chinese dinosaur fossils. If we don’t have this fossil energy, we will die. So, we can only take away some different varieties of dinosaurs. After that, they took away Agilisaurus, Achaonithimimus, Alectrosaurus, Bellussaurus Sui, Caudipterxy, Oviraptor, Confuciusornins, Avimimus and Chungkingosaurus. But they didn’t know how to take away Microraptor.

Suddenly, Matthew remembered something. “We need to bring some flying catchers! Wait for me dinosaurs!” Then, he went back into his time machine.

In 2099, Matthew bought some flying catchers. He saw a man in black who robbed him of the flying catchers.

“Who are you?” Matthew asked.

“You don’t need to know who I am! Ha! Ha!” the man in black laughed.

Then, Matthew went back to the dinosaurs’ world.

“Hi, Matthew!” said Mama. “This is my brother Stev Stev. He is a Protoceratops.” He was about the size of sheep and had a large frill on his head. “He can run faster than most Chinese dinosaurs and Stev Stev is an herbivore, meaning he only eats plants.”

That night, Matthew had a long rest. He was awestruck by the lush green landscape and towering large trees. The air was filled with strange sounds he had never heard before. And the sky was full of stars, like Starry Night by Van Gogh.

The next day. As Matthew explored further, he saw a small feathered dinosaur flying through the trees. It was a Microraptor. The Microraptor was very small, about the size of a crow and had four wings! These wings helped it glide from tree to tree. Matthew thought it was interesting and realized there was an important link between dinosaurs and birds. But how could he catch them? Using the flying catchers, of course!

Suddenly, he heard a loud noise. Matthew turned around and saw a limping Yuanyanglong dragon nearby. It was a large predator about 26 feet long with sharp teeth and a powerful tail. Despite its horrific appearance, it appeared to be in pain. Matthew noticed that its leg was injured. He cautiously approached the Yuanyanglong and bandaged its leg with the bandage in his backpack. The dinosaur calmed down and asked Matthew to help.

Then, Matthew went to the sea. He saw some Plesiosaurs. They were very big. Their necks were tied together, so Matthew used a loosener to loosen their necks. Matthew then used a sea catcher to take them out of the sea.

When he returned to 2099 with a full load of dinosaurs, the man in black appeared. When he took off his black coat, Matthew shouted, "It's Mat Mat!"

Mat Mat said, "What are you doing? I hate you! You ruined my plan!"

Mat Mat controlled the minds of all the dinosaurs and made them attack Matthew.

In this critical moment, Matthew said, "Please, dinosaurs! Please believe me. I like dinosaurs, so I need to save you! But mat mat only wants to destroy you!"

All the dinosaurs believed Matthew and they attacked Mat Mat.

"No! No!" Mat Mat screamed.

Before leaving, Matthew took a moment to admire the beautiful prehistoric world around him. He realized how important it was to learn from the past to protect the future. Each dinosaur played a vital role in their ecosystem, and by bringing them to his time, he hoped to educate others about their importance.

When Matthew's adventure was finished, he travelled by to the year 2099 and built a large safe habitat for the dinosaurs. He worked with the scientists to ensure they had all the resources they needed to thrive.

Matthew's adventures taught everyone the importance of protecting all species from extinction. Through his efforts, the people of 2099 learned to appreciate and cherish the wonders of the prehistoric world.

The Glimmering Gilmoreosaurus

Kowloon Rhenish School, Chan, On Yee – 10

All Sophie ever wanted in her life was to be something. Every day, like every other human being in Galomour, she was surviving on meat, water and watching an obese pigeon ‘dance’ all day. But Sophie had always believed that she was different. For she, had Darlina – someone who saw her for more than just her looks; someone who had the same beliefs as Sophie. And Darlina doesn’t tell anyone, but every day after school at 4p.m. sharp, she would sit at her doorway and wait for the evening walk she and Sophie had every day. Because all her life, Darlina’s been branded a witch for her faint green skin and ugly face. Before Sophie, all she could remember was darkness and pain. Sophie made her feel normal and Sophie made her feel loved; So here Sophie was walking with her usual basket of ‘cookies’, on her way to do her ‘good deed’. Sophie tilted her head a bit as she walked through the graveyard. She had never seen her sister’s grave, not even at the funeral, she wouldn’t start today. “Hello? Darli I’m coming in... On second thought, the doorknob’s too muddy so I’m not touching it. Open up! I brought your favourite cookies.” Darlina’s black eye reflected through the door hole “The real ones or the ones you make?” “Fluffy and buttery just like you like it.” Darlina’s hand reached out and into Sophie’s basket of cookies, only to pull out dry butter less blueberry bran cookies. Darli dropped them, then gave Sophie a look and turned away. “Fine, just wait I’ll change.”

As the pair walked down the beach, you might think they look weird together, one cute and lovable, the other cold and awkward. But each other was all they ever needed. As Sophie walked, her mind started drifting off to somewhere else. The illusion was so strong that she was starting to actually see things: a single drop of light was gleaming behind the palm trees. Sophie rushed to see it as Darlina chased behind her shouting something that she couldn’t hear. As she kept running, she felt the light growing dimmer and dimmer. Darlina plunged, caught Sophie and stopped her. “W...what?” murmured Sophie as she snapped out of the trance. Darlina smiled, but soon that smile became a frown because she could see that her best friend’s soul was in another place. Without hesitation, Darlina stared tight into her friend’s eyes. Then she felt herself as light as a feather and collapsed. By the time they woke up it was already dawn. But dawn wasn’t as fresh and peaceful in Galomour.

The first thing that came into Darlina’s mind was Sophie, so she started looking around for her luscious friend. But as she searched, she couldn’t sense a single human being around her. But in the dark, she could see a little figure standing alone behind the bushes. Assuming it was Sophie, Darlina stumbled to the girl. She was bruised bleeding and pale but one thing was unacceptably different about her best friend—she was now six and had a Gilmoreosaurus’s tail. Even worse, Sophie the child–dino was speaking half Gilmoreosaurus half human, Well, Darli assumed it was dino since she didn’t know much about languages. ‘D...Darli? Where squawk are you? Sophie stuttered, not realizing the dino voice. Darlina stared in horror, what had happened to her sweet friend? Sophie looked up at Darlina, gaping at her now super tall friend. ‘Miss Darli! I’m hungry and squawk and squawk!’ The child covered her mouth in surprise. ‘Darli, why am I like this! And why does my finger feel weird?’ Gazing curiously at her fingertip, now solid gold. Sophie sat down, only to stand right back up because of her tail. Darlina backed away, trying to hold on to something to take a breather.

Darlina carried the body dino–fied Sophie. To bring matters worse, Sophie kept whining about her golden hand. But now Darlina sensed something was wrong. She turned around and the gold had spread to Sophie’s elbow! But then she noticed something, wherever the gold was, the part of the body would turn into a Gilmoreosaurus body part with a light trace of scales. Worried, Darlina sped Sophie off the hill and into a pond. Surprisingly, the water washed away the gold! But it came back when they got out of the water. As they ate some fruit while bathing, Darlina secretly promised that she would stay with Sophie no matter what. A promise which had to be unkept. They set off to their journey at sundown(because Sophidino prefers moon bathing)

Things went for the worst the gold had spread to Sophie's neck! Darlina tried to rinse it off, but she forgot to bring water! Sophie frantically rushed around because of the gold...strait towards a cliff. Darlina pounced to Sophie, it worked again but this time Sophie didn't stop. She started growling and then—crackle—boom—swish. Sophie was a golden statue. 'Noooooooooooo!' Cried Darli, devastated. But she got to meet her friend after all because she dropped down deeper and deeper into the darkness.

As the dark purple rash covered Sophie completely, Darlina's corpse was found in the sea and was washed up to shore. The two girls were buried side by side in the village town square. Under a starlit sky, nothing could have been more peaceful; nothing could have been more horrifying. The reason between the girls' death remains a mystery. But remember, if you ever find yourself in a dinosaur world.....

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

Kowloon Rhenish School, Cheang, Wan Ki Angelina – 9

There was a little boy named Sam. Sam's dad died in a car accident when Sam was five. By the time Sam was eleven years old, he lived with his mom, and they were poor.

One day, while Sam was reading a free newspaper, a few sentences caught his attention. It said, "A little girl found a whole pterosaur bone while making mud pies on a mountain. Whenever anyone finds a whole dinosaur bone or a new dinosaur bone and brings it to the museum, they will receive \$1,000,000!" After Sam finished reading the newspaper, he took his father's shovel and a little brush and left home.

He was going to the high mountain to dig for dinosaur bones. It was already winter, but Sam didn't have a jacket or anything warm to wear. His clothes even had holes in them, and he was freezing.

He was tired too! He saw a cave and slowly went in. Inside the cave, he saw leaves on the floor and heard people chatting. He climbed up some stairs and, after reaching the top, saw three children sitting there. One of them noticed Sam and asked, "Who are you? Where are you going?" Sam replied, "My name is Sam. I saw the newspaper and wanted to go to the top of the mountain to find dinosaur bones. When I got cold and tired, I saw this cave and decided to rest here. How about you?" It turned out that the girl with the ponytail was May, the boy with brown shoes was Tom, and the other girl with curly black hair was Sarah. They were all searching for dinosaur bones like Sam. They agreed to let Sam join them.

They gathered all their food, and Sam made a bag out of leaves. They set off the next morning. As they walked, Tom picked up sticks, May collected iron for making a fire at night so they could stay warm, and Sarah gathered mushrooms, acorns, and other fruits for food. Sam made bags with leaves, a fish catcher with a net, a water bottle made of bamboo, and other supplies for living.

Days passed, and they were almost at the top when Tom caught a fever. They found a cave and went inside. Tom's face was bright red, and his eyes were almost closed. Everyone was frightened, but May thought of a way to help Tom recover. She told her friends, and they all set to work. May stayed to change the ice towels every hour; she was tired but did her best to stay awake.

Sam and Sarah ran into the cave with a big bowl of medicine. They handed the bowl to May, who poured it into Tom's mouth. Suddenly, Tom jumped up from the leaf bed and opened his eyes. He had recovered! Tom asked, "What happened?" May replied, "You took a nap and got sick. I asked Sam and Sarah to sell the colorful rocks to get money, and then we went to the doctor and bought a bowl of medicine. The other thing I poured into your mouth was the medicine. We still have some left; we can save it for the future."

They caught some fish and sold it, earning a few pennies. After a little rest, they felt energetic and decided to go, but there had been a storm the night before, which covered the only entrance of the cave. They were glad they had brought their shovels with them and started to shovel away the snow.

They were walking normally when they heard a strange sound: rumble, rumble, rumble, sheesh, sheesh, BOOM! An avalanche was happening! Sam noticed it first and yelled, "Run for your lives! It's an avalanche!" The two girls screamed, "Ahhh!" Tom was trying his best to stay calm. He said, "Over there, behind that large tree!" Sam and Tom, being boys, ran faster to the tree. May was good at sports, so she kept up, while Sarah was almost covered in snow! Sam quickly threw Sarah a rope, and they pulled her up just in time before the snow completely covered her. They hid there until the avalanche passed.

Sarah looked around to check where they were. "We're at the top of the mountain already!" called Sarah. They took their shovels and started working.

Suddenly, a few pink, purple, and light blue creatures climbed out from holes. They were flinks! May asked if the flinks could help find dinosaur bones. The flinks agreed to help them, and they dug quickly in the mud. After a few hours, they found a new dinosaur bone! They thanked the flinks and gave them some fruit to thank them.

They set off to the museum. The scientists were delighted and examined the bones, allowing the kids to name it. After a long discussion, they decided to use Sam's idea and called it "Belatrasaurus." It was named as a combination of different dinosaurs. The museum director gave them an award and the friends became millionaires; they were also best friends forever! They had just had their afternoon tea together a few hours ago. They had pets, cars, helicopters, planes, and many more expensive things. Their relatives were proud of them!

Mission: Save the Dinosaurs

Kowloon Rhenish School, Hui, Nok Ching – 10

Once, a long time ago, in a land far away, there was a magical place in China where humans and dinosaurs lived together. Every person had a magic pendant which united them. The dinosaurs always helped people, and people helped them back. One day, the mayor found bad news: evil space robots are going to attack their dinosaurs!

They wanted to lock the dinosaurs up because the dinosaurs have lots of ability and powers. The mayor told his crew about it. They were terrified. They tossed and turned in their bed. The next morning, it was time for action. The space villains were getting closer and closer. Their leader, Dr. Tarp, was the deadliest robot in the world! Suddenly, all the lights went out! The town turned dark and gray.

A little boy was on the news. He said that everyone's magic pendant had stopped working. All the crew members were shocked. One of them cried 'without magic, how could we defeat the robots?' 'And, we have to protect the dinosaurs!' Another crew member added. However, the mayor was calm. He said that he didn't need magic for unity. 'Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.' He said. 'Yes! We don't need magic!' The crew shouted.

Meanwhile, the dinosaurs were not happy. They were also scared so they hummed a song. They were not very good at singing, so everyone covered their ears.

On the other hand, the evil space robots were planning how to capture the dinosaurs. Dr. Tarp laughed evilly. 'I am going to destroy every bit of this land!' he said.

'Oh, maybe you should kick the dinosaurs into a lake, shall we?' a sweet voice called. She was called Ms. C. She might look very charming, but she is deadly inside.

Dr. Tarp frowned. He said 'No, no, no, I am thinking bigger! We can set up a bomb! We will make it look like their favorite food!' The robots all agreed.

When Dr. Tarp was about to land on earth, the mayor threw some magic herbs to the spaceship! The spaceship was prepared and shot laser beams right to the mayor! He got hurt so badly that he was black and blue all over. His crew rushed to help and took him back to home for surgery. Afterwards, the mayor felt a little bit better, but he had broken ribs and could not stand very well. He said 'we need to get out of here! Tony, you and the crew must get on the spaceship! Bring the dinosaurs with you and come back when this war is over!' Tony was the leader of the mayor's crew. Mayor told him to land in China when they come back. The crew and dinosaurs took off in their spaceship and went to space.

Meanwhile, Dr. Tarp and his team were relaxing. They were busy eating dried cobra flavoured chips. It helped all tired robots refill themselves. Zig and Zag were also part of the team. Zig is good at making evil robots. Zag couldn't make any, but she can make herself invisible. Zig and Zag did not like cobra chips, so they drank all the fuel in the spaceship instead!

The spaceship began to shake! They heard loud beeping sound. Dr. Tarp yelled, 'Zig, Zag, what did you do? Now we are going to fall off!' Ms. C. used her robotic arms to catch everyone, but the broken spaceship into two pieces. Dr. Tarp moved the pieces into his spare lab. He was very angry.

Ms. C., however, was pleased. She kept looking at her hair (she is very fond of her hair!) She sang a song 'I saved the day, I saved the day!' Dr. Tarp snapped, 'Zig and Zag, go make the bomb!'

Meanwhile, the dinosaurs were also busy eating vegetables. They did not know about the bomb. Zig and Zag did not help. They went to the jacuzzi. They loved Jacuzzies and were relaxed happily!

Dr. Tarp spotted the dinosaurs in the crew's spaceship and cackled, 'Ha! Ha! We got the dinosaurs! The crew saw them too! They shot a lazer to the lab. Ms. C. jumped in the way, the lazer shot her long hair. 'My hair!' she screamed.

Dr. Tarp opened the spaceship window and kicked the crew out. But they used their jetpacks to fly back. "We will save the dinosaurs together!" Tony shouted.

Velociraptor, the fastest dinosaur, snuck out of the cage and unlocked the doors. The dinosaurs and crew worked as a team. T. Rex knocked over robots with his tail, Triceratops shielded everyone, and Pterodactyl flew around, confusing the robots. Their powers and abilities allowed them to breathe in space.

Dr. Tarp was furious. "Zig! Zag! Activate the bomb!" he yelled. But Zig and Zag were not listening, they were relaxing in the jacuzzi again! Ms. C. screamed, "My hair is ruined!" and ran off to find a mirror. Tony spotted the bomb, disguised as food, and shouted, "Quick, throw it into space!" The velociraptor grabbed it and flung it far away, where it exploded in a burst of colors.

Dr. Tarp tried to fight back, but T. Rex's roar shook his lab. It broke apart, sending Dr. Tarp, Ms. C., Zig, Zag and other robots into space. The crew and dinosaurs cheered. When they returned home, their magic pendants glowed again, restored by their teamwork.

The land returned to its normal way. They celebrated with music and dancing, while the dinosaurs joined in (still singing terribly). Everyone lived happily and ever after, united as one.

Wei's Journey to Dinosaur Discoveries

Kowloon Rhenish School, Lee, Kit Tung – 9

In the quiet countryside of Jiangxi, a young boy named Wei grew up with stories from his grandfather about ancient creatures that once roamed China's lands. His favorite tale was that of the "dragon bird," a dinosaur whose feathers shimmered like sunlight on water. Although the stories seemed no more than fairy tales, Wei often wondered if they held at least a grain of truth.

One bright spring morning, Wei explored hills not far from his village, armed with a spade and a notebook, where he dreamed of finding something special. The recent discovery of a titanosaur in Jiangxi had sparked curiosity in Wei, who was then determined to uncover his piece of history.

As Wei wandered through the hills, he came across a rock sticking out of the ground. Its texture was like nothing he had ever seen before. He squatted and started digging. With each handful of dirt that he cleared away, the outline of the rock took a more concrete form. It was no rock—it was a fossil. His heart pounded. Was this the key to a piece of the past that his grandfather had told him about?

Carefully, Wei uncovered the fossil, which, to his amazement, looked like a claw. Excited and nervous, he brought the fossil before his wide-eyed grandfather's stare. "This," his grandfather said, "is no ordinary fossil. It looks to me like it could belong to a pterosaur."

In a very short period, word got to the village, and subsequently, a paleontology team showed up to investigate. The head, Dr. Liu, described the creatures: "The pterosaurs are flying reptiles that date back millions of years." "This can be a serious finding," she said. "We shall have to research more."

Over weeks, the hills became a hotbed of activity. Wei watched in fascination as the scientists excavated carefully, uncovering even more fossils. Indeed, these included details of the parts of a wing and a jaw with well-preserved feathers. Dr. Liu was on hand to corroborate their suspicion that the new fossils would belong to some previously unidentified species of flying pterosaur. She named it "Liu's Sky Glider" in honor of the region and the boy who had led them to the site.

As the excavation continued, the scientists started to find further evidence of life from long ago. They found plant fossils that hinted at the natural environment being lush and tropical; they found the remains of small mammals that might have coexisted with the flying monster. Wei listened intently as Dr. Liu explained how such finds vividly

depicted prehistoric Jiangxi. With Wang's descriptions, ancient China's dense forests and crystal-clear rivers seemed to spring to life before their heightened interest.

The village soon became famous; people came from around China and outside the country. A museum was built to show these fossils, and Wei's name was engraved into its walls as a memoir of his curiosity and strength. His grandfather was highly proud and told Wei that even great voyages sometimes start with a single step or just one dig in the dirt.

However, that was not all: Wei's discovery would send other children in the village scouring their surroundings for such finds. They organized fossil hunts, hoping to come across their ancient treasure. Some even wrote stories and poems about the dinosaurs, imagining their lives millions of years ago. Local schools held workshops where paleontologists shared their knowledge with guests, fostering a new generation of dinosaur enthusiasts.

One day, Wei made a peculiar discovery as he helped scientists make various discoveries. It was small, round, nestled among the rock. Carefully, he chipped it off the stone until he was clutching it in his hands. "This is a dinosaur egg," Dr. Liu burst out excitedly as it met her eyes. "You seldom find such perfection, so well preserved—just think of all secrets this might hold.

The egg was taken to a lab for further study. Weeks later, the results came in: inside the egg lay the perfectly preserved embryo of a feathered dinosaur. The discovery sent shockwaves through the scientific community, confirming that some dinosaurs were, in fact, close relatives of modern birds. Wei could hardly believe he had contributed to discovering such an important piece of history. His grandfather always told him how the past and the present were connected in ways few could fathom.

As Wei grew older, the fascination with dinosaurs only deepened. He decided to study paleontology to learn even more ancient world secrets. His journey had started with a single fossil, but it had taken him to a lifetime of discovery. Wei often thought of the stories his grandfather told him. They were not just tales but connected to a world with so much to reveal. He felt a deep indebtedness to the miracles of Earth, lying hidden inside the belly of the underground, awaiting the arrival of inquisitive minds to come and get them.

The story of his finding became a symbol of curiosity and perseverance. It reminded them that even the tiniest gestures could lead to extraordinary results. In the end, Wei learned that the true treasure was not just the fossils he found but the journey of discovery itself— a journey that had just begun. His dream of knowing more about the creatures of the past instilled in him hope for the future and inspired a sea of people to look towards the world with wonder and curiosity.

Heroes of the Dinosaurs' Kingdom

Kowloon Rhenish School, Li, Wing Yi – 12

The evening passed quietly, and it was dark and silent. Suddenly, a burst of cheers broke the stillness.

The cheers came from a research institute. The archaeologists were still working on their scientific research, and they discovered something fascinating.

The laboratory was full of ancient dinosaur fossils. The archaeologists used an extraordinary instrument to read the stories of fossils, and one of the fantastic stories is about Sinosauropteryx.

Hurried footsteps pounded as a bunch of hunters, holding guns, went through a great gate. They were dinosaur hunters.

Meanwhile, in the ancient Dinosaurs' Kingdom, China, a Sinosauropteryx boy named Hugo cried in a distance as he flew unstably, "Mum! Mum!"

"Mum! While I was having fun with my friends, Momo, Kate, Jack and Peter, we discovered a dinosaurs hunter's son! We got away from the park as fast as we can, as he chased after us." replied Hugo as his face was full of fears.

"It won't be, Hugo," Mum didn't care as she thought it was just a joke, "This place has been very peaceful for a hundred billion years. You always have too much imagination." Hugo burst into tears because he felt misunderstood, so he ran off.

Hugo spotted his friends sitting on the grass. He trotted to them, "What should we do?"

"We can defeat the hunters!" a mysterious voiced replied as they gasped in shock, "You have been our enemy since you're a human! Why you're trying to help us? Hunter's son!" The mysterious voice belonged to the hunter's son.

"I know it was ridiculous since I'm their son. However, they are greedy and cruel. They want to capture you all to the future and sell you!"

"I think he is believable," said Kate. They nodded and asked, "What is your name?" "My name is Cora," answered the hunter's son, "I have already found out a way to help you."

Back to the hunters, they did plan to capture dinosaurs. They came from the future, an era when technology is very advanced, and there are time machines which can take them back to the past. They used a time machine and came to the age of dinosaurs. A long time ago, they also came to the age of dinosaurs. They wanted to capture the dinosaurs to make money, but they failed. Therefore, the dinosaurs have always remembered the horror of human. The hunters were approaching the Dinosaurs' Kingdom.

Hugo and his friends set off though this journey was fraught with danger, they didn't hesitate, and such the bravest soldiers ever.

After a long time, they finally reached their first station – the East of China.

On their way, Cora explained his plan was to use the world's most advanced protective cover, which Cora had gone through so much trouble to steal. This protective cover would surround the Dinosaurs' Kingdom in all directions. Once activated, the protective cover would protect the Dinosaurs' Kingdom forever.

To activate the protective cover, they had to circle both the Eastern part and Western part of the Dinosaurs' Kingdom separately by using a magic pen. When both Eastern part and Western part are circled, the two protective covers will automatically merge together.

Unexpectedly, before anyone could act, a group of hunters armed with pistols swarmed up and pounced on Jack and Peter!

"You traitor! Cora!" a hunter who seemed to be the leader yelled, "Hurry back to our camp and go to a safe place so that we can shoot, son!" That's why the hunters didn't shoot. Cora ignored him.

"Everyone splits up!" Jack said in a low voice while dodging the attack, "Cora, Peter and I stay here" Jack handed over the magic pen which he had been keeping.

Hugo, Momo and Kate began to use the flying skill that they had not fully mastered, and worked together to grab the magic pen and draw a line to protect our homeland!" Hugo said passionately.

Along the way, they fell countless times, and their wounds caused them to cry out in pain, some unsuspecting dinosaurs jeered at them. On the way, they had to fly over mountains, flatlands and forests, which consumed a lot of their physical strength.

They felt painful, discouraged and tired. There was a moment when they thought about giving up, but some fragments flashed through their minds —— their home being destroyed by hunters or their family members being kidnapped. This made them persevere. Finally, they completed the task.

The protective cover on the East was successfully activated, and everyone started drawing the circle on the West.

Unexpectedly, when it was about to be completed, the hunters reached the finish line first!

Hugo, Momo and Kate were all caught off guard, unable to fight back against the fierce attacks launched by the hunters. Jack said, "They just found out that you left, so they came as fast as they could!"

"Look! We will beat you in a pulp!" the hunters threatened. "We will not give in easily!" Momo said firmly.

The scene was very intense, and the dinosaur team gradually gained the upper hand with their perseverance and unyielding spirit. Hugo, on the other hand, was dodging while drawing lines. When it's almost done, the hunter leader led a small team to rushed over, and Hugo sprinted with all his strength. But in the chaos, the hunter leader accidentally fired, hitting Hugo.

Hugo fell immediately and said weakly, "Please protect my home for me" "Hugo..." everyone cried bitterly, holding back their tears, turning their grief and anger into strength, and successfully opened the protective cover, Hugo and the hunters were all separated from the protective cover.

Hugo, Momo, Kate, Peter, Jack and Cora would always be remembered as heroes.

The Sinosauropteryx fossil discovered by those archaeologists belonged to Hugo. His tale of fighting to safeguard the Dinosaurs' Kingdom captivated the archaeologists and sparked their curiosity about the experiences of other dinosaurs that followed.

Bonds Beyond Time: New Tales of The Sinosauropteryx

Kowloon Rhenish School, Lung, Yin Wang – 10

“Sun!” cried Zhu as he rushed into his room. “What’s up, Zhu?” replied Sun Wukong (the Monkey King). Zhu Bajie begged embarrassedly, “I need to hand in my survey about dinosaurs in China by this weekend, or my teacher will punish me. Help me, Sun!” Sun thought for a while and came up with a brilliant idea, shouting, “Let’s use my time machine to go to ancient China!” With that, the two friends traveled back to the world of ancient China.

After arriving in ancient China, dated 120 million B.C. (Early Cretaceous Period), they went to explore the nearby woods. As they walked, they felt hungrier and hungrier. At last, they fainted, and a light cast from the sky sucked them into a mysterious place. When they woke up, they shouted at each other in horror. They saw a tribe of small dinosaurs and noticed that their time machine was gone! Each dinosaur looked like a chicken, with a slender body, a long tail, and dazzling red feathers covering its entire body. A mature dinosaur, seemingly the leader, said, “Welcome, my friends. To get back your ‘new-fashioned weapon’..... or whatever that thing is, you need to accomplish three requests.”

Fearing they might not be able to return home, both Sun and Zhu listened carefully to the dinosaur. “Let the sky rain,” said the dinosaur, explaining that the land had been in drought for several years. Many dinosaurs in his tribe had died from insufficient water and food. Zhu said, “Count on us!” but Sun asked, “How?” Zhu continued, “Let’s have a traditional Chinese dance to beg the sky for rain!” They gathered some leaves and made hats. After dressing up, they started to dance. Sun secretly took his gadget from his treasure pocket, and with a clickety-clack, he turned the weather from sunny to rainy instantly. All the dinosaurs were ecstatic and astonished by the godlike power of their guests.

Immediately, the dino leader stated his second request. “My wife has been lost in the forest since my little son was born. Please help me find her.” “Let’s go!” Zhu said, rummaging through his gadgets to take out a powerful tool —“vital signal locator”. They set off to the area where the dino leader’s wife was last seen. Deeper into the forest, they heard the beeping signal from the locator growing stronger. “My honey!” the dino leader cried, rushing to embrace his frightened wife. “Thank you for finding her!” Tears of joy streamed down his face.

Suddenly, the ground shook violently. “What’s happening?” Zhu shouted, clutching a tree for support. Before they could react, a massive volcanic eruption roared to life nearby, sending ash and smoke into the sky. “Run!” Sun yelled, grabbing Zhu’s hand. They sprinted through the chaos with the dino family. Panicking, Zhu asked, “What should we do now?” The dino leader looked determined. “We have never encountered such a massive eruption. Doom is near! I am going to bring you to your ‘new-fashioned weapon,’ but can you also take me and my family to a safe place?” Sun did not promise he could fulfill the dino leader’s third request but told him the truth: “I want to save you and your whole family, but my time machine can only carry three passengers at a time. Who do you choose to go with us?” Feeling hopeless, the dino leader sighed, “None of us.” He turned his eyes to his wife and family and yelled, “I love you, my dear! We must unite to survive!”

Sun and Zhu got on the time machine and looked back through the window. Before they left the Cretaceous Period, the last scene they saw was the dino leader spreading his short but strong arms to cover his wife and family. That was an unforgettable image deeply stamped in their minds.

Finally, Sun and Zhu returned to modern times, arriving home safely. However, they felt regretful for failing to save the dino family. Weeks passed and Zhu received a distinction on his assignment about dinosaurs. When his teacher shared the findings from the surveys, a photo was displayed to the class. It was an astonishing photo showing

the firstly discovered dinosaur fossils in Liaoning Province, China — a couples of Sinosauropteryx huddling together, with the strongest one on top. Starting to sob, Zhu realized it was the same image he had seen behind the time machine during the Cretaceous Period. Sun also sobbed when he saw the photo. Nevertheless, they felt comfort as they thought that the dino family had finally been brought to modern times in a special way safely.

Through Zhu's school assignment, both Zhu and Sun learned more about the extinction of dinosaurs; and through the adventure with the Sinosauropteryx family, they realized that the bonds of love among dinosaurs were far beyond people's imagination.

Life as a Human Living in Cretaceous

Kowloon Rhenish School, Mak, Sze Hang – 9

Once I went to The China Dinosaur Museum to see dinosaur skeletons but then I saw a portal in front of one of the dinosaur's skeletons, then I got teleported into a place where there were echoes all over the place, it was like a jungle.

I quickly turned around but my parents weren't there, I looked up in the sky and realized that I was in a jungle with dinosaurs! I saw a Tyrannosaurus rex at first, I was terrified, but it didn't attack me, I said 'Hi, what is your name and what is this place?' and to my surprise, it replied, 'I'm a Tyrannosaurus rex, my name's Tom, and this is the cretaceous period in China, where are you from and what's your name?' I told Tom, 'I live in the year 2024, and my name's Rayson, by the way, when is this timeline?' He replied again, 'Hi Rayson, now this timeline is approximately 66 million years before 2024.' I asked Tom, 'Ohh, I have a question though, do you have any friends?' he replied, 'Yes I do have some friends, one is in happy woods, two in fun woods and one in super tall forest.' Then I suggested, 'I want to go to fun woods, since there are two out of your four friends.' So then I rode on Tom's back and went to fun woods.

We saw a Spinosaurus and a Giganotosaurus chatting with each other. I asked Tom, 'Who are those dinosaurs and are those your friends?' He quickly responded, 'They are my friends, that Spinosaurus is called Sunny and that Giganotosaurus is called Gabe.' Tom said hi to Sunny and Gabe and showed me to them, Gabe questioned, 'Who are you?' I quickly replied, 'I'm from the future, my name's Rayson.' 'And why are you here?' asked Sunny right after. 'Rayson isn't here to kill us or anything, he just accidentally got teleported years from 2024, back to our time—the cretaceous period, that's all.' So we went to grab logs to set up a campfire, Gabe told me how to set up a campfire correctly, Sunny made a fishing rod for me to help him fish, and Tom made me a sword out of sticks. Finally, we had dinner. Sunny grabbed a stick from behind and taught me how to roast things. First, I had to take a piece of food, second, hold the stick and roll it around on top of the fire, then wait for the food to cool down. We ate together happily.

The next day, Sunny taught me how to fish better. I even ended up fishing a Leedsichthys, which was the biggest fish in cretaceous! Next, Tom told me I was using my "sword" wrong, so he told me that I have to aim for the neck. A few hours later, I even killed an Argentinosaurus, which was the biggest dinosaur to ever live! That night we had a lot more food thanks to me. Gabe was shocked when Tom told him that we have a week full of food, so I didn't need to hunt for food for an entire week. The next few days were the same as normal but on the fifth day I saw the portal that got me in the cretaceous, it was next to the Argentinosaurus body. I told Tom, 'Tom, I saw the portal that I got teleported into, the portal that teleported me into the cretaceous period!' Then Tom explained to the others what I was talking about. A few minutes later, I saw a massive fireball dropping from the skies, it was the meteor that made the dinosaurs extinct! Sunny told me right after Tom finished explaining the portal, 'Rayson, go back to the portal, don't worry about us.' So, I sadly went to the portal and said goodbye to them for the last time, 'Thank you for being with me! Bye!' I left into the portal after saying goodbye for the last time. I learned about a lot of dinosaur facts after this experience, I hope I can visit the Jurassic period next time!

Travels with China's Great Dinosaurs

Kowloon Rhenish School, So, Yee Lap Ethan – 11

One day, as I was engrossed in an encyclopedia with my friend Matt, we followed our usual routine of diving into dinosaur encyclopedias and crafting intriguing gadgets. This time, we were joined by Matt's younger brother Luke. Although Luke was also my friend, he often had more homework and couldn't join us as frequently. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a portal appeared and sucked us right in!

Matt, Luke and I woke up soon in a floodplain. Luke quickly looked around and spotted a dinosaur smaller than a Tyrannosaurus, yet not by much. Matt was amazed by the dinosaur, and I deduced that we had been transported to China in the late Cretaceous period. Before I could say a word, we were already running for our lives. Luke was thinking of an escape plan, knowing that the full sprint speed of the Tarbosaurus, would dwarf our top speed. To save ourselves, I desperately whipped out my new gadget, the "Bio Defender". I scanned the Tarbosaurus, and two Therizinosaurus appeared to defend us. Their sharp claws stabbed and impaled the Tarbosaurus. Once the Tarbosaurus was dealt with and the Therizinosaurus went back in, I used the "Bio Defender" to extract some blood from the Tarbosaurus, and now I had its DNA. With this, I could summon the Tarbosaurus and use it to defend us.

All in a sudden, a wise-looking teen appeared out of thin air and introduced himself as Tian Long. Tian Long had a calm and thoughtful demeanor and his eyes sparkled with confidence and kindness. Luke was startled, as he had not met someone with grace and poise like Tian Long. Tian Long explained that he came from the future with an important mission, which was to save people who were trapped in time horizons of the past by the portal and return them home. Having seen our gadgets and knowledge, Tian Long was sure that we could survive the ancient Chinese dinosaurs, so he joined us, and together we got sucked into the portal.

Tian Long, Luke and I woke up in the Gobi Desert, with Matt still unconscious. Before we could even check on Matt and to assess our surroundings, critters the size of wild turkeys were upon us. Tian Long shouted, "Velociraptor attack!" I used the "Bio Defender" to summon a young Tarbosaurus. Despite Luke wanting more action, he had to carry Matt on his shoulders to protect him. The Tarbosaurus quickly defeated the velociraptors, leaving behind only skulls and fractured bones as I retracted it.

Despite managing to fend off the initial wave of velociraptors, they just kept coming, swarming the desert with their lethal intent. In a desperate bid, I unleashed my "BioHacker," which promptly scanned the velociraptors and conjured a stampede of Oviraptorosaurs. These formidable creatures devoured the raptors one by one, buying us precious moments. Meanwhile, Tian Long worked frantically to recharge his wrist-mounted anti-dinosaur laser. Just as it seemed we might be overrun, he fired the fully charged beam, incinerating the remaining raptors and turning the tide of the battle in our favor.

After the intense battle, Tian Long explained the history of the portal. It was created by a professor who intended to use the portal to trap an evil ruler from the future. Although the professor succeeded, the portal went rogue and began trapping people into different time horizons. So Tian Long went on the mission to save people.

As we conversed, Tian Long suddenly sensed something amiss and swiftly directed beams northward, hitting a distant Datousaurus. Just when we thought we were safe, Luke spotted some Microraptors approaching from the east while Matt noticed an army of Tarbosaurus storming in from the west. Tian Long and I reached for our gadgets, only to find their batteries drained. With no better tools at our disposal, we had no choice but to engage with the dinosaurs using only daggers and a dinosaur genetics reader. Although Tian Long still had a bit of biofuel left for his laser, he realized that the sheer number of dinosaurs could easily overwhelm us.

Just as our hopes began to fade, the portal intervened once more and sucked us in again. It was two hours later before we woke by the Yangtze River, and I saw a Theropods and a Tarbosaurus nearby. It seemed odd for herbivores to be near a Tarbosaurus. Something didn't seem right.

Soon, a thunderous roaring sound from kilometers away confirmed my instinct. All four of us went for cover immediately and peeked through and seeing a separate herd was stampeding towards us to avoid the Tarbosaurus. The species' name resonated in my ear – it must have been the omnivorous and agile Gallimimus bullatus! We scrambled as the stampede could in theory crush us in no time while the lone Tarbosaurus could swallow with one bite! Tian Long tried to turn the odds in our favour and started peppering the Tarbosaurus one hit after another, ultimately killing the beast, but the stampede never stopped this time and we were in great danger. Luke, who always wants more action attempted to punch his way through the few that were fast approaching but his strength was simply no match for the sheer power of the beast. It was simply trying to hold back a tidal wave with a single hand.

As the beast was on the verge of victory over us, suddenly the portal reappeared, emitting a beam of white light and enveloped the surroundings in a serene glow. Tian Long floated in the air revealing the truth to us – all that we experienced was an experimental setup of a Chinese dinosaur sanctuary in the future. Tian Long thanked us for our contribution and gave us a nod of approval for our knowledge on dinosaurs and initiatives and creativities in crafting gadgets. With a satisfying smile on his face, Tian Long let the light gently guided us back to our own universe, just before we were trampled by the stampede.

The New Tale of China's Dinosaurs

LKWFSL Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Liu, Qingtian – 12

In a small village in southwestern China, John lived with his grandfather, who was knowledgeable about dinosaurs. Behind their house stood a strange rock, and during one summer holiday, an amazing adventure began.

One day, while playing near the rock, John stumbled upon an unusual bone. Excitedly, he brought it to his grandfather, who carefully examined it. To their astonishment, he discovered it was a new type of dinosaur—something never seen before!

News spread quickly through the village, and soon everyone came together to help dig. After several days of hard work, John's grandfather named the dinosaur 'Johnosaur' in honor of the boy who had found the first bone.

With their remarkable discovery, their small village transformed into a museum, attracting visitors eager to learn about the newly discovered dinosaur.

China Dinosaur

LKWFSL Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Liu, Yuqing – 12

Many different kinds of pterodactyls have been discovered in China. During my latest adventure, I visited a dinosaur museum and stumbled upon a model of a flying pterodactyl. It instantly became my favorite prehistoric creature! This impressive beast measured one meter in length and stood one meter tall, weighing in at four kilograms. Despite often being called dinosaurs, pterodactyls are actually pterosaurs—a group of flying reptiles that are more like distant cousins to actual dinosaurs!

As I pondered the wonders of these creatures, I learned that their extinction might have been caused by natural disasters. Imagine a pterodactyl trying to dodge meteors or outrun a volcanic eruption—it sounds like a scene from a prehistoric action movie! The environment plays a crucial role in the survival of all animals, including our winged friends, which is why we need to step up our game in protecting our planet.

So, let's do our part to keep the Earth healthy and safe for all creatures, big and small. After all, if we can save the environment, maybe we'll create a world where pterodactyls can come back for a flying visit—though I wouldn't recommend inviting them for a picnic!

Bubbles the Dinosaurs

LKWFSL Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Mohamed Jinnah, Azurudeen Reema – 12

Once upon a time, there was a dinosaur named Bubbles. She lived in a zoo with other dinosaurs and their caretaker. Bubbles was a little different from the other dinosaurs; she had a very long tail, which made it hard for her to move. Sometimes, she would accidentally hit the other dinosaurs or even the caretakers with her tail.

Despite her challenges, Bubbles loved going on adventures. She often went on outings with her caretaker, where they would meet new friends and discover different dinosaurs. One day, her caretaker told her about their next adventure: a missing island. He showed her some photos of the island, and Bubbles was amazed by its beauty. She felt a wave of excitement wash over her.

When it was time to set off on the adventure, Bubbles was thrilled. They traveled for two days, and finally, they found the missing island. When they arrived, it was just as beautiful as the photos had shown. The clear blue sea sparkled under the sun, and lush trees swayed gently in the breeze. Bubbles loved the island so much that she asked her caretaker, "Can we live here instead?"

Her caretaker smiled and replied, "Sure, we can!"

From that day on, the zoo moved to the island, and all the dinosaurs lived happily in their new home.

The End of Dinosaurs

LKWFSL Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Tsang, Chun Hin – 11

In a remarkable discovery, two new dinosaurs were identified in China: the Apatosaurus and the Plesiosaurus. The Apatosaurus measured an impressive 21 meters in length and weighed 1,600 kilograms, thriving on a diet of abundant plants. In contrast, the Plesiosaurus was smaller, reaching 3.5 meters in length and weighing 500 kilograms, and it primarily fed on sea animals.

Tragically, a few years later, an asteroid struck the Earth, leading to the extinction of the dinosaurs. The catastrophic event not only wiped out the dinosaurs but also caused the demise of the people in China.

This devastating chapter in history marked the end of the dinosaurs, and the story of their extinction has since become one of the most popular tales shared through generations.

The Glowing Cubes

LKWFSL Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Wong, Man Fan Dominic – 11

“Everybody, we’ve arrived at the dinosaur museum,” 6A’s teacher, Miss Law, announced. The three siblings known as A.D.D. (Alex, Derek, Dawn) had been eagerly waiting for this day.

“I’m so hyped!” Derek exclaimed.

“I hope we find a fossil,” Dawn added.

“Remember, don’t run around like last time,” Alex cautioned.

As soon as they entered the museum, Miss Law allowed them to roam freely. Derek and Dawn sprinted ahead with such speed that it seemed they were racing against time. “Here we go again,” Alex sighed.

After the chaos they created, Derek and Dawn were soon exhausted. “Huff, huff. Can both of you stop this madness?” Alex pleaded.

“Fine, we’ll stop,” Derek and Dawn replied in unison.

Just when Alex thought peace had returned, the ‘D’ twins spotted a “Find Your Own Dinosaur Treasure” section and took off again. They dashed to the area and, with a hammer they picked up from the floor, began breaking every rock in sight, moving so fast they appeared invisible.

“I must find a T-Rex skull before I stop,” Derek thought. Suddenly, both twins bashed their heads against each other while breaking the same rock. After Alex helped them up, they discovered a glowing cube nestled inside the rock they had shattered.

“What is this?” Alex wondered aloud as she carefully picked it up. They presented it to the paleontologists at the museum, but even he was baffled. He allowed them to keep the cube.

Back at home, the siblings gathered around the dining table, pondering the cube’s mystery. Before they could react, they were suddenly sucked into it. All they could see was a vast galaxy. “Is the surrounding moving, or are we?” they pondered.

When they regained consciousness, they found themselves lying in the middle of nowhere. “Where are we?” Derek asked, panic creeping into his voice.

“How do we get back?” Dawn added.

Suddenly, there was a rustle behind a bush. “Careful! I’m going to investigate,” Alex said. She peered behind the bushes and gasped—it was a triceratops’s nest. “I think we’re in the Jurassic period. There are triceratops eggs here!” she exclaimed.

“What do we do?” the D-twins asked.

“Let’s gather some food and supplies for now,” Alex suggested. They split up to search for resources. After collecting some fruit, Derek spotted movement behind a bush. Curiosity piqued, he took a peek and saw two guards dressed in ancient Chinese armour with spears in their hands, discussing their plans to capture the triceratops eggs.

“Alex! We’re in ancient China. There are soldiers searching for dinosaur eggs!” he shouted, racing back to his siblings. Alex quickly scooped up the eggs, and they ran for their lives. After what felt like miles, they built a shelter using the supplies Dawn had collected and feasted on the fruit.

“The eggs seem valuable and those soldiers look dangerous.” Alex stated, glancing around nervously. “Well, we can’t just keep hiding in here. I’m not scared of them. Let’s go explore,” Dawn suggested.

But before she could step out, an orb suddenly appeared, engulfing all three of them. They felt the familiar sensation of being whisked away, and in an instant, they were back at their dining table.

“What just happened?” they exclaimed in unison, confusion etched on their faces. As they looked at each other, the glowing cube reappeared on the table, pulsing with energy. Suddenly, it began to hover, and the room filled with a blinding light. The siblings exchanged wide-eyed glances, realizing their adventure was far from over.

As the three of them stood in the dining room, the glowing cube pulsed ominously on the table. Its light flickered, casting eerie shadows on the walls. Suddenly, the cube emitted a low hum, and the air around them began to shimmer. “It’s activating again!” Alex shouted, panic rising in her voice.

Before they could react, the cube exploded in a burst of light, enveloping them completely. The world around them twisted and blurred, and in an instant, they found themselves back in the Jurassic period, but this time, the landscape was different. The sky was darker, and ominous clouds loomed above.

“Where are we?” Derek whispered, his heart racing. Shadows moved in the distance, figures that looked like the men from earlier, now accompanied by a massive, menacing creature.

“Run!” Dawn yelled as they dashed into the cover of trees. Hiding behind a thick trunk, they heard the men plotting to capture the triceratops eggs.

“We have to protect them!” Alex insisted, steady despite her fear. “We need to distract them.”

Dawn nodded, determination in her eyes. “I’ll create a diversion. You two grab the eggs and find a safe place!”

Just as Dawn prepared to make her move, a fully-grown triceratops emerged from the bushes, its eyes fierce and protective. “Look!” Alex pointed. “It’s the mother! Maybe she can help us!”

With newfound courage, they stepped out from their hiding place. “Hey!” Derek shouted, hoping to catch the triceratops’s attention. “We’re on your side!”

To their surprise, the triceratops charged at the men, who stumbled back in shock. “Run!” Alex urged, and the trio dashed toward the nest, quickly gathering the eggs.

In the chaos, one of the men dropped the glowing cube. Its light pulsed brighter than ever. “We need to get back!” Dawn cried, clutching the eggs tightly.

With the triceratops fighting off the men, the siblings huddled around the cube. “On three!” Alex said. “One, two, three!”

They touched the cube together, and in a blinding flash, they were whisked away once more.

When the light faded, they found themselves back in their dining room—but this time, they were holding the triceratops eggs. The glowing cube lay still on the table, its purpose fulfilled.

“Did that really happen?” Derek asked, staring at the eggs in disbelief.

“I think it did,” Alex replied, a smile creeping onto her face. “And we have a story to tell.”

As they exchanged glances, the cube flickered back to life, its light hinting at more adventures to come.

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

Po Leung Kuk Camoes Tan Siu Lin Primary School, Chan, Hei Yu Aaliyah – 11

It was a peaceful morning in China. Lucie, daughter of two archaeologists, was playing happily in the grassy garden while thinking how boring her parents' job is. Suddenly, her hand touched something rough. "Just a rock", she told herself as she pulled it out. However, she was immediately proved wrong. Crackling sounds could be heard as dozens of dinosaur fossils emerged from the soft soil. They began to form a dinosaur fossil with shiny talons. This triggered a huge reaction. Dinosaur fossils came to life in every garden in the country. Seeing this happen, Lucie nearly jumped out of her skin.

Lucie could feel the earth crumbling beneath her shaky feet. She quickly fled the scene, hid inside her shabby cottage, and stared out of the window. "This is China," she thought, "China that's reaching its end all because of me. I shouldn't have pulled that fossil out." What could she do to stop the dinosaurs? Nothing. What could she do to save her fellow neighbours and friends? Nothing. What could she possibly do to help this hopeless situation? Nothing. She could only watch helplessly at the chaos as people were chased by dinosaur fossils, buildings collapsed to the floor, and lucky people managed to escape from tumbling buildings in the nick of time.

Lucie was devastated. How could this happen to her beloved country? She thought and thought about this when she spotted a massive Bellusaurus fossil walk towards her!

Lucie took to her heels and ran for her life. The Bellusaurus fossil saw her running away, and told its whole dinosaur army, the Agilisaurus, Huayangosaurus, Chaoyangsaurus, Chungkingosaurus, Gobisaurus, and Pinacosaurus fossils to follow her. Lucie was outnumbered. She was so frightened so she ran and ran along many hills and meadows. On a rocky road, her foot suddenly got caught on some rocks. She barely pulled her foot out. There was no wound, but it was very painful. That second, the dinosaurs were right behind her. She had no choice but to cope with it and run. Not long later, she was exhausted with an aching foot and realized she was standing in front of a gigantic volcano!

Lava spit out from the volcano behind Lucie. The dino-fossil army surrounded her, with their leader, the Bellusaurus fossil in front of her. She took a step back, then another. Suddenly, she was about to fall into the boiling lava! As quick as a flash, a bony hand stretched towards her, grabbed her by her shirt and pulled her above the lava. Lucie heaved a sigh of relief. However, when she saw who rescued her, she could see nothing but the Bellusaurus fossil's face smiling warmly at her. It all made sense to her now. Bellusaurus, Agilisaurus, Huayangosaurus, Chaoyangsaurus, Chungkingosaurus, Gobisaurus, and Pinacosaurus were all herbivore dinosaurs discovered in China. This friendly group of dinosaurs wouldn't devour her, and they just wanted to be friends with her. However, in the process of finding a human friend, they knocked over countless buildings as they were clumsy. Lucie decided to forgive them. She exclaimed, "Thank you, Bellu-army! I will make everyone in China know you are here to make friends, not create harm." But, Lucie still had a question in her mind. She asked, "When you were chasing me, it felt like you were leading me somewhere. Where were you leading me?" The Gobisaurus fossil led her to a bush. There, she found a dinosaur egg. It was a gift, a gift from a dinosaur.

To keep her word, Lucie brought her dinosaur army with her, and went through the country to persuade people to believe in the fact that the dinosaurs were peaceful. She showed them the egg, and soon, even the Emperor was playing with the Pinacosaurus fossil! It was a long journey, but Lucie had to do it. After accomplishing her goal of making everyone believe her, she believed it was all worth it. She could see the dinosaur fossils “smiling” so much, especially the Pinacosaurus who had one more friend than the others, the Emperor. Although the dinosaur fossils had many friends, their favorite would always be Lucie. Lucie even built a humongous house for the dinosaur fossils to live in. Therefore, she was named “Queen of Dinosaurs”.

The Emperor decided that he would reward Lucie. He gave her an offer, and offer to be crowned the next Emperor of China. When it looked like Lucie was excited about it, she declined the offer. “Why?” the whole China asked. Lucie replied, “I have decided to follow in my parents’ footsteps, to become an archaeologist. These dinosaurs have made my life more interesting and complete.”

From that day on, humans and dinosaurs lived in harmony, and it all stayed that way.

The Adventures of Arno and Arlo

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Cheng, Brice – 10

This morning, I went on a school field trip to Port Island. I was extremely excited because I heard a dinosaur fossil had been found there. When we arrived, we saw the dinosaur fossil. It was as big as half of my body. Just then, something caught my eye. I saw a blurry thing in a pool of mud. I went to check it out immediately. I brushed off the mud and saw two shiny dinosaur eggs. I was fascinated by how it was kept so warm and clean.

I quickly stuffed it in my bag for further investigation. This was better than any souvenir on this archaeological site. “Come back! Brice! You are not allowed to run around here, especially here!” scolded Ms. Fourie. I quickly ran back to my classmates.

When I arrived home, I took off my bag and started searching for what kind of dinosaur eggs it was. It was a dinosaur named Drinker, a peculiar name. It was a herbivore that grew around 1 meter long and lived one hundred and fifty-seven million years – one hundred and forty-five million years from now. I got tired, so I slept. The next day, I felt something licking my face. They blinked up at me with wide & curious blue eyes. I couldn't believe that it was two twin baby dinosaurs. I named them Arlo and Arno. I screamed, and then I froze immediately. I was scared that they might bite me, then I breathed a sigh of relief; they were herbivores. After a few minutes, I began to calm down. I gave them some grass and plants to eat and went to school. I asked my teacher what to do if I had a dinosaur at home. But she just smiled and said don't ask nonsense questions.

When I arrived home, I was anxious to find the dinosaurs gone! I searched the whole house but still couldn't find anything. Luckily, I put a key finder on their collar. I took out my phone and found they went to Ngong Ping 360. I took the train there and saw them eating on a cable car. “Arno, Arlo! Come back down!” I shouted. But they ignored me when they got off.

They ran off again! I chased them, but I was out of breath, then I started chasing them again. They sneaked on a star ferry and were attracted by the stunning view of Victoria Harbour. I waited for them to return, but they didn't, so I took the ferry and found them eating siu mai and dumplings at The Avenue Of Stars. I grabbed them and ran but bumped into an old lady and dropped them. I helped her up and ran after them. They were fast, a lot quicker than me. I darted through the crowd. But I still lost them. I checked my phone, but it said their key finder had fallen off. It was already very late, so I went back home.

The following day was the start of the summer holiday. My mom took us on a trip to The Great Wall Of China. I was so excited I forgot about the dinosaurs. The Great Wall of China was impressive and majestic. I had always dreamed of standing atop this ancient marvel. The sight was breathtaking, an endless stretch of stone wall over the hills and far away . It looked like a long dragon when you looked at it from the side. Just as we were about to leave, I saw a brown dinosaur-like thing sped across to me. I turned around and saw Arno and Arlo! I was shocked and delighted. But I could not shout it out loud. I gently put them in my bag. Then I ran back to my parents. They asked, “Brice, why are you so happy?” “I am always happy!” I answered, grinning. I thought about how Arno and Arlo could have arrived in Beijing in one day. It was impossible. The only theory was to sneak on an airplane. The following day, I went to the China Science and Technology Museum in Beijing and found a time machine that had been invented. I decided to bring Arno and Arlo to teleport to China's Cretaceous period because it wasn't safe for them here. They had already run off a lot of times and might get caught. I was worried that Arno and Arlo might travel elsewhere, and the time machine would not work. It was a big risk, but I still had to bring them back to the Cretaceous period in China, so I decided to go with them and then travel back to our home. That night, I took the

time machine, grabbed Arno and Argo, and went in together. We returned to China 65 million years ago in 20 seconds. I got time travel sickness.

When we arrived in the Cretaceous period, I vomited on the floor, and then I saw how majestic the Cretaceous period was. It was amazing. I saw Titanosaurs eating leaves from extremely tall trees and T. Rex and Spinosaurus fought each other, but it was dangerous. I almost got bitten by a Pterodactyl. I also saw a lot of Agilisaurus, Alectrosaurus, Anchiornis, and Mamenchisaurus. I was over the moon, because all these dinosaurs were found in China. I shouted happily, “Yay, we are in China! Arno and Arlo, do you see your parents or dinosaurs from your species?” Arrk” they answered simultaneously. I took that as a no, so I kept walking. I saw a lot of other fantastic dinosaur species. I took lots of pictures of them. After a long walk, I finally found them. Arlo and Arno immediately roared happily. I walked back to the time machine and went back home to 2025.

Just then, a noise rang rapidly. “Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep!” It was an alarm clock. I was very disappointed. It was a dream, but I still had to go to school. It was the last day of school. We’re going on a field trip to Port Island. When we arrived at Port Island, I checked if there were two dinosaur eggs, but they weren’t. I was even more disappointed, but at least I could go to the Great Wall of China with my family tomorrow and the adventure with Arno and Arlo shared at the Great Wall and Hong Kong spots would forever remain a cherished memory in my dream.

New Tale's of China's Dinosaurs

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Chin, Hailey – 10

Once upon a time, in the vast landscapes of ancient China, lived a massive energetic world of dinosaurs. Here comes a tale of one of their adventures, one who dared to dream when those huge creatures dominated the earth. At the centre of what is now the Sichuan province, two young dinosaurs, named Xia and Tian, were unlike any other. They were both *Silutitan Sinensis*, a unique species within the area. While the other dinosaurs were busy spending their days chatting, eating and sleeping, Xia's mind was filled with curiosity and a desire for a great adventure.

One day she asked her best friend Tian, "Hey Tian, do you want to join me to explore the unknown valleys and ancient forests that lie ahead of us? I heard there is a place called the Valley of the Forgotten, which is where our ancestors were buried. I wonder if we can find out more about ourselves when we arrive there." Without a hesitation, Tian nodded his head and they both were ready for their adventure.

The next morning, Xia and Tian went on their own mission without anyone noticing. On the way, they saw a flood rushing towards them, Tian asked, "What shall we do now? I don't want to get washed away." Xia replied, "Let's calm down and think." Then she told Tian to climb up the trees nearby as soon as possible. Tian followed and they stayed up in the trees until the flood went by. "Wow, that was close!" Tian exclaimed with joy.

Afterwards, they continued their journey and Xia spotted some lights ahead of them. As they approached closer they found themselves in an ancient ceremony event where there were lots of dinosaurs gathering together celebrating their bonds of friendship and their strength of unity. Here they saw lots of fierce dinosaurs such as the tyrannosaurus rex and the ankylosaurs roaming around the place. Among them was a wise old triceratops named Chang, known for his stories of the past and the most respected in the group.

Just as the two were about to back off, Chang's thundering voice carried over the gathering, "Today, we honour the spirit of bravery! Let us share our stories and remember the heroes among us." The dinosaurs all roared with joy and excitement. Taking a deep breath, Xia stepped forward, with her little heart pounding. "I have a story to share as well!" she shouted, surprising even herself. The crowd turned, amused by the tiny creature daring to speak. "Little one." Chang called, with his gentle expression, "What tale do you bring to us?"

Xia spoke with all her courage. "I know there's a place called the Valley of the Forgotten, the place where our ancestors were buried. I believe we can find the unknown history for all of us if we get there, and it is only achievable if we all work together as a team! So please... join me!" The crowd listened, as she continued to tell her tale of exploration. Her words resonated, igniting a spark among the dinosaurs. They began to remember about their own journeys—the tough battles they fought, the friends they lost, and the friendships they made. At that moment, Chang proposed an idea. "Let us join on a journey together to discover the mythical Valley of the Forgotten, where we can all find out about our past!"

The next day, the dinosaurs gathered at dawn with their hearts united. As they moved forward, the group made paths through dense forests and up steep mountains, with each dinosaur using its unique skills. Both Xia and Tian guided the group with their sense of direction. Even with the group, their journey was full of challenges. They faced terrible storms, blasting volcano eruptions, and unknown creatures along the way. However, with their united might, they

managed to overcome all of those and finally, they arrived at the Valley of the Forgotten, surrounded by ancient flowers and trees which they had never seen before.

As they entered the valley, the ground was filled with energy. The ancient memories of dinosaurs who once walked the earth had transferred to those who arrived. Xia felt her heart with joy and she realized that every dinosaur of its own species, each had its own story that contributed to a greater tale. Returning home, the dinosaurs knew that their lives had been forever changed. They shared their adventures and the lessons learned, inspiring future generations to explore and cherish the beauty of their world.

So the tales of China's dinosaurs continued to echo throughout the valleys and mountains, reminding all the bonds of friendship, the might of bravery and the unlimited wonders for those who dared to explore.

The Dinosaur with One Wing

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Kong, Chloe – 9

One day, when the sun was hiding behind wisps of clouds, a dinosaur named Ptero sat in a nest, helplessly staring at the other dinosaurs flying freely above him. He was very jealous and saddened as he watched them above in the sky.

Ptero was seven months old and had been left alone in his ragged but comfortable nest of twigs. His parents had gone off to find a lizard sunning itself – a possible meal – on a nearby sandy shore. Ptero continued to watch the other dinosaurs soaring majestically up high over his head. He decided to try to fly with them.

He toddled to the edge of his nest, took a deep breath and flung himself off into the wide open sky. With no experience flying, Ptero attempted to flap his wings, but it was no use. The poor Ptero plummeted down, crashing hard onto some jagged rocks below. When he tried to get up, he immediately realized that his left wing was broken. It simply dangled. With no one to help repair his wing, every move became impossible.

Time passed and two and a half years later, when Ptero was older and wiser, he attempted to follow the other dinosaurs to run, crawl and fly. It was quite difficult for him. Despite having a broken wing being nothing but a disadvantage, he kept trying daily to live a normal life.

Eventually, Ptero came up with plenty of creative ideas to live with one wing.

One day, Ptero had a new idea: finding food and eating it with one wing, using the other one to prop himself up while leaning to the side. Full of excitement, he attempted his brilliant idea, but landed on his poor damaged wing. Hours and hours of blood, sweat and tears went by, but the little dinosaur was determined not to give up.

Suddenly, Ptero succeeded! He screeched and cawed, “I did it! FINALLY!”

From that day onwards, life became much more tolerable for Ptero. He could now do menial tasks that were not possible before, all because he had determined a new way to do something old.

Yet life was still harsh for Ptero. He was a dinosaur that could not fly with his friends in the sky. Day by day, he lost hope, with growing thoughts of giving up. Within a year, he had lost his ability to be independent, with little strength in his limbs. Every task became even harder for him. The one thing he couldn’t do was soar through the celestial, azure sky.

Whenever Ptero looked upwards to the heavens, the bright and wide sky seemed to lure him, beckoning him with possibilities and hope. Pterofelt the sky was painted with the hues, allowing his imagination to soar. There were cotton–candy clouds that drifted lazily, whispering secrets of the wind. Ptero wished and wished and wished he could rise above the ground to be a part of the sky where dreams melted into each other.

One day, some dinosaurs were lazily sipping on the fresh water flowing through one of the nearby streams. They were enjoying their time together, and Ptero was there with them.

Out of the blue, without any living creature’s knowledge, an enormous rock – a meteor – started moving erratically in space. It began to fly at a terrifying speed towards Planet Earth, with red, green and even purple flames

jutting behind it. The rock got closer and closer to its target, earth. It was like an evil monster, with jagged, sharp, discolored teeth, and flaming, blood-red eyes. It was on a mission to destroy and annihilate the universe.

Nonetheless, the dinosaurs standing there, their heads dipping into the water, did not notice what was ahead of them. They continued to enjoy the water, the company and the quiet, even as the meteor flew closer. The meteor came close enough to cause the ground to tremble. Somehow, the gaggle of dinosaurs still did not notice!

One dinosaur named Coco peered upwards and became petrified. This turned to panic. The gaggle of dinosaurs growled, clicked and clacked, their beaks opening and closing as they realized what was happening. What a clattering sound they made! They began to flutter, stamping and stomping in an attempt to escape the shaking beneath their feet on the earth.

Cold sweat poured from their fur-covered skulls, like gushing geysers. The dinosaurs sprinted about, some becoming air-borne in their desire to flee the heat.

However, no matter how fast these dinosaurs ran, the meteor was 153 times faster. Ptero was clutched in a panic attack. His whole body felt the meteor approaching earth.

BOOM! The meteor had found Planet Earth. Unfortunately, there was no miracle in place to save all the living creatures in its path. Smoke filled the atmosphere within milliseconds and parts of the Earth tore apart. Tsunamis, earthquakes and tornadoes were formed in a matter of minutes. Smoke, mixed with dust, and filled the air, leaving no space for oxygen. For the dinosaurs who inhabited Planet Earth, it was the end of the world.

Ptero perished in the smoke, rock and fire. And so did the other dinosaurs that had been running, flying and enjoying a free, happy life.

Although Ptero had struggled through life with a broken wing, creating unimaginable challenges for the poor dinosaur, there were no more obstacles for him.

Or for any of the other dinosaurs, for that matter.

The Secret of Jiangxititan

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Ku, Alyssa – 9

In the enchanting bamboo forests of Jiangxi Province, a region shaped by over 3,000 years of myths, legends, and profound history, dinosaurs from ancient China once thrived. Dr. Han, a distinguished paleontologist, embarked on a remarkable expedition spurred by the discovery of a fossilized skeleton in the Nanxiong Formation. It was a vertebra from a titanosaur, the largest dinosaur species ever recorded. Accompanied by a team of spirited researchers, Dr. Han ventured deep into the wild, untouched realms of China.

Their camp was pitched near the excavation site, but unfortunately, little progress was made after a few months of excavation. One night, things changed when Dr. Han encountered an ancient, exquisitely crafted box hidden beneath a fallen tree. Inside, he found a time-worn book, covered in silk and embellished with dimming gemstones. The title, "Shanhaijing", suggested a fusion of myth and paleontology.

That evening, the sky sparkled with stars. Next to the soft crackle of the campfire, Dr. Han delved into the mysteries of the book, which was full of ancient writing and illustrations that mingled mythical beasts, dragons, and dinosaurs in fantastical scenarios. His gaze was drawn to a drawing of a splendid crane with wings unfurled next to a towering dinosaur whose neck stretched skyward.

As Dr. Han traced the figures with his fingers, the earth gave a slight shudder, and the book radiated a mysterious, gentle light. A crane appeared from the light, shimmering as if made from moonbeams. Its eyes looked wise and intelligent. Dr. Han was startled yet fascinated by the majestic crane. He listened as the crane spoke in a melodious tone, "You have roused me, the guardian of the titanosaur you seek."

"What brings you to me?" Dr. Han inquired, his voice tinged with wonder.

"To guide you," the crane replied. "Yet, take note that discovery comes with duty. Solve my riddles to earn the titanosaur's secrets."

Dr. Han gasped with a mix of anticipation and trepidation. He nodded, and the crane offered its first challenge:

"A Chinese dragon with delicate feathers,
Not a bird but a mean hunter.
With a long tail striped in red delight,
Who am I from the ancient night?"

Reflecting on his extensive knowledge, Dr. Han declared, "Sinosauropteryx!", recalling the feathered dinosaur discovered earlier.

"Correct," the crane affirmed, with its gaze sparkling. It then presented the next enigma:

"Deep in China's ancient ground,
A giant's bones are lying around.
With a neck that stretched so far and wide,
Its split spines buried deep inside.
In red clay beds, its secrets bound,
Can you guess what is to be found?"

With confidence, Dr. Han responded, "Jiangxititan", thinking of the initial find that led them here.

"Indeed," the crane approved, then posed its final riddle:

"I guard the Earth from long ago,
Through silent nights, I watch the show.
Who am I, watcher of the dark,
Keeper of the ancient park?"

After a pause, struck by a brainwave, Dr. Han whispered, "It is you, the guardian of the ancient past."

"Correct," the crane acknowledged. With a gentle flutter, it added, "You have shown true respect for our ancestors. Follow my lead."

Guided by the crane, they journeyed through the dense woods to a hidden valley. There, the crane let out a piercing shriek. Suddenly, the ground began to crack and beneath the soil, a complete titanosaur skeleton was unearthed. Dr. Han rubbed his eyes, trying to clear the images of what he had just seen.

As the first light of dawn touched the valley, the crane disappeared, leaving only a feather resting on the book. Overwhelmed with gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility, Dr. Han knew this discovery would transform humanity's understanding of prehistoric life.

Back at camp, Dr. Han safeguarded the feather in the mystical book by his side, ready for more extraordinary journeys to this enchanted site.

How the Quantumsaurus was Born

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Lee, Renax – 10

It all started when there was an earthquake in Beijing, China, time: 2010 24/12 2:45–2:56pm. It was a horrifying scene, there was chaos all around, and as the screams of my people rang in my ears, a distant rumble came from the ground. The soil erupted, sending me flying off my feet, and a gigantic crack appeared in the ground.

The crack opened, and me and my five other friends fell into the cave. The ceiling caved in, and as we rushed into a tunnel to escape, an explosion from behind went off. The impact from the explosion knocked us front, nearly blasting us right off a cliff! Karl shouted, “What on earth happened! What do we do now!” And I answered, “Everyone! Try to find a tunnel to the exit to this horrifying cave!” And so, we searched all day, and finally, we found a tunnel! Sadly, no one brought a map, so we decided to take the risk and ventured off into the dark tunnel.

After a whole long night of climbing and walking, we finally arrived at a small cave that looks like the base of an adventurer, with a tunnel leading to a ginormous cave. In the small cave, we strolled around looking for food, and suddenly, an old man popped out from a room and welcomed us with open arms. He prepared a full table of different foods, such as bread, fruits and fish that he caught and bred on his own! As we ate, we chatted with the old man, later finding out he was an abandoned army general called Sir Frank (He prefers Frank only), and as he said, he has been stranded here for around six years already, so he can navigate the cave systems in his area with his eyes closed!

After that huge feast, Frank decided to show us a very special thing in the entire cave system he recognises, and he led us down the tunnel, across a tight path, over a boulder, swam through a lake, and there it was. The Cave of the Ancient Toxic, which is a cave full of sickly green toxic and bacteria, an acid filled cave, he said to us. He gave us some military gas masks, and we followed Frank around the entire area. After a bit of walking, we came to a safe zone, and so, Frank decided to divide us into groups of two, so we can explore a bit more.

After we sorted things out, I was paired up with my best friend Karl, Jamal is with Zonker and Bryce with Titan, while Frank will be watching over us. Me and Karl decided to go to a mini island in the middle of a toxic pool, and maybe make a small room out of rocks. We ran over to the island, only to realise that a lake of toxic was blocking us, and we almost gave up, but not when we found a mini parkour with a bunch of rocks randomly placed in the middle of the lake. We jumped over and landed right in the middle of the rock and again, now on the island! Yes! We made it! When we reached the island, we gathered up lots of stone and mud to make the tiny base, but right when we were doing that, I tripped over something, and the mud around it loosened, revealing a big dinosaur bone!

I yelled out in excitement, as Karl rushed out to get Frank. When Frank arrived, there was a giant hole that led to the surface, and the entire dinosaur fossil digging crew already arrived! Right now, it's only us and the digging crew, but a minute later, helicopters and news reporters all rushed out to this scene, and I can't even describe how happy me and my friends were! After a few hours, the fossil is now dug out completely and they are now delivering to the museum, at the same time getting us world famous and giving us lots of money for the entire fossil.

It is now three months past this fossil finding, and me and my friends are officially billionaires, and I already own a very successful company and a luxurious mansion! And yes, now you might be thinking, what did we name the newly discovered dinosaur species? We named it ... The Quantumsaurus, just cause it sounds cool.

The Shadow's Sun

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Lui, Megan – 10

Maylin was bored. She had done everything she could think of. Maylin was twelve, a curious girl living in the desert of Dunhuang who longed to be famous and for her family to pay attention to her life. Whenever she did something remarkable at school, all she got from her parents was a nod of approval and maybe a “Good job”. She was disappointed and soon lost all interest in talking to them at all.

Maylin sat on the bare desert ground of her barren city and looked at the heaps and heaps of sand surrounding her. *I wish I could be useful and famous and have something to do...* she thought. Her mother was in the kitchen preparing their dinner, not sparing a second to even look at her daughter. Maylin had only one thing valuable to her. An old camera given from her dad on her birthday, now rests in her pocket day and night. She kept it close to her, thinking it was the only thing that her dad actually gave her with some love. Maylin's dad was a farmer who worked for the mayor of Dunhuang. Keeping his family stable was a struggle for him.

Suddenly, Maylin got the most marvellous idea. She could run away. She hated it here anyways. Maylin instantly jumped to her feet and ran back into the house. She sped into her room and grabbed things she would need into a leather tote bag. After that, she quickly ran back out the door. Her mom assumed she would be back by dinner, paying no attention to Maylin. Maylin saw the endless dunes awaiting her and started running up the steep dune. Neighbours took no attention to her, giving Maylin an easy escape. She ran and ran, not stopping anyhow.

Out of nowhere, a gigantic rock stuck out of the ground. Maylin couldn't stop running, and thudded onto the ground with a loud *thump* and she instantly crossed her arms until she rolled to a stop. Maylin stood up and brushed the sand out of her clothes and checked out her injuries. On her knee was a bloody cut. Taking her water bottle out of her bag, she poured some on her knee. Instantly, she let out a yell of pain. “OW!” she quickly covered her mouth, scared that someone nearby had heard her. Wrapping her scarf around her knee wound, she quickly went to inspect the gigantic rock piece she had tripped over. Maylin carefully knelt down, and quickly recognized it from her one and only book *Fossil Uncovered!* and realized it was a *Pachyrhinosaurus lakustai*. It was a dinosaur species that only one person had found, boy was she excited.

Maylin jumped in joy and realised that she didn't need to continue her journey of running away, she just needed some proof to her parents to let a scientist inspect her findings, and if she was right, she would be SO RICH. Maylin needed something to prove to her parents to let her find a scientist to help her unearth this beast. She couldn't lift it home, or tow it. But just as she was giving up, she felt something in her pocket. Her trusty old camera. Maylin quickly took it out of her pocket and snapped a few pictures of the fossil and headed home. It was almost dawn, she had to hurry home for dinner in time to show her parents. If she didn't arrive by dinner, she would be in a whole lot of trouble.

As she stepped into the house, her mother called her. “Maylin, hurry up, dinner's getting cold!” She walked into the room plastering a smile on her face. “What did I tell you about getting home before dinner?” growled her mother angrily. Her father started to ramble on about his boss being unfair, how he should complain... “Um. Pa? Ma? I have something to tell you.” She said curtly. “Go on.” grumbled her father. “So, today I went for a walk, and I found a dinosaur fossil. Here, take a look at the pictures, they match the pictures in my book on fossils. Can we please have an expert come to have a look?” asked Maylin. “Dinosaur fossils? Nonsense, don't you go believing this, and waste my money!” yelled her father. He stood up and threw the pictures out of the window. Maylin didn't bother finishing her dinner and leapt out of her seat to retrieve the pictures.

That night, when everyone was asleep, Maylin silently left the house and ran to the train station. She snuggled comfortably onto her seat and pulled her hoodie on her head, liking the secure feeling of it wrapped against her hair. She glanced at the clock briefly. 5:30am. By the time she reached the city she knew where to go. Maylin had a map behind her book, pointing to where some archaeologists worked. Maylin hopped off the train and passed streets, shops, and people. She stopped at a tall building and stepped into the bright lobby. She slipped into a lift with some employees and waited.

Maylin hurried into the lab and instantly, many pairs of eyes stared at her. “Can I please speak to an archaeologist?” she asked. A woman called Jade stepped forward. “Come out to the hall.” Jade said. “Here. I found a fossil. Please come with me. I came to find you on my own.” Maylin replied. Jade nodded at the pictures and agreed to come. Maylin smiled and tugged Jade along to the train. They arrived at the fossil. Jade took out her tools and

started digging. “Maylin! You’re rich! This is a fossil!” Jade whispered. Maylin ran home and told her mother what happened with Jade. Her mother gasped and phoned her father at work. They all jumped in joy together at Maylin’s discovery. Now, Maylin knew that whatever she did, her loving family would be with her every step of the way.

The Dinosaur Discovery

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Wu, Cheuk Yiu Charlotte – 10

Once upon a time, during the Qin Dynasty, in a cozy house nestled among the rolling hills of Jiangxi, lived a spirited girl named Zhou. She had a heart full of adventure and a lively imagination that often took her on journeys far beyond her backyard. One sunny day, her friends came to visit, and the air was filled with laughter and excitement. They were all eager to explore the world outside.

Zhou felt a thrill of anticipation as she suggested, "Let's go to the forest!" Her friends cheered in agreement, their faces lighting up with joy. Zhou quickly ran to ask her mother for permission. After receiving a nod, her mother added, "Be careful, my dear! Stay close to your friends."

With a spring in her step, Zhou led the way to the nearby forest, where the trees stood tall and proud, their leaves whispering secrets to the wind. The sun filtered through the branches, casting playful shadows on the ground. As they entered the enchanting woods, the children burst into games, playing catch and hide-and-seek among the trees.

Zhou found a long branch and decided to use it for a playful game. "I'll close my eyes and try to tag you all!" she declared, laughing as she spun around. Her friends eagerly scattered, hiding behind trees and bushes. With her heart racing, Zhou counted to twenty before setting off, branch in hand.

Just as she was about to tag her friend Mei, Zhou stumbled over something hidden in the underbrush. She opened her eyes and saw a large rock that seemed out of place. "What's this?" she wondered, curiosity piqued. Her friends gathered around, equally intrigued.

"Look at that rock! It's huge!" exclaimed Li, one of her friends. They all agreed it was odd and decided to investigate. "Let's see how far it goes!" Zhou suggested. They began walking around the rock, but no matter how far they went, it seemed to stretch endlessly.

After several minutes of exploration, they were starting to feel a bit disheartened. But just then, Aiko, another friend, pointed excitedly at another strange rock connected to the big one. "Look over there! Let's check that out!" she shouted.

Encouraged by Aiko's enthusiasm, they gathered around the new rock. It appeared to be covered in strange markings, glowing faintly in the dim light of the forest. Zhou traced her fingers over the symbols, feeling a strange energy emanating from them. "What do you think it means?" she asked, her eyes wide with wonder.

"I don't know, but it feels magical!" Li replied, his voice filled with awe. They exchanged glances, a mix of excitement and apprehension swirling among them. "Let's see if we can move it!" Zhou suggested, determined to uncover the mystery.

With newfound determination, they all took positions around the larger rock. "On three! One, two, three, pull!" they shouted in unison, straining against the weight of the massive stone. They pulled with all their might, their faces flushed with effort. After a long struggle, they managed to shift the rock just enough to reveal a hidden space beneath it.

Suddenly, something incredible happened! The rock lifted into the air, spinning slowly before it transformed into a shimmering light. The children gasped as a creature appeared before them, its bright purple eyes sparkling like stars. It had white wings that glowed softly, resembling an angelic being. The creature hovered for a moment, then shrank down, landing gently in front of Zhou.

"What is it?" whispered Aiko, her voice filled with amazement.

Zhou knelt down, her heart racing. "It's a dinosaur!" she exclaimed, her eyes wide with disbelief. The creature, although small compared to the enormous rock, radiated an aura of magic and wonder. Zhou could hardly believe her eyes.

The dinosaur looked up at Zhou and her friends, its eyes glinting with intelligence. "Thank you for freeing me," it said, its voice soft and melodic. To their astonishment, Zhou and her friends understood it perfectly.

"You can talk!" shouted Li, almost jumping with excitement. "What's your name?"

"I am Xing, the guardian of this forest," the dinosaur replied, flapping its wings gracefully. "I was trapped beneath that rock for ages and am grateful for your help."

Zhou's heart swelled with joy. She gently reached out her hand, and Xing nuzzled against it, forming an instant bond. "Can you come home with us?" she asked, her eyes sparkling with hope.

"Of course!" Xing replied, but as they turned to leave, they realized that the sun was setting, and the forest was quickly becoming dark and unfamiliar. Zhou felt a pang of worry. "Oh no! We can't remember the way back!" she exclaimed.

"Don't worry," Xing said reassuringly, its wings glowing brighter. "I can help you find your way home." The children felt a wave of relief wash over them.

Before long, they arrived at Zhou's house, where her mother stood at the door, worry etched across her face. But when she saw the children return with the dazzling dinosaur, her expression changed to one of astonishment.

"Mom! Look what we found!" Zhou shouted, her eyes shining with excitement. Xing flapped its wings, sending a gentle breeze that made the leaves dance.

Her mother couldn't believe her eyes. "A dinosaur? In our backyard?" she asked, astonished. Zhou nodded eagerly, and her mom smiled, realizing how special this moment was. "You've brought home a magical friend."

From that day on, Zhou kept Xing as a pet. They had many adventures together, exploring the forest, playing games, and discovering hidden wonders. Zhou taught Xing how to play catch, and in return, Xing showed her the secrets of the woods—where to find the sweetest berries, and even where to listen to the whispers of the wind.

Zhou learned valuable lessons about courage, friendship, and the importance of listening to the world around her. With Xing by her side, she felt braver than ever, ready to face any adventure that lay ahead.

A Tale of China's Dinosaurs

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Zhen, Marissa – 9

While a tour group was exploring the Great Wall of China, one of the members, Joshua, playfully tried to kick a chunk of white rock. But instead of moving the rock, he just shook a piece of stone off. At a casual glance, he discovered that there were fossil-like traces where the stone was cracked. As Joshua excitedly but curiously tried once more, more obvious traces just appeared. He felt as he whispered to himself, ‘What? This can’t be possible! Am I still in a dream?’ As he quickly caught everyone’s attention, he told them what he just found. Everyone just rolled into a belly laugh. Only one member named Ricky, who used to be a paleontologist, paid attention.

‘Kiddo, can you bring me where you found the fossil?’ asked Ricky. ‘Sure!’ replied Joshua, with a shrug. ‘There!’ said Joshua while pointing to a huge chunk of white rock. ‘Thanks,’ replied Ricky. After a close inspection of the white rock, confusion arose in his head. He felt that there was a high possibility that this was a fossil. However the shape of which was abnormal compared to any other fossils’ shapes he had ever seen before. So he decided to dig out a few pieces and bring them back to his research laboratory for further investigation.

However, the most surprising fact about these fossils was that they belonged to three different kinds of dinosaurs, which made Ricky and Joshua quite confused. Thus, they posted their findings on Instagram, which immediately drew attention from the world’s best paleontologists, scientists and researchers. These experts established a research group and started to dig and found just what Ricky found. Some of them stressed that this was a coincidence that these three dinosaurs died together, while some assumed that they were fighting each other, and then encountered a catastrophe which buried them together. Meanwhile, some made guesses after analysis that throughout years of crustal movement, these fossils scrambled together. What evoked repercussions was that some researchers believed that the ALIENS conducted an experiment on dinosaurs and left their corpses without any concern. Furthermore, some strongly held belief that somebody had already discovered these dinosaurs but just didn’t want anybody else to know. So they simply hid these bones in the pre-dug hole. Believe it or not, some old-school scholars questioned whether these fossils didn't belong to dinosaurs or the machine went down while doing experiments on these fossils!

All of a sudden, this all changed as the emergence of a newly invented ‘DNA Identification Machine’. These scientists managed to borrow this most advanced machine right away for further investigation of the three mysterious fossils. As the examination was finished, scientists unexpectedly found that even though each of the fossil’s DNA were not perfectly matched to other’s, they had a close bond. This discovery provided solid evidence that one female dinosaur from the group fell for another male and male cub, which was the most essential finding about dinosaur evolution. After that, more experiments were conducted for other purposes, and more academic achievements were yielded on the basis of Joshua’s inadvertent discovery.

The ultimate output of this research proffered researchers the answer to one of the most important questions – ‘Why there were many dinosaur species during the end of Cretaceous Period but few during the Triassic Period’, but also made a giant leap for mankind on dinosaur species research. More importantly, this story reminded thousands of tireless scientists that great truths might be hidden in small matters, so we must always maintain the spirit of exploration.

From Weak to Mighty: The Era of Sinosauropteryx

Pui Ching Primary School, Chan, Sheung Chun – 11

During the Cretaceous Period, dinosaurs ruled the world. They were not only the King of the forest, but also the sky and the ocean. Other animal species had to bow and kneel to them.

When the deathly, roaring and echoing voice came out from a tranquil valley, a flock of insects dashed and scampered through the woods and streams for life.

The kingdom was led by the most ferocious and ruthless dinosaurs, the Tyrannosaurus Rexes, one of the largest carnivores of all time.

Out of this spine-chilling kingdom, there were another species of meek dinosaurs. Sinosauropteryx, also known as “the China Dragon Bird”, was one of a kind. It was a small and fluffy carnivore with an exceptionally long tail and short arms. Since they looked small and weak, their food, meat and small birds were always taken by other kinds of dinosaurs forcibly, especially T-Rexes. The Sinosauropteryx suffered from starvation and their numbers diminished sharply. The situation alarmed the family.

Their leader Drake said, “From now on, we will train 3 hours in a row and you can just have a 5-minute break. If you are lethargic, you have to run 100 circles in 30 minutes!”

Then, the crowd yelled and grumbled.

“Aw man!”

“Why?”

Drake’s tribe, The Fast Dinosaurs, trained day and night for three months, fighting exhaustion in hope of becoming stronger and fighting for their survival.

Through the intensive training, The Fast dinosaurs became powerful enough to hunt food and for their revenge. They hunted lots of prey all over the world and shared the food among their family. The Sinosauropteryx population rebounded and the family developed into a dwarf empire.

Yet, power and authority twisted their minds. They occupied and took over countless lands and homes that belonged to the dinosaurs. When the T-Rex leader, Marl, heard the news, his head exploded. He sent a challenge battle letter to Drake to prove that he is the strongest among all dinosaurs. When the Sinosauropteryx group read the letter, they were frightened.

But Drake said, “Don’t be scared. I will accept the challenge. We are unbeatable and the mightiest species in the world.”

The epic battle started on a grassland in the USA. The tremendous triceratops charged with their mighty horns, and the velociraptors sped attacking in packs. They roared.

“Marl! Defeat that pathetic and tiny dinosaur!”

“Marl! Get them!”

“Marl! Do not lose!” The triceratops and the velociraptors were on Marl’s side.

With a deafening voice, Marl spoke to Drake, “Hey you! You took everything and you are using your power to invade our lands?”

Drake hissed, “Oh, I’m not bullying other dinosaurs. I’m just helping them for my own good.”

The T-rex crowd said. “Boo!”

Then Marl roared a battle cry.

“Roar!”

After that, he charged at Drake fast like a meteor.

Drake dodged and climbed onto Marl's body and crunched its fat muscle painfully.

Drake swiped its little claws multiple times at Marl's body.

Marl tried to shake off Drake, but it didn't work because Drake claws are so strong so he held on.

Marl was in such pain that he let out a booming scream.

Then, Marl swiped its tail and knocked Drake to the ground.

After that, Marl stomped on Drake's skinny neck and squashed it hard like a squishy jelly.

Drake couldn't breathe.

The Fast Dinosaurs, Drake's Sinosauropteryx group, said, “We've got to help him!”

The gang rushed into the grassland and swiftly jumped onto Marl's body, crunching and munching his body.

Unfortunately, Marl's body was critically damaged, he lay on the ground, blood losing. Then, he died.

The T-Rex group shouted, “No!”

“Marl, get up! You can still fight!”

But Marl couldn't stand up. Drake won the match. Drake was exhausted but overjoyed. But then, the triceratops and the velociraptors shouted, “Attack the Sinosauropteryx group! Don't let them get away! They deserve to die!”

The crowd swiftly charged to Drake and the Sinosauropteryx, biting them, slashing them, and beating them. The Fast Dinosaurs were worn out after fighting Marl, and they couldn't fight anymore. So, Drake and his team were killed.

The crowd said, “Yay! Drake died!”

So, The Fast Dinosaurs were very miserable after their leader died. Because of that, they haven't got any strength to hunt food and fight dinosaurs so they are very weak. The velociraptors' leader, Rick, saw that, then he went to the tribe's caveland and supplied them with meat, in exchange for a part of their land.

The Fast Dinosaurs were so touched that they cried. “Sorry, we've done such bad things! We promise we won't harm so many dinosaurs again.”

So, from now on, the dinosaurs lived in peace and shared their food together, and never fought ever again.

The Sinosauropteryx Adventure

Pui Ching Primary School, Ku, Lap Yin – 12

“Before I start, have you ever seen a feathered dinosaur? And where do you think it was found? Argentina? Brazil? Germany? South Africa? Let me tell you, the first feathered dinosaur was found in China.” Steven said as he pointed at a picture on a museum brochure.

“In the 1990s, a fossil hunter named Li Yumin found the world's very first feathered dinosaur. Scientists called it the Sinosauropteryx, which means ‘the China dragon bird’. The Sinosauropteryx lived during the Early Cretaceous Period, 125–122 million years ago. It is a meat-eating dinosaur and it ate small animals, including mammals and lizards. Since then, more than 40 dinosaur species have been found in the province of Liaoning, including more than 24 pterosaurs (winged reptiles) and more.” explained Steven, my crazy scientist friend that invents futuristic gadgets.

“It will be a pleasure to visit the Early Cretaceous Period...” Kyle said with a sigh.

“Actually, we can!” exclaimed Steven.

“How—We can use your newly invented time machine!” Kyle said as his thought interrupted him

“Hmm, how does this thing work? Kyle wondered.

“Let me turn this on,” said Steven, then he pressed a few buttons on the round thin panel. The time machine started glowing and flashing. All of a sudden, the tiny laboratory filled with books and maps turned into a narrow glass tunnel filled with blue and purple smoke and stars were shining. Bright blue lights started flashing and the time machine panel beeped loudly. Before Kyle knew it... bang!

“Where are we?” Kyle screamed loudly.

“Don't be such a freak. We're in the Early Cretaceous Period.” Steven said calmly.

“But where?” Kyle said while wind blew on his face.

“Um...The time machine can tell what place we're in!” he said excitedly, then he swiped to ‘Location’ on the virtual projection.

Tony, the robotic voice whispered, “We are in the Early Cretaceous Period of northeastern China, and in the area of...”

“Ok, please stop it, Tony. That's enough information” he said as Steven pressed a navy-blue button and a digitally projected screen popped out on the panel. Then he swiped to “Off”.

“Let's start our adventure!” shouted Steven. Thrilled, he took out two small bags in a compartment in the thin panel.

“Uh, where are the dinosaurs? We walked for almost two hours, and found none.” Kyle signed hopelessly.

“Is your time machine broken...”

Stomping sounds interrupted him. The sand ground was shaking and they felt like someone was behind them.

"RUN!" shouted Steven, then they ran down a hill and into a cave. The cave was lit with twenty candles.

Huffing and puffing Kyle said. “Phew, we finally escaped from that horrible thing—What was it?” as he sat on the rocky floor.

"Silly, it's the Sinosauropteryx, it roa...Huh, what is this?" He said as he walked to a narrow path in the cave that was covered with rocks and mud

"Let's go in!" Steven said excitedly, then Steven went in. The path led to a cave hole. There were two eggs, with little cracks on each of them.

"Roar..."

"Uh—oh, the dinosaurs are coming! What are we going to do?" asked Kyle panicked. Crack! They heard some squeaking. When they turned around, their eyes widened, —the egg hatched.

The little dinosaurs were feathered. "What are we going to do? The dinosaurs are coming. We have to protect these little dinosaurs."

"Yes, but how—We can use the Survival Mud Sprayer! If you press the button on the handle, it can spray mud on the dinosaur, the mud will become solid so it can survive."

"Ok, let's spray mud on it now...Don't, because the solid mud can only make the creature inside survive 122–125 hundred years. The mud will freeze them, so they can have a narrow chance of survival." explained Steven as he took out his inventions from his bag.

He took a deep breath and whispered, 'Here goes nothing' then he sprayed the mud spray onto the two little Sinosauropteryxs. Then they froze into mud statues in 5 seconds.

"Let's escape now before it's too late!" Kyle reminded Steven, and they climbed up the cave. When they went back to the surface of the cave and saw there were huge dinosaur foot tracks that went deeper into the cave.

"This is a great chance to escape. Let's sprint back to the time machine—where is it?"

"Don't worry, I've put a tag on the time machine. We can locate the area of the machine. You can see it on your watch. They followed their watches to the time machine.

"So, it should be here—but where is it?" said Kyle worriedly.

"Don't freak out yet. Before we went out, I pressed the hidden button, just in case the dinosaurs chew the wires." Steven said proudly as he pressed the 'Show' button and the time machine popped out of thin air.

"Wow, that was impressive!" exclaimed Kyle. Steven pressed a few buttons on the round thin panel. All of a sudden, the deserted desert turned to a thin glass tube. As they raised up the pitch—black tube filled with sparkling tiny stars, red and yellow smoke filled the tube, but this time it felt like a million years to arrive back to 3023.

"Uhh, we finally arrived. Is there something wrong with your time machine?" said Kyle, annoyed.

"No..." said Steven as the TV reporter cut him mid—sentence.

"—We have great news! A team of fossil hunters found two baby Sinosauropteryx fossils in a cave where trees and rocks blocked the entrance. They have also found giant tracks leading dippers into the cave. We will do more research about that. Thank you for your time." announced the reporter.

"Did we make that fossil?" asked Kyle.

"Yes, kind of..." said Steven.

"What do you mean we created two fossils?" Kyle asked, shocked.

"Yes, we created history," said Steven delightedly.

Cretaceous Body-Swap

Pui Ching Primary School, Wang, Bella Tsz Ki – 12

“Dang it! I can never find anything!” groaned LiZhi.

LiZhi was wearing a plain white shirt with black shorts, nothing too extravagant, unless she wanted her best clothes to be soaked and sticky with sweat.

LiZhi was slowly chipping away at the rock with a stone chisel. Nothing, nothing, and nothing! Not a SINGLE fossil in sight!

LiZhi sighed and looked at the time, five o’clock.

“Time for a break, I guess.”

LiZhi was in Liaoning for an excavation for the Zigong museum and it was ANNOYING, so were the higher ups that instructed her to go on this excavation. LiZhi started scrolling through Baidu to find tips to her luck. Although the tips probably wouldn’t work, but hey, you know what the Americans say? Leave no stone unturned.

LiZhi was getting bored when a link caught her eye:

Having bad luck? Then this is for you! Do this simple and cheap ritual to guarantee your luck for a limited time!

Here are the steps for the ritual:

1. Get some yarrow oil
2. Mix it in a bowl with water
3. Get different kinds of food like rice and noodles
4. Put them in a square with the bowl of yarrow oil in the middle
5. Chant this with your eyes closed: Ji Ji Ru Ji Ling, Bei Ke Tu Hai Er

“Well, this looks simple enough,” murmured LiZhi.

The ritual was finished quickly. LiZhi took a deep breath and started chanting “*Ji Ji Ru Ji Ling, Bei Ke Tu Hai Er*”.

LiZhi opened her eyes, and nothing.

Just as LiZhi felt stupid for believing in these superstitions, she let out a cry of pain. It was just as if someone stabbed a knife between her temples and twisted it 80 degrees. She tried to move her body, but she couldn’t budge an inch.

“*Is this going to be the end of me?*” LiZhi thought, “*but, I can’t die yet! There are tons of dinosaurs out there to discover, I can’t...*”

LiZhi opened her eyes to find a brand-new environment, it was...strange, weird and humid. Hot and sticky. Large volcanoes fuming in the distance, palm trees growing here and there, and tons of weeds and grass.

She looked down and was shocked—feathers growing on her body, tiny arms, no, not arms, *talons*. Upon closer inspection, she had scales, *scales*. LiZhi was flabbergasted, not only was she a dinosaur, but she was also one that she had never seen before. Not in the museums, not in the books, not even in the movies. She had discovered a new species. The Sinosauropteryx. Yes, that was what she was going to call what she was now.

She found a lake not far away and stared at her reflection. Only one look was enough to confirm that she was a new species of dinosaur. She looked like a T-rex, but with long feathers that covered her body. She had a beak and looked a little like an orangutan.

“Am I really a dinosaur?” she said out loud, but instead of Chinese words which she was used to, growls of different pitches and lengths came out of her mouth.

“Ahh, this makes sense. I’m a dinosaur now. Of course I wouldn’t be speaking human language.” thought LiZhi.

LiZhi piloted her new body, jumping and running across the plain. It was really hot but her feathers were cooling her down. She looked out and saw many other dinosaurs too, in the sky, in the lakes, and on the ground. Her eyes widened in wonder and amazement as she roamed across the land which was home to the dinosaurs. She saw a ginormous venus flytrap that was about the same size as her. There were also sundews and cobra lilies in the deeper parts of the forest where she had to be careful.

She was enjoying the view when a sudden growl interrupted her thoughts. LiZhi whipped her head around to find a pack of other dinosaurs glaring at her with a gleam of bloodlust. They had plumes like roosters growing in the middle of their heads, with a ridged back and huge gleaming teeth. “What on earth...” Li Zhi whispered.

“Oi! What are you doing in our territory?” the bigger dinosaur asked.

“Huh? Oh, I’m sorry. I didn’t know it was yours!” cried Lizhi, “I’ll leave right now.”

“No, no, no. I don’t think you understand. Once someone gets into our territory, they will never leave.”

The leader plunged for LiZhi, and she managed to flick the leader away.

“Huh, not so bad at fighting, are you?” He said.

He lunged at her again and pinned LiZhi to the ground.

LiZhi’s eyes caught on to the cliff and had a plan. She flung the dinosaur onto the edge of the cliff.

The other dinosaur scrambled to his feet and tried to block her, but LiZhi threw herself at him, throwing both of them over the edge of the cliff.

Falling, falling, falling...

The next moment, she opened her eyes, finding herself in the excavation site once more. LiZhi couldn’t describe the feeling, but that pile of rock over there looked awfully familiar. She slowly got out her chisel, and started chipping the rock...

“Congratulations, Ms Li. You have discovered a completely new dinosaur species –the Sinosauropteryx. If it’s fine with you, may we ask you a few questions?” A reporter from Paleontology Today asked.

“Sure, sure.”

“Miss Li, why do you think that the Sinosauropteryx was never found until today?”

“This is my theory: the Sinosauropteryx was found next to a Yangchuanosaurus, which is a top predator. Perhaps the reason that the Sinosauropteryx is rare is because they were hunted by other dinosaurs”

“How did you find the fossils? Was it pure luck or did you know it was there? If you did know, then how did you know?”

“Well, believe me or not,” LiZhi started, “it was a matter of both. Let me tell you all about it...”

Dinosaur Secret

Pui Ching Primary School, Wong, Cheuk Lam Jasmine – 12

Heart pounding, Astra and Artemisia stared at the egg resting between them. It was roughly the size of a melon, its dirt-covered surface adorned with swirls of dark green and blue patterns that shimmered faintly under the light.

“Are you ready?” Astra whispered, her voice trembling. Together, they carefully cradled the egg, their fingers shaking as they steadied its weight.

“One... two... three...” they counted, holding their breath. At first, nothing happened. It felt like the world itself was holding its breath. Just as they began to lose hope, a faint cracking sound broke through. A tiny fragment of the shell chipped away, and a damp, gasping beak pushed through. Astra and Artemisia froze, their wide eyes locked on the miracle before them. It was alive!

The creature chirped faintly, its tiny form a blend of earthy browns and oranges, its feathers damp and glistening under the light. Its curious, bright eyes flickered open and locked onto theirs, observing them intently. “It... it can’t be a dinosaur,” Astra stammered, her voice barely above a whisper. “Dinosaurs have been extinct for millions of years.”

Artemisia reached out, her hand trembling as she touched the creature’s warm, rough skin. It chirped again, louder this time, as if responding to her touch. Then it tilted its head, almost mimicking her movement. “It’s looking at us,” Artemisia murmured. “Like it’s studying us.”

The creature released a series of melodic trills, shifting its tiny claws closer. Astra and Artemisia exchanged stunned glances, their minds racing with questions. This wasn’t just a magical being—it was intelligent.

Back at Gran’s house, the smell of dried lavender lingered in the air, reminding the twins of how Gran hummed old songs while brewing tea in her cosy kitchen. Now, the house felt eerily quiet without her.

The twins stood surrounded by bookshelves overflowing with dinosaur books, journals, sketches, and strange devices. The room hummed softly, a machine in the corner blinking with faint blue lights. “She built this,” Astra murmured, running her fingers over the smooth metal surface. “An incubator – to keep the egg alive.”

Though Gran had always been an enigma, this discovery was beyond anything they could imagine. “She wasn’t just our Gran,” Astra murmured, flipping through an old journal. “She was a palaeontologist. A brilliant one.”

On the desk, Artemisia found a folder labelled “Project A”. Inside were yellowed documents, sketches, and photographs. “Astra, look at this,” she whispered, holding up a handwritten page. “She found the egg in a glacier!”

“What?” Astra leaned over, her eyes scanning the page. “Deep in northern China. She wrote that the ice preserved it for millions of years.”

“She wrote that the ice acted like a time capsule,” Artemisia said, her voice trembling with awe. “And that this egg might hold the key to understanding the connection between dinosaurs and modern birds.”

Astra’s heart raced as she screamed, “Gran... she brought it back to life!”

“Astra, look at this,” Artemisia called, holding up a checklist with a dinosaur egg photo identical to theirs. “Everything’s checked off except one thing: ‘Crack the egg (Sinosauropteryx).’”

“Sinosauropteryx,” Astra repeated thoughtfully. “It’s the first clearly feathered dinosaur ever discovered, found in China. They called it the ‘China Dragon Bird.’”

As she spoke, another realization hit her. “Gran... she must have found this egg herself. But why leave it to us?”

When the twins returned home, they named the tiny creature Marv and built a cosy habitat, filled with rocks, plants, warmth, and moist mud.

Marv wasn’t just intelligent—he was extraordinary. He chirped responses to their voices, followed their gestures, and even mimicked certain sounds. His bright eyes absorbed everything around him, and he often tilted his head as if analysing the world.

One day, Artemisia watched as Marv observed Astra writing at the desk. Moments later, he scratched a crude but deliberate line in the dirt with one tiny claw.

“He’s... copying me,” Astra whispered, her eyes wide with amazement.

As the weeks passed, Marv’s abilities became more astonishing. He could recognize their emotions, chirping softly when they were upset and puffing up his feathers when they laughed. He opened doors, retrieved objects, and even distinguished between the sisters’ voices.

“It’s like he’s one of us,” Artemisia said one evening, as Marv chirped along to a melody Astra hummed.

One day, their mother uncovered a parcel labelled “To Astra and Artemisia” while tidying Gran’s belongings. Inside was a videotape and a neatly folded note.

The sisters gasped. They carefully inserted the tape into an old video player they had found in Gran’s study. The screen flickered, and then Gran’s familiar face appeared, her eyes sparkling with warmth and excitement.

“Hi, sweeties,” Gran’s warm voice filled the room. “If you’re watching this, it means you’ve discovered my treasure. I always knew your curiosity would lead you here.”

Tears streaming down her face, the twins whispered, “Gran...” Even Marv chirped, his tone tinged with curiosity.

“This egg isn’t just a relic—it’s a key. A key to a world of questions and endless possibilities. I’ve spent my life searching for answers, and now, I’m passing that journey on to you. Protect it. Nurture it. And never stop wondering.”

Marv tilted his head, his bright eyes focused on the screen as if he understood every word.

“Gran knew we’d find it,” Astra whispered, her voice trembling. “She believed in us all along.”

Artemisia placed a hand on her sister’s shoulder. “And we’ll make sure her legacy lives on.”

They hugged Marv tightly, his warm feathers pressing against their faces. At that moment, they understood it wasn't just about the dinosaur—this was Gran's legacy: the quiet determination to seek the truth, the joy of uncovering mysteries, and the unwavering courage to embrace the impossible.

Gran had given them more than an egg. She had given them the gift of endless curiosity—a legacy that would continue to guide them, even as Marv's soft chirps echoed through their hearts.

Present to Cretaceous -- A Time Travel Story

Pui Ching Primary School, Wong, Wing Huen – 12

“That’s strange; it’s not any of the corresponding fossils on the box,” Izzy said.

“What? how?” Emilia asked, curious. “I’m sure that it’s just a fossil in an ordinary fossil digging kit I bought for you. Did we discover a new species?”

Izzy glanced at the fossil again. She brushed away some powder and uncovered something amazing. There were strange symbols on the fossil.

Looking at it, Izzy started to trace the symbols, and the fossil grew brighter and brighter, until it was eye-piercing.

“Stop!” Emilia screeched as she shielded her eyes.

Suddenly, the blinding light was gone, and so was the fossil.

“Izzy? Emilia?” Izzy’s mom asked.

Nobody answered.

Izzy and Emilia found themselves in a dark jungle. Vines twisted around trees, and giant plants grew on the jungle floor. A foul odor rose from nowhere, and an eerie noise echoed around them.

“Where are we?” Izzy wondered aloud.

“Shhhhhh! There might be something out there,” Emilia whispered back.

Izzy glanced down at her hands. She was holding her fossil, and it was glowing purple. An arrow was pointing to a dark path surrounded by a thicket.

“Let’s go!” Izzy pulled Emilia, and they disappeared into the darkness where the arrow pointed.

As they strolled through the trees, they noticed that there weren’t any normal animals. There were birds with three tails and furry bodies, along with others that couldn’t be described.

Suddenly, a figure ran into them. “What—” Izzy cried before they were thrown into the shrubs. A mud-caked hand clamped over Izzy’s mouth.

“Shhhhhh!” Izzy then heard feet stamping and claws scratching. A deafening roar followed. Izzy cringed. Finally, the stomping died down and all was quiet.

Izzy and Emilia got their first good look at the figure. The figure was a child. He had fierce eyes with white symbols tattooed on his body. A sharp-toothed necklace hung on his neck. He wore a skirt woven from leaves and he gripped a spear tightly.

“Who are you?” The boy said. “Only my Gramps and I live in this dangerous area!”

“Uhh, we got teleported by this fossil,” Izzy said.

The boy’s eyes widened and he gasped.

“Where did you get that?”

“I bought a fossil digging kit for her,” Emilia chimed in. “This fossil came in it.”

“So, it is true,” The boy murmured. “If the fossil appears, so does hope.”

“I don’t understand a word you say,” Izzy said.

“Follow me. I will tell you when we arrive at Gramps’ house.”

At Gramps’ house...

Izzy and Emilia entered the round cottage. They sat down as Gramps handed them tea. Curtains woven from leaves shaded the sunlight from their eyes. On the left was a little cupboard with tea and multicolored cups. A few plants finished the look of the room.

“You see, my name is Orion. I think you said you’re Izzy and Emilia?” The girls nodded.

“Anyway, let me tell you my story. It was long ago, before I was born. It was a normal day. Nobody thought that the dinosaurs would attack. But they did; only Gramps and I survived.”

“But there is hope.” Orion’s eyes glistened. “There is a legend that this fossil can capture the remaining beasts or even destroy them.”

He stroked the fossil and handed it back to Izzy. She suddenly felt a strong aura.

“Izzy! The fossil’s glowing and the arrow’s pointing!” Emilia shouted. Faint stomping followed.

“Uh—oh! I think the beasts are back!” Orion panicked. “Time to test the fossil out!”

Izzy, Emilia and Orion crept out and headed towards where the arrow was pointed. As they got closer, Izzy felt the fossil’s aura grow, almost dragging her.

Moments later, roars shook the trio. Dinosaurs loomed in front of them.

“I think it’s a pack of Sinosauropteryx! It’s carnivorous! Runnnn!” Emilia screeched.

The dinosaurs opened their mouths in unison, saliva dripping from their fangs. Izzy, who was holding the fossil, tried to activate the trap. She rubbed, pressed and tried everything.

“It’s not working!” She groaned, dodging a swipe. Suddenly, fangs were upon Orion. Izzy lunged for him, but a figure pushed her away and got there first.

“Gramps!” Orion gasped. He knelt down to check Gramps’ wounds. A deep bite wound dripping blood covered his chest.

“Orion, my greatest wish was to protect you.” Gramps’ shallow breathing was audible. “Don’t... forget... me...”

“Gramps, no...” Orion gripped Gramps’ hand until slowly, he faded away.

Drip, drip, drip.

Tears dropped from Orion’s eyes onto the fossil as Izzy tried to calm him down.

Suddenly, the fossil shined a bright purple. Beams of light beelined towards the pack Sinosauropteryx.

The dinosaurs howled in pain, clawing at the purple light.

The purple light started to dissolve their skin.

The trio covered their eyes, until there was no more sound.

What was left was a pile of bones etched with the strange symbols.

“Well, that was well deserved!” Emilia yelled at the pile of bones.

Orion smiled sadly, eyes red. “Gramps sacrificed himself to save me.”

Izzy put a hand on his shoulder.

“What do we do with the bones now?” Izzy said.

“I know,” Emilia suggested, “It’s time for time to do its work.”

The purple light began to glow.

“Bye, Orion! It was nice meeting you!”

Orion lifted a hand, tearing up again.

A bright flash from the fossil brought them back to Izzy’s bedroom.

“I hope poor Orion can get over his feelings.” Izzy sighed, then she realized, “Hey! Where’s the fossil?”

“I think I have a pretty good idea of where it is!” Emilia pulled Izzy out, and they rushed to the Museum of Dinosaurs.

They entered the museum and went to the exhibition of dinosaurs during the Cretaceous Period. There, they saw, next to the Alectrosaurus: the fossil. A plaque beneath it read: Strange fossil dated back during the Cretaceous Period. Found with the Alectrosaurus. Origins still unknown.

Izzy swore that she saw Orion smiling at her.

The New Story of a Chinese Dinosaur

Regent's Primary School of Shenzhen, Jiang 蔣, Yi Liu 亦劉 – 11

Once upon a time, there was a dinosaur named Bob. Bob was a Huayangosaurus, somewhat similar to a Stegosaurus. He was a kind and gentle herbivore who loved munching on lush green leaves. One day, Bob wandered happily in the endless forest, searching for his favourite snack—leaves. He spotted a large green palm leaf and began to walk towards it slowly. Suddenly, he heard a loud “Boom!” The ground began to shake, and white smoke appeared. After a few seconds, the smoke cleared, revealing a small animal dressed in clothes standing there. “Who are you?” Bob asked curiously. “A dinosaur is talking!” the creature exclaimed before running away. Bob chased after the small being, saying, “I’m a herbivore; I don’t eat animals, just leaves.” The animal halted, turned to Bob, and said, “I am a human being from the year 2090, and I’ve built a special device called a time machine. It can take me forward and backward in time. My name is Tim—nice to meet you.” Bob introduced himself and began bombarding Tim with questions. “What do humans eat? What does the time machine do? What can I do with it? What is the future like?” Tim wanted to show Bob his time machine but suddenly realised it was missing. He pleaded with Bob to help him find it. Bob agreed, and their quest to locate the time machine commenced.

Bob and Tim traversed rainforests and deserts, rowed through lakes and rivers, and climbed over the tallest mountains. They crossed the vastest grasslands. After months of searching, Tim spotted an object resembling his time machine. They dashed towards it with excitement. However, their exhilaration turned into fear when they saw a group of T-Rex surrounding the time machine. Bob decided to dance to distract the carnivorous dinosaurs, allowing Tim to sneak in and retrieve the machine. Tim had the machine, but he needed to save Bob! Quickly, he rushed towards Bob, rescuing him from a gruesome fate just as they entered the time machine before the T-Rex could bite them. They quickly pushed buttons to escape. “Back to 2090!” Tim exclaimed. However, the time machine ran out of power and didn’t take them all the way. Instead, it transported them to the Tang Dynasty, landing them in the midst of a busy street. They stepped out of the time machine, and Tim was filled with confusion. “This isn’t 2090,” he said. Before he could comprehend where he was, a group of people screamed at Bob and captured him. The emperor’s servant yelled, “Capture that dragon!” Poor gentle Bob found himself in a cage. A group of soldiers placed him on a carriage and carried him away to the emperor. Tim was also taken to the emperor due to his peculiar clothing and suspicious mannerisms. Inside the emperor’s gigantic, imposing, and beautiful palace, with towering bright red columns adorned with exquisite dragons, Tim and Bob were extremely nervous. They realised that the emperor might want Bob as a pet. Then the emperor appeared, wearing a yellow robe embroidered with a splendid dragon. “Is this the dragon you brought me?” the emperor asked the servant. The servant replied, “Yes, your majesty, look at the wonderful spikes and its powerful legs. It must be a gift from the gods.” Tim stood up and said, “Bob is not a gift; he is merely an animal from thousands of years ago. He is not a pet and belongs in the wild.” The servant exclaimed, “It lived thousands of years ago; it must be a magical dragon.” The emperor bellowed, “No one steals from the emperor; if you do, I shall chop off your head.” Suddenly, a bright light appeared, and a blue and green loong emerged. A great wave of water shot from its mouth, quickly flooding the entire palace. The emperor and all his servants begged the dragon to stop. “Great Lord, please, we will stop. Please don’t ruin my palace; we will let them go.” Some servants opened Bob’s cage, and Tim and Bob ran away. Suddenly, the loong disappeared magically. After this, they returned to the time machine. Bob wanted to go back to his time because he wished to return to his normal dinosaur life. Tim agreed and sent Bob back to his era, where he ate plenty of leaves and lived happily ever after. Tim also returned to his time and wrote some remarkable stories about Bob and the loong. What you are reading now is Tim’s wonderful story.

New Story of Chinese Dinosaurs

Regent's Primary School of Shenzhen, Li 李, Wei Cheng Eugene 偉誠 – 9

It was a lovely Friday morning, and the students from Class 4A at Regent's Primary School were at Shenzhen Museum to see the Dinosaur Exhibition.

"This place is boring. I don't like these dinosaur skeletons and fossils. I'd like to see some real ones!" exclaimed Eugene. Teacher Sarah agreed and revealed her secret weapon: "Let's go back millions and millions of years and see some real dinosaurs." She activated the time machine, and moments later, everyone found themselves in the Cretaceous Period.

Everything felt fresh and fascinating here. The weather was dry and warm, with flowers blooming everywhere. Suddenly, Roy shouted, "Look! There are two dinosaurs over there." It was a Triceratops munching on green leaves. Right behind it, a Spinosaurus was roaming around in search of food. The Triceratops noticed the hungry Spinosaurus and began to walk away. But the ravenous meat-eater jogged over to attack. "Hide!" Teacher Sarah whispered, "I think there's going to be a fight." "But the plant-eater doesn't want to fight. Look, it's running away," said Eugene.

However, the Spinosaurus caught up and bit the Triceratops. The Triceratops turned to face the Spinosaurus, and they began to push against each other. "Oh my goodness, this fight is so brutal. I'm scared," cried Wendy. Meanwhile, the Triceratops began to fight back. "Let's stay quiet and see who's going to win this battle," suggested Teacher Sarah.

After a short while, the Triceratops got injured during the clash, using its horns to fend off the Spinosaurus. "They're coming towards us!" Roy panicked. "Kids, run!" Teacher Sarah shouted, "Let's get back to the time machine." Everyone ran as fast as they could. Just before the Triceratops reached the time machine, Teacher Sarah pressed the button, bringing everyone back to the present.

"Phew, just in time," said Teacher Sarah. "That was a memorable trip. I understand dinosaurs much better now," added Eugene. Everyone enjoyed it immensely.

An Encounter with a Herbivorous Dinosaur

Regent's Primary School of Shenzhen, Su 蘇, ZILIN 子林 – 11

Upon entering Zigong Dinosaur Museum, I followed the crowd as we ventured inside. More and more dinosaur fossils came into view, and the lights gradually dimmed. In a trance, the various scenes in the artificially restored Alsophila Valley seemed to come alive: the Alsophila trees were dense and well-arranged. Sunlight filtered through the gaps between the leaves, forming golden pillars of light. The air was filled with a damp atmosphere, and various ferns exuded a unique fragrance.

Suddenly, a low growl emanated from the forest. I looked nervously in the direction of the sound and saw a dinosaur I had never encountered before slowly emerging from the woods. It was enormous, towering like a two-storey building. Its entire body was covered with blue-grey scales that glistened softly in the sunlight. Strangely, its head was relatively small, its mouth wide and flat, and its teeth were not sharp, which suggested it wasn't a fierce carnivorous dinosaur. Its four limbs were thick and robust, and each step caused the ground to tremble slightly.

I hid behind an Alsophila tree, observing its every move with curiosity. It approached a cluster of tender ferns, lowered its head, gently biting off the branches and leaves with its broad mouth, chewing them slowly while occasionally emitting a contented humming sound. So, this was indeed a herbivorous dinosaur!

Watching it eat so gently, I grew bolder and crept closer, completely disregarding the situation underfoot. When I inadvertently stepped on a dead branch that snapped with a crisp sound, the dinosaur suddenly turned its head, and our eyes locked. I was so startled that my heart almost leapt from my chest, and I stood frozen to the spot. Fortunately, it didn't lash out at me. Instead, it regarded me with a curious gaze, its eyes filled with puzzlement and intrigue...

Just then, "Dear tourists..." a loud voice over the PA system interrupted my thoughts. I jolted awake and found myself leaning against the display wall of the museum.

Reflecting on the "encounter" from a moment ago, I pondered: If dinosaurs truly still existed, would they become friends with us? ...

The Wondrous World of Dinosaurs

Regent's Primary School of Shenzhen, Wang 王, Athena 卢雅 – 11

Have you ever wondered what life was like thousands of years ago in the mysterious era of dinosaurs? It was a time filled with both strange and fascinating creatures. Let's embark on a time-travel journey and follow the life of our protagonist, Dinoena. She's a Microraptor, a small, feathered dinosaur. Most of the Microraptor fossils were found in Liaoning, China, providing us with valuable insights into these ancient beings.

Our story begins on a stormy night. Dark clouds rolled in menacingly, and the wind howled through the trees. Lightning flashed across the sky, followed by booming thunder that seemingly shook the very ground. A female Microraptor from the Skyclan was in a secluded nest, about to give birth to her babies. With great care, she laid three eggs. The mother Microraptor watched over them intently, her eyes filled with a mix of hope and worry.

After a while, the first two eggs hatched. Two energetic little Microraptors emerged, chirping and moving about with curiosity. However, the third one didn't seem to show any signs of hatching. As time passed and the storm raged on, the mother slowly began to lose hope. Just when all seemed lost, a small crack appeared on the third egg. Then, a little Microraptor crawled out of the egg. Her mother, filled with joy, named her Dinoena.

From the start, Dinoena was smaller than her siblings. While they were full of energy, eager to explore every nook and cranny of their surroundings, Dinoena was more of a daydreamer. She would sit on a branch, gazing up at the sky for hours, lost in her thoughts. Because of her small size and dreamy nature, her clanmates didn't pay much attention to her. Even her family didn't seem to favour her. The adults in the clan firmly believed that food should go to the stronger young Microraptors. As a result, Dinoena often went hungry. As she grew, she remained small and thin, a stark contrast to her more robust siblings.

When it was time for Dinoena to learn to glide between trees, the adults in the clan weren't interested in teaching her. They were focused on the more promising young Microraptors. But Dinoena was determined. She watched intently as her brother and sister were taught by the experienced clan members. She observed every movement, every tilt of the wings, and every adjustment of posture. Quickly, she picked up the skill. Soon, she was gliding as well as anyone in the clan, zipping through the air with grace and precision.

As she grew older, Dinoena realised that she needed to learn to hunt. Her body was becoming thinner, and her hunger pangs were becoming increasingly unbearable. She needed to find food to survive. So, she concealed herself behind thick branches, her eyes fixated on the adults as they hunted. She studied their techniques, how they stalked their prey, and how they made their final pounce. After countless hours of practice, falling and getting back up, she finally caught her first meal—a small snake. It was a huge accomplishment for her. She felt a sense of pride and self-worth that she had never experienced before.

One day, while exploring further from the clan's usual territory, Dinoena heard a strange noise. It was a low growl, unlike anything she had encountered before. She turned around slowly, her heart pounding in her chest. To her horror, she saw an adult Sinornithosaurus, a dangerous dinosaur with sharp teeth and claws. Without thinking, she let out loud calls to warn her clanmates. Her voice echoed through the forest. Then she spread her wings and glided away as fast as she could. Her clanmates, having heard her warning calls, quickly joined her in flight. They soared for what seemed like an eternity, over mountains and across rivers. Finally, the Sinornithosaurus, exhausted from the chase, gave up.

Following this, her clanmates saw Dinoena in a new light. They realised that her small size and quiet nature didn't define her. They sincerely thanked her for warning them and saving the clan from potential danger. From that point on, Dinoena's life changed. With her courage and cleverness, she grew in the eyes of her clan. Her clanmates began to accept her, inviting her to join in their group activities and sharing food with her.

As years passed, Dinoena demonstrated tremendous leadership. She consistently thought about the Skyclan's wellbeing. She organised group hunts more efficiently, considering the strengths and weaknesses of each clan member. She also helped the younger Microraptors learn essential skills, just as she had learned them through observation and determination. Eventually, she became the leader of the Skyclan, a position she held with pride and responsibility.

Now, as we reflect on Dinoena's story, we can learn an important lesson. No matter how many difficulties we face, we should never give up. Just like Dinoena, we can overcome challenges and achieve great things. Whether it's learning a new skill or standing up for what's right, our determination can lead us to success. We may start small and unnoticed, but with hard work and the right attitude, we can reach great heights, just as Dinoena did in the world of the Microraptors.

My Dinosaur Adventure

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Once upon a time, something truly remarkable happened to me. I woke up to find myself in a peculiar, wild place. And guess what? I had turned into a dinosaur! It felt like stepping into an entirely new world, one filled with mysteries and surprises.

At first, I was utterly perplexed. I looked down at my body and saw a long, swishing tail that followed me as I moved. My skin was covered in green scales, which felt a bit rough to the touch. My hands were tiny, like little claws, and my legs were enormous and strong. They were perfect for running and standing tall.

I soon realised that I was truly hungry. So, I began searching for food. I spotted some grass nearby and thought it might make a suitable snack. I took a bite, but it tasted rather awful. Yuck! I spat it out and decided to seek out something else. Then I noticed a large tree. The leaves on that tree looked much more appealing. I stretched my long neck up and took another bite. The leaves were soft and juicy, and they tasted far better than the grass. I munched away until I wasn't as hungry anymore.

But just as I was starting to feel content, I heard a loud noise. I turned around and saw a large, fearsome-looking dinosaur charging directly towards me. Its teeth were long and sharp, and it appeared truly angry. I was petrified! I thought it was going to eat me. Without a moment's thought, I started running as fast as I could. My powerful legs propelled me quickly, but the other dinosaur was still gaining on me. I ran and ran, my heart pounding in my chest.

Eventually, I reached a mountain. I was exhausted, but I couldn't stop. Just then, I spotted another large dinosaur standing nearby. I felt a bit intimidated by this one too, but I was even more frightened of the dinosaur chasing me. So, I approached it and said, "Please help me! That other dinosaur is trying to eat me." This new dinosaur looked at me and then roared very loudly. When the menacing dinosaur heard the roar, it turned and fled. I was immensely relieved!

The kind dinosaur and I became friends. We began walking together, searching for more food. After a while, we stumbled upon a field filled with beautiful flowers. The flowers were of various colours: red, yellow, purple, and more. They smelled delightful. I couldn't resist. I bent down and took a bite of one of the flowers. It was sweet and delicious! I exclaimed to my friend, "You must try these flowers. They're absolutely marvellous!" Initially, he was a bit hesitant, but soon he took a bite as well. He enjoyed them just as much as I did.

As the day progressed, I became rather tired. The sun was setting, and darkness was approaching. I found a soft spot on the ground and curled up to sleep. I was somewhat anxious that the terrifying dinosaur might return, but my friend reassured me that he would keep watch.

When I woke up the next morning, the sun was shining brightly. My friend and I returned to the field of flowers. We were having a splendid time munching on the flowers when suddenly, we heard a noise. I looked up to see a group of dinosaurs approaching us. My heart began to race once more. But then I remembered that I had my friend with me. We both roared as loudly as we could and bared our teeth. The other dinosaurs appeared somewhat frightened. They backed away and then ran off.

However, we had no idea that one of the dinosaurs had gone to tell its father. Soon, a massive, incredibly angry-looking dinosaur was heading our way. We realised we had to flee. So, we took off as fast as we could. We ran and ran, not stopping until we found a new spot. This place was brimming with even more flowers and some small bushes. It was like a hidden paradise.

We looked around and realised that the large, angry dinosaur wasn't there. We were so happy! We spent the remainder of the day playing in the flowers and exploring our new surroundings. Every day thereafter, we had an absolute blast together. We feasted on the delightful flowers, played games, and simply relished being dinosaurs in this incredible world. It was the best adventure I had ever experienced, and I was so grateful to have my friend by my side. I wondered if I would ever return to being human, but for now, I intended to enjoy every moment of being a dinosaur.

Venture of Three Little Dinosaurs

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'Hurry up, brother! If you don't, everyone will leave!' 'Oh, stop nagging. We can manage on our own.' 'It's just you. Don't include me.' The pterosaur brother slowly packed his things while his sister anxiously urged him. (Pterosaur: It is an omnivorous dinosaur. It has a long head, long neck, large eyes, and a sharp, elongated beak. There is a membranous structure between the fourth finger of the forelimb and the side of the body, allowing them to fly.) After a minute or two, they walked out of the cave, surprised to discover that all the other pterosaurs had already departed. The pterosaur sister and brother stood there astounded. 'It seems you were right. We really must go on our own.' They slowly regained their composure, looked at each other, and then nodded in agreement. Now they had a common goal—to reach the pterosaur base.

They climbed down from the cave. Why did they climb? Because they hadn't learned to fly yet. They walked on and on. When they grew hungry, they picked fruit from the trees to eat. Suddenly, a rustling sound emerged from the nearby bushes. 'Who's there?' The pterosaur brother shielded his sister behind him and called out to the bushes. 'I'm not a bad guy. I'm a stegosaurus. My name is Jianjian.' (Stegosaurus: Its head is somewhat small. At the very front of its mouth, there is a beak like that of a bird. The beak has no teeth, while tiny teeth are scattered on the sides of the mouth. Its tail features four sharp spikes.) A small stegosaurus crawled out from the bushes. 'I got separated from my tribe. We're heading for the pterosaur base far away from here to join that tribe. But, but I got separated from everyone. Boohoo...' As he spoke, Jianjian began to cry sadly. The siblings were momentarily stunned before they exchanged glances and laughed. 'Haha, you're so lucky. Look at what kinds of dinosaurs we are!' said the pterosaur brother. Jianjian sniffed and looked at them. 'You... you are pterosaurs. Are you also going to the pterosaur base? Can you take me with you?' Jianjian asked gleefully. 'Of course! Let's go together!' said the pterosaur sister.

'We've already walked more than halfway. Come on! We must reach the base before dusk,' the pterosaur brother urged his sister and Jianjian. 'Look! What's... what's that behind us?' Jianjian asked, trembling. 'That's—oh no! It's a Ceratosaurus! (Ceratosaurus: It is a carnivorous dinosaur. It has a large mouth, blade-like teeth, a horn on the tip of its nose, and a pair of small horns above its eyes. Its forelimbs are short and strong, with four fingers.) Run!' the pterosaur brother bellowed. The three little dinosaurs ran forward as quickly as they could. 'Don't worry about me! Open your wings and fly!' Jianjian shouted. At that moment, he was no longer timid; he was now a brave little dinosaur who cared for his companions—he had matured into a responsible dinosaur. 'We won't leave you behind. Don't worry...' Before the pterosaur brother could finish, he was seized by a claw. 'Brother!' the pterosaur sister cried out. She rushed forward and then spread her wings to fly. Jianjian was taken aback for a moment, then suddenly realised what he needed to do. 'Let him go!' he yelled, swinging his spiky tail forcefully at the Ceratosaurus's feet. 'Ah!' the Ceratosaurus howled in pain. It loosened its grip, and the pterosaur brother tumbled down. He opened his wings and flew down, landing beside his sister, who promptly hugged him. 'Brother, I thought I'd never see you again.' 'It's fine now,' replied the pterosaur brother, patting his sister's head. 'You're lucky, kid. Next time won't be easy!' The Ceratosaurus threatened Jianjian before fleeing in haste. Jianjian glanced back at it with disdain and then ran towards the brother and sister. 'Are you feeling better?' he asked with concern. 'Thank you, Jianjian.' Jianjian said shyly, 'It's nothing. Aren't we friends? Friends should help each other.' The three little dinosaurs arrived at the pterosaur base under the lovely sunset...

The New Story of Chinese Dinosaurs

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Today, we will introduce the former dinosaur overlord, his eating habits, and how he raised his young, along with his living habits and more.

The origin of dinosaurs: Dinosaurs were among the earliest vertebrates on Earth, appearing in the Jurassic period about 230 million to 65 million years ago. These giant reptiles lived on our planet for 160 million years.

The lifestyle of dinosaurs: The lifestyle of dinosaurs is vastly different from that of modern animals. Dinosaurs belong to the reptile family, and their body structure differs from that of modern mammals. Many dinosaurs exhibit structural characteristics akin to birds and reptiles.

While we were discussing, a scholar suddenly asked whether we should venture into a remote forest that has never been explored, to see if we could discover any dinosaur tracks. If there are any, we could have a more informed discussion, and it would also be the most authentic experience.

As we ventured in, we suddenly heard the cry of a dinosaur. We were all startled and astonished. How could there be a dinosaur at this time? Had we misheard?

Just as we were feeling sceptical, we heard the sound of heavy footsteps getting closer and closer. We, as dinosaur scholars, recognised it as the footsteps of a dinosaur. Terrified, we dashed behind a tree, secretly observing this remarkable phenomenon.

We huddled behind the tree and whispered amongst ourselves, and one of our scholars remarked, "How can there be a dinosaur at this time? Have we somehow travelled back in time?"

I reassured him that the phenomenon we were witnessing should indeed be real. If we remain hidden here, we might as well observe this rare occurrence.

His expression was so peculiar that it startled us all, as we had never encountered this type of dinosaur, let alone studied it. We had no idea where its weaknesses lay, making it impossible for us to confront it.

We quickly informed the professor and captured a photograph. He advised us that its stomach was its weakest point.

The professor arrived promptly on his skateboard, which could soar through the air, to assist us! We were saved!

The professor extended his hand from the skateboard to pull us up, but the dinosaur continued its pursuit, attempting to capture us. The professor flew at such speed that we were soon hoisted onto the skateboard one by one.

The relentless attacks from the dinosaur had us screaming! One scholar exclaimed, "This is so thrilling! 'Ah!' I shouted, 'Ah! It's attacking us with its claws! Professor! Hurry up! Quick!'

I awoke, but thankfully it was just a dream that frightened me! Fortunately, the dinosaurs are not coming back.

The adventure story of 'we' humans and the potential return of dinosaurs ends here. Thank you for watching. Until next time!

A New Dinosaur Legend

Regent's Primary School of Shenzhen, Yeung 楊, Kwan Chak 鈞澤 – 11

Dinosaurs were very large animals. They lived a long time ago. This is a legendary story about a new dinosaur. Deep in the dense jungles of ancient China, a small dinosaur with shimmering feathers emerged from its nest. Its name was “Bluekite”, a young Archaeopteryx, known for its vividly coloured wings that sparkled like a rainbow in the sunlight. Bluekite had always been curious about the world beyond its forest, particularly the towering cliffs where the legendary Skyfire Gem was said to rest; it could keep the forest peaceful forever.

One day, a flock of Liaoning Pterosaurs flew over Bluekite’s home, squawking about an approaching storm. They warned all the creatures to seek shelter, but Bluekite saw this as an opportunity. If the Skyfire Gem was real, it could bring warmth and light to the forest, protecting its family from future storms. Determined, Bluekite spread its small wings and began its journey.

This journey was very dangerous, and it needed to go through numerous tests. The climb to the cliffs was perilous. Sharp rocks and sudden gusts of wind made each step treacherous. Along the way, Bluekite encountered a friendly Jiangxi Titanosaurus, a massive herbivore with a heart as big as its body. The Titanosaurus used its long neck to lift Bluekite over a raging river, sharing stories of the stars and the ancient spirits of the land.

As Bluekite approached the peak, it faced its greatest challenge: a hungry Velociraptor guarding the path to the Skyfire Gem. Using its quick reflexes and dazzling feathers, Bluekite distracted the Velociraptor, leading it into a thicket of thorny vines. With the path clear, Bluekite finally reached the gem—a radiant stone that pulsed with warmth and light.

Bluekite carried the gem back to the forest, where its glow kept the storm at bay and brought new life to the trees and animals. The once dark and cold forest now shimmered with colours, and Bluekite became a hero among the dinosaurs.

From that day forward, Bluekite was known as the “Guardian of the Skyfire,” a reminder that even the smallest creatures can achieve great things with courage and determination.

Plume's Adventure

Regent's Primary School of Shenzhen, Yeung 楊, Kwan Lam 鈞霖 – 11

A long time ago, in a big forest, there lived a tiny dinosaur called Plume. She was a Chungkingosaurus with soft, colorful feathers. Plume loved to explore, but her mother always said, “Stay close,” “The nest is saved,” and “The world is dangerous for little dinosaurs.”...

One sunny day, Plume saw something shiny on top of a hill—it looked like a shining star! “It’s magic ?” she thought. If I bring it back, it can light up the whole forest all night long !” Plume wanted to prove she was brave, so she decided to find that star!

On her way, she encountered a big, long-necked dinosaur. It was a titanosaurus, eating leaves from a tall tree. “Where are you going, sweetie ?” asked the big dinosaur.

“I’m going to take a shining star on the hill!” said Plume. “Oh, that’s a long journey,” said the Titanosaurus. “Be careful. There are many dangers on the road, sweetie .”

Plume kept going. Soon, she came to a river that needed to be crossed, but the water was so deep that she didn’t know what to do. At that time, a friendly Pterosaur flew by. “Do you want to cross?I can carry you,sweetheart,” it said, and Plume climbed onto its back.

Crossing that river, Plume keeps on the way.Finally Plume reached the hill and saw a mean Velociraptor was guarding the star. “Go away, little one, or I’ll chase you!” the Velociraptor warned.

Plume was so scared that she wanted to get back. Suddenly,she thought about her feathers. She flapped them as hard as she could, making bright colors flash in the sunlight. The light chased down Velociraptor, and he ran away. Finally, Plume climbed up, barely, and got the star.

When she brought it back to the forest, it shone brightly in the dark and made everyone happy. Plume’s mother hugged her tightly and said, “You are very, very brave, my lovely adventurer.”

From that day onward, the forest enjoyed eternal brightness, day and night.

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

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The golden morning light was streaming through the window, filling the warm and cozy living room with a warm aura. On top of the table, ingredients were placed one row on the other; vegetables, spices, meats—a whole assortment nicely organized. Mom prepared a feast for the guests. The room wall filled with the aroma of garlic, ginger, fresh meat promising to make every single dish delightful. "Mei Mei! ", called mother. "Can you bring me the peas? " Mei Mei sighed. She rolled her eyes and waddled over to the table, snatching the bowl of peas and tossing it to Mom.

"Here, " she grumbled, stomping over toward the couch.

She plopped down, turning the TV on to the news flickering on in front of her.

The news reporter appeared on screen. "Good morning, and welcome to today's top story. China has been slowly evolving into the gold medalist of fossil-hunting", she began, capturing Mei Mei's brother's attention. "What's this?" He jumped onto the couch, watching patiently.

News reporter: "China has quietly become the global epicenter of fossil-hunting. In the 1990s, a farmer found the world's very first clearly feathered dinosaur. Scientists called it *Sinosauropteryx*, which means "the China dragon bird". Since then, more than 40 dinosaur species have been found in the province of Liaoning, including more than 24 pterosaurs – winged reptiles."

The two siblings leaned forward, intrigued. Flashed on the screen in front of them were images of ancient fossils and scientists at work, dusting off those delicate bones. "*Sinosauropteryx*, meaning 'Chinese reptilian wing' is a compsognathus dinosaur". They continued. "It was covered with a coat of very simple filament like feathers, Structures that indicate colouration have also been preserved in some of its feathers which makes the *sinosauropteryx* the first non-avian dinosaurs where the color had been determined. The colouration includes mostly a red-brown color with alternating dark and light stripes on its tail." Photos of the *sinosauropteryx* began to flash across the screen. "Hey!" Mei Mei's brother exclaimed. "I have that dinosaur!" He rushed into his room, soon returning with a miniature figure of the feathered dinosaur. The details on the figure were exactly as the news reporter described. "That's really fascinating... bro" Mei Mei murmured. "Thanks to the farmer, a new species of titanosaur has recently been discovered, named the '*floravivensaurus*'. It has an estimated length of 90 feet, making it one of the largest known titanosaur. This new species features a vibrant color palette, starting with dark forest green into a yellow green towards the head. It is a herbivore, mainly feeding on night branches and fruits, with its small herds." The reporter kept talking. "A new dinosaur?" Mei Mei asked, "That's interesting..." Suddenly, her brother's massive face popped up in front of her view. "When I grow up, I will discover many new dinosaurs! Rawr~!" Mei Mei nearly jumped out of her seat. "You? Discover dinosaurs? That's..." Mei Mei looked at her mom. "That's amazing!" Mei Mei pushed her brother's face out of the way, as she continued to watch the news, her eyes glued to the TV screen.

On a Wednesday morning, Mei Mei and her brother went off to school, their mom escorting them off with a kiss. "Don't forget your bag for the field trip!" mom reminded her. Excitement buzzed in the air as Mei Mei and her classmates trickled into the school bus. "Later on, when we arrive—" the teacher started "We will be put into pairs, but don't get your hopes too high! We will be pairing students from across grades" Mrs Chan smiled. Chatter came from every corner of the bus. "Today, we will all be able to dig up fossils like real paleontologists! Remember to follow the rules and keep safe. The morning light flowed into the bus, making Mei Mei half-blind. She closed the curtain and closed her eyes...

Mei Mei was woken by the sound of chatter and the teacher's voice, she carried an annoyed expression on her face. "Okay everyone! Grab your tools, head over there and get digging." She waddled out of the bus, tired, hungry, and angry. The teacher paired her up with her brother, ("Oh great..")as they went over to the dig site. After fifteenth

minutes, the sun was melting her alive and she was exhausted. She looked around, all the students crouching on the dig site all looked exhausted, hopeless and soulless. "Teacher, can't we take a break?" She asked desperately. The teacher smiled.

"It's only been fifteen minutes, you can wait." All of the students on the dig site sighed. They continued digging at the soil hopelessly. Mei Mei rolled around and lay flat on her back, her uniform now stained with dirt. "We're just slaves... Whats this?" She felt an uncomfortable bump in her back. She groped around the dirt, until eventually, something came out. Something that looked... like a small fossil? "Teacher teacher!!! I've found something!" She kicked dirt behind her, rushed towards the teacher, and held out the fossil. "I see you've found a fossil!" Mrs Chan smiled warmly. She started whispering to other teachers on duties. Annoyed, Mei Mei turned to look at the suffering students. "We have a trip again next year, don't we?" she thought to herself. "Mei Mei, you can keep this, I suppose. Good job!" Mrs Chan handed the fossil out to her. Mei Mei grinned. She snatched the fossil and dashed towards her brother. Her brother stared at it, fascinated. "You can keep it if you want, I have no care for it." She said, as if her brother were a peasant. A wide smile spread across her brother's face and she handed it to him. As if her soul had been sucked away once again, she started digging at the ground, thinking of the times where she would just sit on the couch, watch TV, and eat snacks. Those were the best times.

Eventually, after alot more digging and alot more fossils, it was time for lunch. Mei Mei and her friends picked a spot under a big tree, set up the picnic mat, and started devouring the food. They exchanged stories and giggles, and even sang some songs. Mei Mei couldn't wait to get home to tell her Mom everything that had happened.

As they packed up to head home, Mei Mei felt grateful. She knew this would be a day that she would cherish forever, filled with laughter, learning, discovery, and the magic of dinosaurs.

The Great Dinosaur Adventure in China

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It was the summer holiday, and best friends Eric, Isaac, and Anthony were so excited. They had been selected to join a special trip to China to explore dinosaur fossils in the famous Liaoning Province. Eric was a dinosaur enthusiast who spent hours reading books about them. Isaac loved history and always dreamed of visiting ancient sites. Anthony, on the other hand, had a passion for solving mysteries and was always ready for adventure. Little did they know that this trip would turn out to be far more thrilling than they had imagined.

The Journey Begins

When they arrived in Liaoning, Dr. Zhang, a well-known paleontologist leading the expedition, greeted the boys.

“Welcome, fellow young explorers! This land is rich with fossils from millions of years ago. Perhaps you will be the ones to uncover something extraordinary,” Dr. Zhang said with a warm smile.

The next morning, the group visited a famous dig site where several fossils of the *Sinosauropteryx*, also known as “the China dragon bird,” had been found. The boys were amazed to see fossilized bones sticking out of the rocks.

“Imagine holding something that’s been buried for millions of years!” Isaac said, his eyes wide with excitement.

Eric nodded. “It’s incredible to think that this place was once home to so many dinosaurs.”

While the group explored, Anthony noticed something strange in a nearby cave. He called out to his friends. “Hey, look over there! That cave isn’t marked on the map. It looks weird. Let’s check it out!”

The Hidden Cave

The three boys slipped away from the main group and made their way to the mysterious cave. As they stepped inside, the air grew cooler, and the faint sound of dripping water echoed through the dark cave. They switched on their flashlights. The light showed the rocky walls covered with strange markings.

Suddenly, Isaac stopped in his tracks.

“Look! There’s a fossil in the wall. It looks like a winged dinosaur!”

Eric moved closer to examine it.

“This doesn’t look like any pterosaur we’ve seen in the museum,” he said. With curiosity, he asked, “Do you think we’ve discovered a new species?”

Before anyone could answer, they heard a low rumbling noise. The ground shook, and rocks started falling.

“We need to get out — now!” Anthony shouted, grabbing his friends by the arms.

The three friends dashed out of the cave right before it collapsed behind them. They were safe, but their discovery was trapped inside.

Reporting the Discovery

Back at the camp, the boys rushed to tell Dr. Zhang about their discovery.

“We found a cave with fossils inside, but it collapsed before we could get a proper look!” Eric explained, out of breath.

Dr. Zhang’s eyes widened in surprise.

“Many parts of China are still unexplored, especially in regions like Jiangxi and Liaoning. Your discovery could be important. We must investigate further.” He said.

The following day, Dr. Zhang led a team of paleontologists to the collapsed cave. The team worked tirelessly to clear the entrance, carefully removing the rocks to avoid damaging the fossils inside. After exhausting hours of digging, they finally uncovered the fossil that the boys had found.

“This is incredible!” Dr. Zhang exclaimed, studying the fossil. “It’s a species of pterosaur that we haven’t seen before. We’ll call it Liaoningopterus, after this province.”

Eric, Isaac, and Anthony couldn’t believe this! They had just discovered a brand-new dinosaur species!

A New Adventure Awaits

Story of the boys’ discovery spread quickly around the world. They were interviewed by scientists, journalists, and even TV stations. Their adventure became popular, later inspiring many other youngsters to learn more about history and paleontology, and also to become explorers.

One afternoon, as they stood at the dig site one last time before returning home, Isaac looked thoughtful.

“There’s so much history hidden beneath the surface of the earth. China is such a big country — who knows what other amazing secrets are waiting to be found? ”

Eric nodded in agreement. “Maybe next time, we’ll discover another type of dinosaur!”

Anthony grinned. “Whatever it is, there is one thing for sure — this is just the beginning of our adventures, bros.”

As they boarded the bus to head back to the airport, the boys made a promise to return to China someday. There was still so much to explore, and they were definitely ready for whatever mysteries awaited them.

Echoes of the Past: The Quest for Paradise Island

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“New Species of Titanosaurus found in Jiangxi” blared on the radio as a young man named Wang was studying. He had always dreamt of becoming a famous paleontologist, making discoveries around the world. But he was still far from the fame and success he had wanted.

During the term break, Wang and his friends decided to go spelunking. They explored deep into the cave system, marveling at its mysterious paths. However, while navigating through different routes, Wang did not notice a hole in the ground—with no warning signs—and fell into an unknown abyss. His friends’ frantic shouts echoed above him, but their voices eventually faded into silence. It was just him now, with the black void.

After a long time, Wang saw a faint light. Bracing himself, he slid down a smooth surface and landed on the ground. Looking up, he found himself surrounded by strange trees and bushes. Upon closer inspection, he realized they were vegetation from the Cretaceous era. Somehow, he had gone back sixty-six million years, to the time during the fifth mass extinction. Curious, Wang decided to explore this ancient world.

After hours of wandering, he searched for a place to rest. Suddenly, a low growl sent chills down his spine. The sound grew closer until Wang turned around, face-to-face with a pack of velociraptors. They lunged at him, pinning him to the ground. But before they could eat him, a loud whistle pierced the air.

A large man in ragged clothes stepped out of the bushes and commanded, “Bring the boy to me.” To Wang’s astonishment, the velociraptors then lifted him like pallbearers carrying a casket before tossing him at the man’s feet. “So, you fell into the hole as well?” The man asked.

“Yes... How did you know?” Wang stammered.

The man introduced himself as Jimmy Clyde, a once-famous paleontologist who had also fallen into a hole while exploring a cave. “When I arrived here, I found dinosaur translators and pieces of a map called the ‘elders’ map.’ I put the translators on these velociraptors who just tried to eat you.”

The velociraptors introduced themselves: Ben, Jack, Alpha, and Johnson.

What’s this map for?” Wang asked.

“It leads to Paradise Island,” Jimmy explained. “It’s the one place the meteorite that causes the fifth extinction won’t reach. I have four out of the five pieces. The last one is somewhere in the Seeline river. We have six months before the meteorite strikes. It’ll take us twelve days to travel to the river, around three months to retrieve the piece, and one month to get to Paradise Island.”

“So, what are we waiting for? Let’s go!” Wang said eagerly.

The group—Wang, Jimmy, and the four velociraptors—set off on their adventure to find the remaining piece of the map. They faced countless challenges along the way, including a terrifying encounter with the Alioramus, an Asian relative of the T-rex, and frequent ambushes from other dinosaurs. These obstacles slowed them down, but they eventually reached the Seeline River.

At the river, Jimmy pulled six oxygen tanks from his bag.

“Where did you even get those?” Wang asked, bewildered.

“Don’t question him,” Jack muttered. “He has weird stuff in his bag.”

Jimmy then prepared the oxygen tanks. The group divided into teams and dove into the river, searching for the underwater cave.

After hours of searching, they spotted a mysterious glow beneath the water. Suddenly, a massive creature burst through the surface.”

“That’s an Ankoyomosaurus,” Jimmy said. “It’s sixty feet long with armored skin. Its weak spots are hard to hit, but we have no choice.”

Armed with spears and rifles, the group attacked. Their first attempts failed and their weapons bounced off the creature's armor. But Jimmy then lunged at the beast with all his might, stabbing one of its weak spots. The group followed him, and with combined efforts, they brought the creature down.

After the battle, they continued their search. Weeks passed before they found the underwater cave. Excited, the group swam inside and found the final piece of the map, sealed in a chest. With no key needed, retrieving it was easy.

With the map now complete, they set off for Paradise Island. Along the way, the sky darkened as the meteorite came closer, transforming from a distant red dot to a fiery circle in the sky. They traveled with dinosaurs they had met earlier in their journey and pressed on.

After months of travel, they finally arrived at Paradise Island. But just as they prepared to celebrate, Wang noticed something written on the back of the map: "To enter Paradise Island, one must sacrifice something dear to them."

"I'll go out," Jimmy said.

"Why? Are you really going to sacrifice yourself for us?" Wang asked, devastated.

Jimmy explained, "When I arrived here, I was attacked by velociraptors. These guys—Ben, Jack, Alpha, and Johnson—were just kids back then. They begged their parents to spare me. If it weren't for them, I wouldn't be here. Now it's my turn to repay the favor."

As a blue barrier formed around Paradise Island, Jimmy stepped outside. "Take care of each other," he said, smiling faintly as the meteorite's fiery impact consumed everything outside.

The group mourned Jimmy's sacrifice, but life continued to thrive on Paradise Island. One day, Wang discovered a mysterious cave. Curious, he entered and found his way back to the present. He then resumed his paleontology studies and eventually became world-renowned.

Years later, as Wang looked up at the sky, he whispered, "Jimmy, I hope I've made you proud."

"You definitely have," a familiar voice replied. Wang turned to see Ben and the boys.

"Boys! How did you get here?" Wang asked.

"We found the same cave you used," Ben said. "Now we need your help for another adventure."

"Let's go!" Wang said, as the news announced: "Famous paleontologist Wang Lui Ng embarks on a new journey, in search of new discoveries."

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

S.K.H. Kei Yan Primary School, Cheuk, Wing Yan – 10

The golden morning light was streaming through the window, filling the warm and cozy living room with a warm aura. On top of the table, ingredients were placed one row on the other; vegetables, spices, meats—a whole assortment nicely organized. Mom prepared a feast for the guests. The room wall filled with the aroma of garlic, ginger, fresh meat promising to make every single dish delightful. "Mei Mei! ", called mother. "Can you bring me the peas? " Mei Mei sighed. She rolled her eyes and waddled over to the table, snatching the bowl of peas and tossing it to Mom.

"Here, " she grumbled, stomping over toward the couch.

She plopped down, turning the TV on to the news flickering on in front of her.

The news reporter appeared on screen. "Good morning, and welcome to today's top story. China has been slowly evolving into the gold medalist of fossil-hunting", she began, capturing Mei Mei's brother's attention. "What's this?" He jumped onto the couch, watching patiently.

News reporter: "China has quietly become the global epicenter of fossil-hunting. In the 1990s, a farmer found the world's very first clearly feathered dinosaur. Scientists called it *Sinosauropteryx*, which means "the China dragon bird". Since then, more than 40 dinosaur species have been found in the province of Liaoning, including more than 24 pterosaurs – winged reptiles."

The two siblings leaned forward, intrigued. Flashed on the screen in front of them were images of ancient fossils and scientists at work, dusting off those delicate bones. "*Sinosauropteryx*, meaning 'Chinese reptilian wing' is a compsognathus dinosaur". They continued. "It was covered with a coat of very simple filament like feathers, Structures that indicate colouration have also been preserved in some of its feathers which makes the *sinosauropteryx* the first non-avian dinosaurs where the color had been determined. The colouration includes mostly a red-brown color with alternating dark and light stripes on its tail." Photos of the *sinosauropteryx* began to flash across the screen. "Hey!" Mei Mei's brother exclaimed. "I have that dinosaur!" He rushed into his room, soon returning with a miniature figure of the feathered dinosaur. The details on the figure were exactly as the news reporter described. "That's really fascinating... bro" Mei Mei murmured. "Thanks to the farmer, a new species of titanosaur has recently been discovered, named the '*floravivensaurus*'. It has an estimated length of 90 feet, making it one of the largest known titanosaur. This new species features a vibrant color palette, starting with dark forest green into a yellow green towards the head. It is a herbivore, mainly feeding on night branches and fruits, with its small herds." The reporter kept talking. "A new dinosaur?" Mei Mei asked, "That's interesting..." Suddenly, her brother's massive face popped up in front of her view. "When I grow up, I will discover many new dinosaurs! Rawr~!" Mei Mei nearly jumped out of her seat. "You? Discover dinosaurs? That's..." Mei Mei looked at her mom. "That's amazing!" Mei Mei pushed her brother's face out of the way, as she continued to watch the news, her eyes glued to the TV screen.

On a Wednesday morning, Mei Mei and her brother went off to school, their mom escorting them off with a kiss. "Don't forget your bag for the field trip!" mom reminded her. Excitement buzzed in the air as Mei Mei and her classmates trickled into the school bus. "Later on, when we arrive—" the teacher started "We will be put into pairs, but don't get your hopes too high! We will be pairing students from across grades" Mrs Chan smiled. Chatter came from every corner of the bus. "Today, we will all be able to dig up fossils like real paleontologists! Remember to

follow the rules and keep safe. The morning light flowed into the bus, making Mei Mei half-blind. She closed the curtain and closed her eyes...

Mei Mei was woken by the sound of chatter and the teacher's voice, she carried an annoyed expression on her face. "Okay everyone! Grab your tools, head over there and get digging." She waddled out of the bus, tired, hungry, and angry. The teacher paired her up with her brother, ("Oh great..") as they went over to the dig site. After fifteen minutes, the sun was melting her alive and she was exhausted. She looked around, all the students crouching on the dig site all looked exhausted, hopeless and soulless. "Teacher, can't we take a break?" She asked desperately. The teacher smiled.

"It's only been fifteen minutes, you can wait." All of the students on the dig site sighed. They continued digging at the soil hopelessly. Mei Mei rolled around and lay flat on her back, her uniform now stained with dirt. "We're just slaves... Whats this?" She felt an uncomfortable bump in her back. She groped around the dirt, until eventually, something came out. Something that looked... like a small fossil? "Teacher teacher!!! I've found something!" She kicked dirt behind her, rushed towards the teacher, and held out the fossil. "I see you've found a fossil!" Mrs Chan smiled warmly. She started whispering to other teachers on duties. Annoyed, Mei Mei turned to look at the suffering students. "We have a trip again next year, don't we?" she thought to herself. "Mei Mei, you can keep this, I suppose. Good job!" Mrs Chan handed the fossil out to her. Mei Mei grinned. She snatched the fossil and dashed towards her brother. Her brother stared at it, fascinated. "You can keep it if you want, I have no care for it." She said, as if her brother were a peasant. A wide smile spread across her brother's face and she handed it to him. As if her soul had been sucked away once again, she started digging at the ground, thinking of the times where she would just sit on the couch, watch TV, and eat snacks. Those were the best times.

Eventually, after a lot more digging and a lot more fossils, it was time for lunch. Mei Mei and her friends picked a spot under a big tree, set up the picnic mat, and started devouring the food. They exchanged stories and giggles, and even sang some songs. Mei Mei couldn't wait to get home to tell her Mom everything that had happened.

As they packed up to head home, Mei Mei felt grateful. She knew this would be a day that she would cherish forever, filled with laughter, learning, discovery, and the magic of dinosaurs.

The Thoughtful Farmer

S.K.H. St Peter's Primary School, Fong, Sin Hang – 9

In 1996, in the Liaoning Province of China, a farmer was farming, taking care of his vegetables. He was always cheerful and patient. He always grew fresh and healthy vegetables for himself and his family to eat. He grew golden potatoes, juicy tomatoes and crunchy lettuce. Every day, they enjoyed their meal as a happy family.

One sunny day, while the farmer was digging with a shovel, he stumbled upon something a bit strange, almost like a rock. He felt confused and thought, "Is it a treasure chest? Or gold? Or diamonds?" He dug deeper and deeper and found out that it was a rock, but it was white. He thought it was a normal white rock, so he put it aside and kept digging. After a while, he discovered several white rocks. He started to piece them together. It looked like a really big animal. Then, he realized it was a fossil!

Before long, he decided to carry the fossil to a local museum and sell it. Unfortunately, it was too heavy for him to carry. He tried carrying it on his back, carrying it with both arms, and attempted to tie the fossil to the back of his truck. But even with the many different methods he tried to carry the fossil, giving it his all, it was still too heavy for him. He was unsuccessful. He thought hard about what he could do.

Eventually, he had the perfect plan in mind. He thought, "Teamwork makes the dream work," so he called some of his nearby friends to help. After a while, they arrived at the local museum. It was later discovered by paleontologists that it was a *Sinosauropteryx* fossil. *Sinosauropteryx* is considered one of the earliest known feathered dinosaurs. Its discovery provided crucial evidence that feathers originated before birds evolved, suggesting a complex evolutionary link between dinosaurs and birds. In the end, the farmer ended up sharing the news with his friends and family; he felt extremely accomplished.

My Dream About Dinosaurs

S.K.H.St Peter's Primary School, Ho, Sze Koot Isaac – 9

Yesterday, I went to a museum with my classmates and teachers. I was so excited because it was about China's dinosaurs, one of the extracurricular activities that I had been looking forward to for so long. Before stepping inside the museum, I was already stunned by an enormous titanosaur at the entrance, which was one of the largest dinosaurs discovered in China to date. We spent a splendid afternoon there. I felt exhausted when I got back home, so I hit the sack earlier. "Ah... what a day," I thought, reflecting on the pleasurable time with various dinosaur exhibits in the museum. However, I fell asleep in a flash.

"Roar..." What is this? I asked myself. When I opened my eyes, I was shocked to find myself in a lush forest surrounding by picturesque fern trees. "Mum... Dad... Where are you?" I exclaimed. All of a sudden, I heard a weird sound coming behind a giant tree. "Who...is...it?" I asked in a panicky voice. While I was traipsing backward, a dinosaur gently walked out from behind the tree and said, "Hi... what are you doing here?" I was amazed but amused because a real dinosaur was talking to me just like a cartoon character. I did not feel scared anymore.

"Hi... my name is Isaac. I think I probably come from another world," I replied.

"My name is Tom. I am a Stegosaur," the dinosaur introduced himself politely.

Stegosaur... I recalled that I had learned about this kind of plant-eating dinosaur at the museum that morning. "Isaac. Nice to meet you. If you do not mind, I can show you around?" Tom then led me to stroll around the forest and introduced his dinosaur friends to me. They were all friendly and kind. I was overjoyed.

"What do you do in your world?" Tom questioned. I told him that I like playing basketball in my leisure time.

"What is basketball? How do you play it? Is it fun?" Tom asked curiously.

Then I picked up a stone, used a stick to draw a circle on the ground, and asked Tom to throw the stone and make it land in the circle. I told Tom that this is what the game looks like, but we use a ball and a tall pillar with a hoop hanging instead of a stone and a circle on the ground. Usually, we play basketball in two teams.

"I can ask my friends to play together," Tom said excitedly.

"Umm... yes but we need a basketball court..." I replied doubtfully.

"Don't worry. I will summon my friend to set up a basketball court, and then we can play together." Tom interrupted me and said proudly.

Tom then swiftly gathered his friends. One of his friends picked a coconut so that we could use it as a ball. For the hoop, a couple of pterosaurs weaved a nest quickly and hung it onto a branch of a tree. In no more than half an hour, the court was ready.

"Let's start our DBA..." I called out.

Tom asked me what the "DBA" stands for. I told him that we have a very popular basketball game called "NBA" in our world but now I am in a world of dinosaurs so the game is called Dinos Basketball Association – DBA.

Tom invited his friends to join the game. We played a game of 2 versus 2. Tom and I were in a team called IT, and the other team called themselves EP because they had Eric and Patrick in their team. The game started. I passed the ball to Tom and he shot the ball but missed! Luckily, I got the rebound and put it back up and in. And now it was

time for EP to make a bucket. They made a bucket straight away! Both teams were neck and neck but in the last minute, Tom stole the ball from Eric and got a poster dunk. We won at the end. All of us enjoyed the game so much.

“What a great game! Could you show me more funny games in your world?” Tom asked me energetically.

“Certainly. My mum and I used to do yoga at home. I could teach you next time but now it is your turn to show me the funniest thing in the dinos’ world.” Tom then led me to a stream and told me that they used to enjoy swimming there

“Do you want to swim now?” Tom asked.

“Why not? Let’s see who can swim faster?” We both jumped into the stream right away.

Suddenly, rain started pouring down. The water in the stream was now flowing furiously and flushed us away from the shallow water area. The water was too deep for us to touch the ground. We were in a fearful situation. Luckily, Tom grabbed a branch of a tree nearby the shore tightly and helped us get out of the water. I felt grateful for Tom saving my life. What an unforgettable adventure for both of us!

Boom... we heard a deafening and horrifying sound from the mountain not very far away. “Oh... no... it is a volcano eruption,” I hollered. All the dinosaurs in the forest and I were dashing out, looking for safe spots to hide. Eventually, I was safe, but I lost Tom. “Tom! Where are you! Can you hear me?” I shouted repeatedly with tears in my eyes, but no response from Tom could be heard. I was so worried about Tom.

“Isaac, wake up! You are late for school!” I heard a familiar voice screech from the forest. I thought for a few seconds and recognized that it was the voice of my mum. I woke up and noticed that it was just a dream.

On my way to school, I was still thinking about the vivid dream last night. I hoped I would have a great friend as kind as Tom in the future.

"The Fossil Gateway: A Dino Time Travel Adventure"

S.K.H. St Peter's Primary School, Lam, Chung Hong – 10

On a breezy Sunday morning, my classmates and I were thrilled because Miss Chan took us to visit the Hong Kong Science Museum in Tsim Sha Tsui East. Miss Chan told us that there was an exhibition about dinosaurs, displaying eight of the most iconic creatures: Tyrannosaurus, Triceratops, Spinosaurus, Allosaurus, Hesperosaurus, Diplodocus, Hatzegopteryx, and Sinosauropteryx from the 'Golden Age of Dinosaurs.' There was a huge crowd at the exhibition hall, so my classmates and I squeezed our way through. I have loved dinosaurs since my father bought me a dinosaur book for my birthday three years ago. I admired them because they were the most powerful and gorgeous creatures and ruled the planet in the Jurassic period.

The exhibition halls had life-sized replicas and plenty of dinosaur fossils and skeletons combined with sound effects that made me feel like I had traveled back to the age of dinosaurs. When I was wandering around the museum during break time, the centerpiece of the museum truly captured my attention: the most complete and breathtaking Sinosauropteryx skeleton. I snapped many photos of the dinosaur exhibits with my powerful camera for my science project. The exhibition halls were filled with interactive displays and informative panels. I tried to absorb every bit of information.

As I continued my visit, Tony asked me politely, 'How well do you know Sinosauropteryx prima dinosaurs?' I replied immediately, 'Sinosauropteryx prima was a small, meat-eating dinosaur that lived about 125 million years ago. It had long legs, short arms with three fingers, a bony tail, sharp teeth, and primitive feathers up to 3 cm long, covering most of its body. It used its long tail for balance as it ran on its hind legs.' He nodded. Then, I told him that it was discovered by farmers near Sihetun village in Liaoning Province in 1996. Its name means 'first Chinese dragon feather,' and it was the first non-avian dinosaur found with feather-like structures. Tony responded, 'Wow! You are very smart! You know quite well.'

As we went to the fossil section, I saw Peter trying to touch the humongous Sinosauropteryx display while I was standing nearby. I shouted frantically and gave him a stern warning, 'Stop, you can't touch it!' I reprimanded him in front of my classmates. He was ashamed. His cheeks were flushed with embarrassment. He stammered, 'Sorry for...for touching the...the dinosaur!' Suddenly, I broke out in a cold sweat when I heard a growling and roaring noise behind me. All of a sudden, Peter and I were sucked into Sinosauropteryx's mouth when she opened her mouth. 'What is going on?' We screamed loudly. We were terrified as we spun around inside her mouth. I yelled at the top of my voice, 'Help! Help!' However, we felt disappointed because no one came to help us. We were filled with dread, so I clutched Peter's hand tightly.

After a while, I could hardly believe what I was seeing. 'Look!' Peter exclaimed in delight. 'Where are we now?' I was paralyzed with fear. He gazed at his surroundings in amazement. All of a sudden, I saw a Pteranodon soaring through the sky. The ground was covered with ferns and tall grass. There was also a winding stream, sloping hills, and volcanoes in the distance. My hands turned clammy, and my legs turned to jelly. 'Are...we traveling back to...to the dinosaur age?' he stuttered. Peter pointed to the sky. I looked up and saw Pterodactyls flapping their wings and flying above the treetops. 'Wow! It is amazing!' I exclaimed. I couldn't believe Pterodactyl's wingspan could be as large as 30 feet. However, she was standing in front of us. Peter's face was as pale as a sheet. He kept thinking, 'What should I do?' I hollered, 'Run, Peter!' when I saw a Tyrannosaurus running towards us. Without wasting a moment, we climbed onto the Pterodactyl's back immediately and held onto her neck tightly. It was hard to believe we were riding on the back of an ancient flying dinosaur! We were relieved when we glided into the sky. The air smelled fresh and sweet as we sailed over the hills and valleys. After a while, we slid off her back and landed on the ground. I patted her head gently and kissed her for rescuing us from danger. Then, she spread her wings and glided into the sky again. We took a deep breath when we were temporarily safe.

When I took a deep breath, I saw the Tyrannosaurus still chasing us. Peter complained, 'I believe she will keep chasing us until we die; she wants to eat us.' When she opened her giant mouth, we started to run. In the blink of an eye, a brainwave struck me like a bolt of lightning. I thought, 'If we get sucked into her mouth, we might go back to our real world.' In the blink of an eye, I had a fantastic idea. I told my plan to Peter, hoping it would succeed. We were sucked into her mouth and spun around just as planned. After that, everything was still. Out of nowhere, I was jolted awake by Miss Lau's voice, 'Hong, Peter, wake up, we are going to leave soon!' We grinned from ear to ear while lying on the floor. Peter and I hugged each other gratefully and danced around joyfully because we had returned to our real world finally. I promised Peter not to tell anyone about what happened. It was an unforgettable and wonderful experience!

Later that afternoon, we headed back home. It was incredible to see the ancient artifacts in the museum and understand more about dinosaur behaviors. It was a miracle that I could go back in time and have a chance to see the real dinosaurs. This exciting experience will always be etched in my memory. I am looking forward to visiting other museums in different countries.

"Echoes of the Ancient World: China's Dinosaur Revolution"

S.K.H. St Peter's Primary School, Lau, Effy Bethanie – 10

Dinosaurs lived on all of the continents of the world. At the beginning of the age of dinosaurs (during the Triassic Period, about 230 million years ago), the continents were arranged together as a single supercontinent called Pangea. During the 165 million years of dinosaur existence this supercontinent slowly broke apart, so Asia which would also mean what is now China.

The first dinosaur fossil to be documented by a scientist was almost 350 years ago, in 1677. A thigh bone was discovered in Stonesfield Slate Quarry near Oxford, England. Back then, because of the new and unknown findings, it was thought to be the bone of a war elephant or even of a giant human as described in the Bible! However, it was not until another 100 years later that the bones belonged to more important, imaginable creatures.

In 2024, we commemorated the 200th anniversary of the discovery of the Megalosaurus. In 1824, the geologist William Buckland named the world's first dinosaur in his article, "Notice on the Megalosaurus or great Fossil Lizard of Stonesfield." In this article, he described the "partial jaw and jutting tooth" of a creature he dubbed the Megalosaurus, or "big lizard".

A few years later in 1842, the term dinosaur was first used, when the English paleontologist Sir Richard Owen named a group of existing fossils Dinosauria, meaning "terrible lizard".

These landmark events marked the beginning of an era of wonder and exploration into the age of dinosaurs. It was a turning point in our understanding of the natural world, revealing the existence of creatures beyond our wildest imagination.

It was not until the mid-1990s, on that hillside in Sihetun, in Liaotang province in northeast China, a farmer stumbled onto not only China's first dinosaur fossil, but also the world's first known feathered dinosaur. This creature is now named Sinosauropteryx meaning "China dragon bird".

The farmer actually found two halves of a slab, each preserving a mirror image of this dinosaur. As the farmer was an enterprising person, he sold one half to one unwitting museum, and the other half to another museum!

This first fossil discovery in China has started what is known as a gold rush of fossil-finding, which has turned China into the new centre of paleontology. Paleontology is the scientific study of life that occurred a very long time ago meaning including the various Periods that the dinosaurs roamed the earth.

To date there are 59 dinosaur species that have been found in China and counting! China has also produced 40 new dinosaur species.

These significant finds in China provide crucial information about how dinosaurs lived and interacted with other creatures, transforming our understanding of this mysterious period of evolution. These finds could also raise new theories that some dinosaurs are actually still with us.

As recently as October 2024, the first dinosaur fossil was discovered in Hong Kong! It was discovered on Port Island, an uninhabitable expanse of rocks in the northeastern part of the territory. The species cannot be identified yet, but researchers have determined that the bone fossils likely originated from a "large aged dinosaur" from the Cretaceous period.

With China having a large land area and a population that shows a keen interest in dinosaurs that would be proud in showing the world new findings; fossil finding and paleontology in China is here to stay.

Echoes of Time: The Fossil Chronicles

S.K.H. St Peter's Primary School, Wong, Jing Nam Jovi – 10

Imagine you were a palaeontologist who always wanted to see dinosaurs. Then, you suddenly went back in time. This half crazed science fiction adventure just occurred to me.

One week ago, while I was doing research in my laboratory, I received a fossil that my friend gave me on strict orders to transfer it to the museum. I had plenty of time to spare. So with the help of a microscope, I examined it. It was a *Euparkeria* fossil imported from France. It was usually small. Only fifty centimeters long. I found a little groove on the side of it. Out of curiosity, I slipped my fingernails in it. I felt a sudden chill creep up my back. Out of the blue, I got sucked into the fossils. A whole truckload of thoughts came to my mind at once. 'Why is it taking me?' 'Where am I going?' 'What's happening?' 'Hheeeellllppp!' Then, I fainted.

When I woke up, I saw unusual fern and some trees towering far above me. The unworldly scenery was strangely familiar and confusing. As if the world was combined with an alternative reality. As a prehistoric wildlife expert, I only needed a few moments to take in my new surroundings to realize. I was in the Triassic Age. I saw a mangrove and some primitive of oak. 'Eeeok!' An ear-splitting petrified scratch, breaking the silence, as if to warn its species to scam. I saw a pack of *Coelophysis* chasing after a *Plateosaurus*. Instantly the group of cooperative carnivores pinned the helpless herbivore to the ground. Then, proceeded to tear it to bits. I observed it carefully, memorising all the details. As I wanted to tell the world about this unique experience. But then, it hit me. I would not be able to get back to my time! I sighed, 'How will I time travel without that fossil?' My feelings changed from excitement to worry to depression. As if God was listening to me, the same *Euparkeria* appeared! I instantly sprung up. My heart leapt. I chased after it as though my life depended on it. After a few minutes of frantically trying to grab the playful creature, I finally had my grip on him. Exhausted, I slid my fingernails into the slit and again, was knocked unconscious.

I awoke again, but I was in the Jurassic period. I saw some *Massospondylus* having some leaves next to me. As the familiar scenery unfolded in front of my eyes, I had a feeling I was being watched. But something extraordinary caught my eye. A *Corythosaurus* squealed in pain as a *Carnotaurus* stuck it once, then backed off in case it attacked back. I backed off, then observed from a distance. I thought, it's a pity the weakest one had to be consumed like that. But again, it is their way of life and we cannot change it. I wish I could get back to my time. I hoped to return to somewhere familiar. I wanted to go home. I had enough of this adventure. So, I slid my fingers in my time traveller and was knocked out yet again.

After the same experience as the last two jumps in time, I was back in my laboratory, my workplace. I went out and saw what the Earth had become, a planet that is nothing like this origin form. I did some research and found out there are some more floods, increased droughts, icebergs melting, storms getting more torrential and some bigger problems ever.

The reason for this is global warming. This is because many gases like carbon dioxide, methane, carbon monoxide and sulphur hexafluoride are greenhouse gases. They stop heat from escaping earth and heat up the earth and disrupting the ecosystem and water flow. To solve this problem, everyone should help, in hope of letting Mother Earth return to rest after our urge of tampering it for technology. You can start recycling and reducing rubbish to help her.

We shall stand united in hope of returning Mother Earth to her original teeming state!

"Frozen in Time: The Pterosaur's Legacy"

S.K.H. St Peter's Primary School, Yeung, Hoi Ching – 10

"This exhibition is wonderful. How did you manage to do it?" Journalists were eager to talk to me, but I went moodily into an empty room and closed the door behind me. Nobody knows what happened six months ago, why or how I appeared with a pile of fossils and bones, or why I organised this huge dinosaur exhibition. Yes, I am an ordinary archaeologist; my daily work involves digging up fossils and bones. Sometimes, if we were lucky, we could discover one or two fossils a month. However, my colleagues always asked me: why were so many fossils discovered at once, and all by one person? I cannot explain; after all, no one will believe me. They would think I'm mad. But it's real, I thought bitterly.

"Found anything?" a voice called out. "Nope," I responded. We were digging for fossils under the blazing sun. Pits had been dug on the ground for us to excavate, and I was digging like mad in my pit. "Anything? Anything?" the others were taking a break, so I was alone in the pit, digging away. A rocky corner appeared beneath the sand. Shoveling a shovelful of sand away, "is it a fossil, or an ordinary stone?" I asked myself. After ten more minutes of digging, it still looked like a rock. I noticed a patch that looked like wood; the pattern was different from the surrounding rock. Perhaps it was a plant fossil and I lifted it up!

Suddenly, I had the feeling of being squeezed into a dark, narrow tube, twirling in the air. The moment before plunging into darkness, I saw a small pit under the fossil with frost inside. Twenty seconds later, I saw light. The sandy pits had disappeared. Tall trees and strange ferns appeared instead. "Is this some kind of jungle?" I wondered, rubbing my eyes – but I had wings instead of human hands. Just then, a robotic voice echoed in my mind: "Liaoning, two hundred thirty million years ago, Dinosaur Age." "Who's talking?" I said loudly, but I realised I was roaring, not speaking human language. I looked around and saw a little pond. I hastily ran to it. Using it as a mirror, I peered over to look at my reflection. It clearly showed the appearance of a pterosaur in teal. Did this mean I was a pterosaur now?

Even though it's unbelievable, I still confronted this reality. It seemed like I traveled through time and turned into a pterosaur. "If I'm really a pterosaur, I should know how to fly. Why not try?" I said thoughtfully.

I stretched my wings, and repeated the steps in my heart: leap high, flap wings... Ten seconds later, I leaped as high as I could, then stretched out my long wings, flapped one, two, three times. I was flying! I spread out my wings like a hang glider, gliding at a terrific speed. The warm sun shone brightly on my feathers. The wind blew in my face, stroking my head. I landed.

Behind me, the leaves of bushes rustled. The fluttering of wings approached slowly. I turned around, facing the bushes vigilantly. Like a flash of lightning, two pterosaurs zoomed out. After they saw me, they relaxed. "Oh, darling, where did you go?" The lead pterosaur hugged me tightly. "Mom was so worried about you!" She scolded the other pterosaur, "I told your dad to search here for about ten times! He insisted you definitely wouldn't be here," he forced an apologetic smile. It seemed I had met my first pterosaur parents. "Let's return home," the pterosaur mother suggested. I reached for her wing, and as she took flight, my father followed closely behind.

Fifteen minutes later, we arrived a big cave entrance. They led me inside. The cave was simple; it only had a stone stove and a pot. Pieces of tree bark were laid on the ground. I suppose it's used as mattresses. "What's for dinner?" my mom asked. "Anything," I murmured. Ten minutes later, the pot was bubbling on the stove. Mom was mixing the contents in the pot, but I was thinking. Why would I time travel? How did I do it? How can I go back to the modern world?

After dinner, Mom and Dad slept. I laid on the tree bark, thinking deeply. Suddenly, an icy breeze blew in. I shivered. Mom and Dad woke up too. We ran out of the cave. It's colder outside. As the temperature dropped and dropped, my heart sank. "Ice Age..." the robotic voice again, a sound like thunder. In the blink of an eye, big crowds of dinosaurs were running and I was pushed by them into a pond. The temperature was dropping at a horrible speed. The last thing I heard was: "To my dear daughter: If she can stay alive, tell the others what she had experienced!"

Thunk.

I opened my eyes. I was lying in a small pit. It was wet beside me. What happened? I saw my body – I'm no longer a pterosaur. I climbed out of the pit. The familiar fossil came into my view. I suddenly understood what had happened.

"Miss Yeung, could you accept our interview, please?" A sharp knocking interrupted my thoughts. I sighed. After I awoke, I knew these: I was frozen for millions of years, and when I lifted the fossil, the sunlight melted the ice. After that, I found piles of fossils around the pit. Two of them must be my "Mom and Dad". Even though we had met for not even a whole day, we were still like a real family. "To my dear daughter: If she can stay alive, tell the others what she had experienced!" echoed in my mind.

"Mom, Dad, your daughter can finally fulfill your wish. I'm sorry to keep you waiting," I said silently in my heart.

Thinking of this, I gripped the handle of the door, closed my eyes and... stepped out.

The Vicious Sinosauropteryx

Shanghai Singapore International School, Kwak, Lucas – 9

Sinosauropteryx is related to the T-Rex. It is as fast as a velociraptor, claws like knives and it lived during Ancient China. It also has the longest striped tail than any theropod. Its body is covered in brown and white feathers and its snout is shaped like a bird beak.

CLANG! CLIP! BANG! The palaeontologist hits the rock with his rock picks. He hits the rock until it breaks, and he discovers an unfamiliar dinosaur fossil in the rock. It looked like a tiny velociraptor to him except covered in feathers. He didn't know what it was and couldn't place it in the museum until he made a name for it.

He spent days working on his Time Machine until it was finished. He made a pod as big as a train carriage. He used bolts and scraps of metal to make his Time Machine. It had control panels, his own food maker and dinosaur shaped windows. He felt excited and a little nervous about going back into the ice age era. He was proud as a lion and confident that his Time Machine wouldn't malfunction.

When he was finished, he setup his Time Machine back to the Ice Age. He arrived in the Ice Age in a poof! Before his eyes he saw a lot of snow capped hills and some giant marching mammoths also there were critters camouflaging in the snow hiding from danger. From the corner of his eye there was a fierce bison drinking water from a ice hole. The land calm and peaceful as he trudged through the snow.

Suddenly, right in front of him, he saw a strange dinosaur with feathers on it. He saw it was very fast with sharp claws and teeth. The creature's feathers were white as snow, it was as big as a wheel of a monster truck, and it moved like a speedy cheetah on two legs. Straight away he knew this was the dinosaur he was looking for and he felt so exhilarated that he wanted to jump up and down like a crazy monkey, but he could not because at that moment he froze like a statue as fear crept in his soul because the strange dinosaur might see him.

Then, like a flash, he saw a sabre tooth tiger creeping on the snow ready to pounce on the strange dinosaur. He crept towards the dinosaur as quiet as snow floating to the ground. But! The dinosaur quickly turned back and charged at the sabre tooth tiger. They both fought fiercely. The snow beneath them floated up into the air as the two carnivores stomped and charged at each other. The sinosauropteryx used its claws to scratch the sabre, cut off its tail and one of its long tooth. The sabre attacked back by using its claws to scratch the dinosaur in the eye so it couldn't see but the dinosaur dodged its attack.

The palaeontologist was too scared to watch so he ran back to his Time Machine before the fight was over and the ferocious predators could catch him. He thought that one of the predators will eat him once one of them wins the battle, and at the thought, his body shivered like a volcano shaking and about to erupt.

When he went to his time machine, he turned back time back to the year 2024 and thought of a name for the strange dino and called it Sinosauropteryx. One thing came to his mind as he thought of the Sinosauropteryx, who won? The sabre? or the Sinosauropteryx? He was unsure of the outcome of the battle because they were both ferocious beasts of the snow, and they both had a good chance of beating the other. But, if he had to choose, the paleontologist would guess that the sinosauropteryx won the battle because of his speed, sharp as knives claws and its sharp teeth in its bird like snout could do severe damage to the saber tooth tiger's leg. Who do you think won?

Fossil's Fossil

Shanghai Singapore International School, Lee, Vera – 10

The moon was already high in the sky when the three dinosaur brothers huddled on the sofa, each holding a scroll. Tyren frowned as he reread a paragraph. He held the clam fossil they had found just one kilometer away from their cave up to the light and studied it closely. "Is it possible that this place was an ocean floor so many years ago?" He wondered aloud. "This place has such a low altitude. It could be possible." Orvie responded. The room fell quiet as the three scholarly brothers were lost in thought. Suddenly, Tress bolted upright. "How about we each go to a place with low altitude, and then see if there are any clam fossils there? Look," He held out his scroll and pointed. "These three other places have extremely low altitudes as well. If we find shells there, it proves that our theory is correct." All of them knew that the journey would be dangerous, but they were also very eager and excited to find out more. Finally, Tyren's curiosity took over and he spoke. "Let's do it." As soon as their older brother spoke, the rest didn't hesitate to agree. "All right. We'll head out next morning."

It was decided. The fossil would likely be in three places, the north, southeast and west of China, so Tyren, Orvie and Tress would split ways to find the fossil. The brothers bid each other silent and quick goodbye as to not wake up their parents, though not a single eye was dry. With that, they set off into the unknown, completely oblivious to the dangers that lay ahead.

It had been many days since the start of their adventure, and the excitement of it was starting to wear off, replaced by a sense of homesickness and starvation. Tyren was in a vast plain, with nothing except grass to accompany him; Tress was waddling through knee deep mud in the jungle; Orvie, being the youngest, had the nearest destination and was almost there but was traveling at a snail's pace without the encouragement of his brothers.

Finally, all three brothers arrived at their destination on the same day. Orvie, being the first, searched the ground eagerly, and to his delight, found a small shell the size of a thumb. He sprang up, grabbed his backpack and started back. Tyren arrived second. He used a hammer to search and unlike Orvie, was smart enough to put a flag in an area after he searched it. Tyren found a beautifully shaped shell, put it in his pocket carefully and satisfied, and started the journey home. When Tress arrived, he was tired, starving and thirsty. He decided to dig in four different places, and luckily for him, found a shell. It cheered him up and he headed back with a new spring in his step. All three brothers were eager to share their discoveries, and even more eager to hear about each other's results.

Suddenly, the three brothers, thousands of miles apart, all heard a faint whoosh from the sky. They turned their heads to see a glowing comet hurling through the sky that was bright red and left an orange trail behind it. They all thought of each other, and it was the last thought they had.

Many years later, paleontologists discovered the fossils of three velociraptor dinosaurs at different parts of China. They seem to be genetically related, and seemed to have died at the exact same time. However, the scientists were not able to explain why the three dinosaurs each had a clam fossil tightly wrapped in their hands. Technology, however advanced it becomes, will never discover the love that bound them together beyond their demise. It will never know that these fossils were once brothers, wondering whether their kins succeeded in their endeavor. It will never know that these dinosaurs had once set out to study fossils, only to become fossils themselves, forever frozen in time.....

The Big, Scary, and Important Secret

Shanghai Singapore International School, Lin, Minseung Logan – 11

Believe it or not, I'm a dinosaur. A velociraptor, to be exact, and my name is Danny, 50 years old. To you all, this may be something shocking, but dinosaurs are not extinct. They can also use the human language. You would think I'm like a hoax or something, but dinosaurs still roam the wild. Then why can't you detect any trace of them? I won't tell you. But I will tell you the story when the existence of the dinosaurs was almost revealed.

Back in the 2020s, humans were discovering a lot about our ancestors. They were digging out a bunch of fossils, especially in China. And back then, I had been living in Xi'an, and my cousins were in Sichuan, a fossil hotspot, and our family was getting a bit worried about their safety, so we decided to go check them out.

We got in our family car (Yeah, we have cars, and we can drive) and drove on the rocky path to Sichuan. I could already smell the sour scent of Aunt Annie and Uncle Bob's home, and we arrived in the middle of the lush wilderness of Sichuan. But something was not right about the smell. Now, I could smell humans, who were never supposed to be close to us. So, we scrambled inside the house, and Aunt Annie greeted us.

"Welcome, Danny!" She exclaimed, and yelled into her bedroom, "Oh John! Carl! We have new guests!"

I was puzzled. "Umm... who is John? Who is Carl?" I asked.

"Oh, they're our new friends who can help us in hiding our existence from the humans." Uncle Bob said and led us to their bedroom.

When they opened the door, I was utterly taken by surprise. Two humans!

Our aunt noticed the shocked look on our faces and explained, "Oh no, they're on the Dino side. They helped prove that Mr. Ness wasn't real!"

"Why are they here?" I asked.

"Well, our son, Conner, went off to hunt food, and he hasn't come back for 2 hours. Since these guys have the technology to look through our camouflages, they can help look for Conner without being conspicuous." Said Uncle Bob.

"Then how about we begin the search now?" Suggested dad.

Everyone nodded, and we all began to search the nearby area. John and Carl were busy on their tablets, seemingly scanning the whole forest, while we jogged around, yelling "Conner! Where are you?".

"We should go to the nearest city." Suggested John. He took out a special dino-shaped suit, and had us put it on. When John clicked a button on his tablet, everyone turned into a human.

He hurriedly explained that those suits used state-of-the-art technology to make us look like humans, and then he got in the car, and drove off to Sichuan.

When we arrived at Renmin Gongyuan, we decided to split up, with all the dinosaurs heading west, and John and Carl heading east.

We peered our eyes open, when we heard a loud scream in the middle of the park. We could make out bright yellow clothes, the kind Conner would wear. (Yeah, dinosaurs also wear clothes.) When I secretly walked up on

Conner and motioned him to follow me, and did our signature handshake, he did. When all of us gathered at the middle of the park, happily chatting, we suddenly heard a siren.

“Dinosaurs. Don’t move. We have you under control. Follow our instructions to survive.” A mechanical voice said, as John and Carl walked up from the back of the murmuring, puzzled, crowd.

So, we didn’t move to nervous to do so, and they led us to an old, worn-out school. They didn’t make Conner put on the cool human clothes, and we were led inside, with Conner standing unnoticed. Some burly guards pushed us inside a cell, and we were locked in. Alone.

When everyone left, Aunt Annie screamed in fury, “John and Carl betrayed us! They handed us over to the scientists, who will probably treat us like lab hamsters!”

However, no one had anything to say, so we just stayed silent, until everyone was too exhausted and fell asleep.

In the middle of the night, I heard the cell locks jingling. I jolted up, waiting to find people who looked exactly like our costumes opening the door. They told me that they also worked at the Sichuan Dinosaur Association with John and Carl, and they thought it was unfair. After waking everyone up, they told me, “Conner is waiting outside. Take off the suits, give them to us, and go! Never come to human cities again.”

When I asked them how they looked exactly like our costumes, they explained that the suit’s human holograms were modeled after some of the lab workers, which happened to be them.

So, we gathered up the whole family, found Conner with our family car, and set off at full speed for our uncle’s home. After relaxing a few days, we heard a knock on our door. When we casually took a peek, I recognized the face. It was one of our rescuers! He said his name was Julian. He assured us that no one believes in our existence now. After having dinner with us, he pulled a ripped newspaper out of his pocket and left in on the table before saying bye. We unfolded the paper, and it read:

“TWO SCIENTISTS FIRED AFTER TRYING TO FAKE THE EXISTENCE OF DINOSAURS

2028/8/21

Two scientists working at the Sichuan Dinosaur Association were fired after claiming the dinosaurs exist with support from the government. They had photoshopped a video of the dinosaurs, recording of a fake conversation with them, and making real people wear the most high-tech hologram suits.”

Below that, there was the ‘fake image’ of us searching for Conner in the woods.

After that, there were no more issues involving human-dinosaur encounters, and we all lived peacefully among each other.

Funky Fossils

Shanghai Singapore International School, Miao, Xuan Nolan – 11

In an ancient city far above the lands of mortals, humans and dinosaurs once coexisted. After an asteroid came from the heavens, this legendary land was never to speak of again.

(1000 years ago) Gal wakes up like a normal day. Not knowing his life would end in just 30 minutes. He hovers to his bathroom takes out a laser-acid teeth cleaning device and starts blasting his teeth. After that quick process, he then teleports lazily to his favorite mall, The Ascended and starts to look around for some items.

After around 20 minutes, he was at a small shop selling lasers, he felt a bit ominous. He decided to go out of the mall and good thing he was wearing a mega-hearing aid, he heard a sound that his great-grandfather has once described to him. The rumbling. His great-grandfather described it as one big, bad, ball coming from the place gods lived.

He knew it was a great danger, so he decided to shout the warning “beware! There is a great threat! RUN!” But the people did not listen to him. So, he had to run to save his life and the life of many future dinosaurs and humans. He got onto his pterodactyl and flew away, as fast as the dinosaur could go. But he felt a energy wave coming through the smoke and by his instinct, he jumped away to just narrowly miss the explosion. Then, it happened, the meteor crashed as it crashed the land. The wave of force knocked him into the sky, and it was then that he caught a glimpse of actual meteor. There was someone standing on it! “I must relay this to the next generation! I must!” He thought and then he died.

(present day) “yo!” Jack said to his friend Mack. “What do you want to do? Find another fossil?”

“Alright!” Mack replied.

“Let’s go to Beijing now.” Jack suggested.

“Ok! I’ve been missing Beijing’s delicious cuisine.

So, they booked a flight to Beijing and after around twenty-six hours, they arrived at Oriental Plaza, Beijing. First, they went into the museum place and registered for a “fossil discovering program”. Then, they went into the VIP storage room and got tools to get ready for a fossil finding.

They first studied the geological map to analyze and locate the positions of places with a high chance of a fossil being there. Then, they travelled there and started to use a hammer to start bashing at the ground. After a few hours of vigorous work, the two sweaty men cheered after finding their first fossil and fell onto the ground in both exhilaration and exhaustion.

After that, they returned to the museum, proudly showing their results to the attendant. After staying in the waiting room for a few hours, they were summoned to the meeting room for a small meeting. They were led into a room, in there, was a scientist with a very exhilarated face,

“Oh. My. GOD! You boys have just discovered a fossil dating back to ten thousand B.C. And for the frosting on the cake, the fossil also had writing on it!” The scientist exclaimed.

“In around ten thousand B.C, Ancient civilization named the humans once lived. Oh No! There is a meteor that is going to put us to extinction! And another meteor thrice the size of our’s is coming at 2020 10/20.” They murmured.

“Oh no! Today is 2020 10/15!” Mack realized. We must stop this danger. Let’s um build a machine to stop it.

“This is a grave threat,” said the scientist, “we must mass evacuate the city!”

“Nah, we must destroy the asteroid. It is dangerous!”

“No No NO! Listen to your adults. Destroying the asteroid is way too risky. We must evacuate the city!”

“No way are we going to evacuate like ten billion people to— what? Another planet? The old asteroid destroyed an entire civilization! This one is like thrice the size of that! And, even if we evacuate the people, they might still cause mass panic.

“No wai—”

“Nah, stop protesting. We both know the only way to stop the meteor is by destroying it.”

“Ok fine. We can’t destroy it, but at least we can direct it to another way. I have plans for a machine that does just that!”

The scientist showed Jack and Mack his blueprints. It was for building a machine that could lift and push stuff like meteorites. It was like a huge pusher kind of thing. It had a big springboard and a huge accelerator along with a massive engine. It looked like it could lift hundreds of thousands of kilos.

And so, in four days of time, they built a scrappy version of the machine that barely worked. Along with a rocket that the scientists borrowed for “development purposes,” they shot themselves and the pusher thingy into space to prevent the meteor from striking earth.

With Jack and Mack on the rocket, Jack decided it was best for him to drive the rocket. Finally, after the meteorite was in sight, Mack readied it up and blasted the meteorite away from earth.

When they returned, no explosive people or something to congratulate them. As the scientist said before “Mack and Jack. There will be no awards for you. You two are heroes and despite your hard work, your names will never make it into the newspapers. Now finish the job and save the world!”

So, without mentioning anything or acting suspicious at all, Jack and Mack went on to dig for fossils (and sell them for money).

Fake Fossils

Shanghai Singapore International School, Miao, Yu Chen Liam – 11

If you ever find a dinosaur fossil, report it to the officials. That was the one important law in China. Sure, it was a bit fishy, but the officials set it so we can't disobey it. Honestly I think what's wrong with fossils?

I woke up, feeling weird. I tried remembering my dream, but all I could remember was a thing as dark as a black hole talking to me about dinosaurs or fossils or something. It was mysterious, and I felt doom coming towards me. But, I shrugged it off and started my morning routine.

After brushing my teeth and eating a savory breakfast, I went out to take an energetic and quick jog around Shanghai as part of my morning routine. After running a while, I heard a rumbling sound. I wondered what it was. It probably was just a truck starting up or something.

Suddenly, a meteor as big as a house crashed down onto Shanghai. I saw it and started running. Boom, I felt a huge wave of heat as the meteor was falling down. It crashed down on the house next to me. I ran to the house and luckily, nobody was hurt. The meteor cracked open in a brilliant flash of white light. Inside, was a dinosaur fossil.

You might ask, what is a fossil? Let me give you a quick history lesson. A fossil is a living or non-living organism trapped in a material. Often, fossils of feathered dinosaurs are found in China. It all started in the 1990's where a farmer found the world's first clearly feathered dinosaur. That was when the dinosaur age began in China.

As I reached my hand out and touched to dinosaur fossil, I could feel the hardness, roughness, and coldness. Suddenly, I heard a small crack sound, and the rock turned into dust and ashes. The bone was a different story. It flew put and stuck onto my body, and other bones inside mother earth's core also flew out and wrapped around my body. Bone by bone, I slowly became a dinosaur. Finally, the muscles, meat and scales sprouted out from thin air, and I became a human dinosaur.

I started walking around, not realizing what just happened. I stumbled upon a family of three, and they shouted: "ahhhhhhh! there's a dinosaur." They ran away. I touched my body and to my astonishment, it was rough and scaly. I was surprised and scared. I tried moving my hands around and I heard great flapping sounds. I rose to the sky and flew away. I landed right beside my house and thought: "why would the government try to hide this secret from us. Do they want to use this power for something?" The more I thought, the more it did not sound right. After staying at my house for around a hour, I was starving. I was really craving for some decent food, so I flew to a restaurant.

When I was flying in midair, I thought, was this a blessing or a curse? I felt like it was some sort of terrifying power, and I do not want to scare people. Suddenly, the meat, the muscle, and the bones disintegrated. I fell. Luckily, I fell into a tree, which softened my landing.

Then I walked into the nearest restaurant in the district. I went in. The chef greeted me and asked: "young man, what are you doing. You are covered in bruises and cuts. What would you like to order?" I ordered a bowl of beef noodle, and I wolfed it down. I looked at the television, and it was broadcasting news. Meteors and dinosaurs seen by eyewitness. If you see a feathered dinosaur like this, please report it to your local police. I shivered. I quickly paid the bill and went away.

I was scared. Scared that the government might capture me, scared that I might die, scared that I might kill people. I ran home as quickly as I could and jumped onto my bed to try and clear my head. After lying down for a

while, I jumped up and decide to go for a walk. As I walked in chilly night air, I realized that the dinosaur would stay with me forever if I did not act.

Suddenly, I realized that I had to try to steal some antibiotics. I thought: “the science department in the government lab might be developing some antibiotics.” I need to try to persuade them to give me it. I hooked up a call to the department and said: “do you guys have antidotes for dinosaurs?”

He replied: “Dinosaurs? Gimme your location.” I told him the location and he hung up. A few hours later, I heard a police siren. Then, was a knock on the door. I opened it, and the police jumped out and shouted: “freeze! We think you might be the dinosaur or someone close to the dinosaur.” I said: “I am the dinosaur. Do you have any sort of antidote?” The police ignored my request and handcuffed me. I was angry. I was angry I was caught for no reason. I summoned all my rage and anger and turned into a dinosaur.

Then, I crashed my handcuffs and flew away. As I flew, I heard a siren and I saw soldiers holding out their guns. They fired, and I dodged the bullets. This happened for a while, until I began to become tired. Then, using my last bit of energy, I flew to the science department, crashing through the window. Then, I ran into their lab, and scanned the beakers for anything that said dinosaur antidote. I saw one, took it, and drank it. Slowly but surely, I was becoming human. My vision was blurry, and I fainted.

I woke up. I was in a hospital. I looked around and saw people around me. The doctor said: “because you drank the antidote, the dinosaur is removed from your body it your immune system weakened as a result. I was fine with that. I was fine with anything if the dinosaur is removed. I felt happiness surge in my heart. Happily, I walked back to my house and jumped onto my bed. Then, I slept.

Sophie's Magic Adventure

Shanghai Singapore International School, Wang, Buyi – 9

On a dull, quiet morning, a huge, brown, spotty pickup truck pulled up before an enormous, filthy old house with moss and vines sprawling all around. A huge, tidy family stepped out of the pickup truck. The youngest one was Sophie. Her long, black hair fell back loose on her shoulders. Sophie's bright, glittering, greenish-brown eyes showed that she was not any ordinary girl. To fulfill her curiosity, she always had a small telescope by hand.

The family decided to repair the house. Sophie's task was to find places that were needed to be repaired. Sophie was having so much fun in exploring the house that she didn't realize that she had stumbled into a dark, creepy passageway. On the wall, there were mysterious carvings, "Hope will be determined by a fuzzy, long-tailed, small creature."

She was meditating about the riddle while walking when a bright light stung her eyes. Sophie closed her eyes naturally and when she opened her eyes again, she found all the surrounding had changed completely. There were green, huge ferns. Huge lumps of moss which looked like a velvet green carpet. Tall, beautiful trees were standing together, waving their fan-like leaves to welcome this little girl to their realm.

After adjusting her eyes to the amazing sight, Sophie finally realized this place couldn't be her home. Before she could gather her mind to find out where she was, a roar shocked the forest. She saw a feathered, sharp-clawed, ferocious-looking, eagle-like dinosaur chasing a huge group of small animals which were running around, screaming and wailing, like the whole forest was on fire. At this moment, a thought came to her like a bolt of lightning, "I am back in time of dinosaurs!"

The next days, Sophie lived in all sorts of feelings. Sometimes, she was so excited to see this totally different world. But sometimes, Sophie was extremely afraid of the furious-looking dinosaurs who had a scary glimmer in their eyes which seemed to speak to Sophie "I am going to eat you!" The most hard time was night. Gazing at the starring sky, Sophie felt unprecedentedly lonely since she missed her family so much.

One day, Sophie was resting up in a tree just when she heard a different roar. It sounded melancholy and lonely. After climbing down the tree, Sophie saw a baby dinosaur sitting on the bare ground looked at her with two enormous and pleading eyes. After a brief conversation, Sophie knew that the baby dinosaur couldn't find her mother. Without any hesitation, Sophie took the baby dinosaur to search for her home.

According to the description of the baby dinosaur, soon they found the way back to home, which turned out to be an huge cave with boulders blocking the entrance to stop intruders. After Sophie entered the cave, she spotted a mother dinosaur who had a furry body with a long tail and was even smaller than Sophie. Her dazzling blue eyes and silky fur gave her a magical look. Suddenly, Sophie thought of the riddle "Hope will be determined by a furry, long-tail, small creature." The creature in the riddle was just sitting here!

Sophie immediately ran next to the mother and asked: "Are you the dinosaur who can send me back?" "Sadly, no." The dinosaur replied shamefully, "I could but I can't." "What does that mean?" Sophie was puzzled about the strange reply of the dinosaur. Being a curious girl, Sophie asked the mother again and again and finally figured out everything about the situation.

The dinosaur's name was Magicsaur and her species was Sinoauropteryx. She was used to be the forest magician. But now a sneaky dinosaur stole her Dream Key, which gave her all the powers. Without the key, she couldn't grant anything.

After having a lavish meal, Magicsaur and Sophie set out to find the lost Dream Key. On their journey, they met an Iguanodon. He told the team that the thief was Eggy, a very mischievous Repenomamus. The energetic team

scrounged in the forest for any clues where Eggy could be. While they were resting at a crystal-clear stream, they saw a flash of brown, furry, bear-like figure flashing by. "It's Eggy!" Magicsaur cried. The group manage to catch up Eggy finally.

"Why did you take my key?" demanded Magicsaur. Eggy didn't reply. Before Magicsaur could speak again, Sophie asked Eggy in a soft voice, "We know you are a good boy. Let me guess, you want to learn to use it, right?" Eggy lowered his head and nodded. "Why don't you hand out the key and ask Magicsaur to teach you?" Eggy reached into his pocket and took the key out cautiously. The Dream Key shone under the bright sunlight. It turned colour as it was tilted from side to side.

Back in the cave, everyone was happy again except Sophie. The smile on her face vanished slowly. The eyes of Magicsaur caught the change on Sophie's facial expression. "Well, with the Key, I can help you go home now." Magicsaur turned her head to Sophie. Sophie replied hesitantly, "I want to go back but I don't want to leave you." "I will never leave you, I promise." Magicsaur pleaded to Sophie. "Okay, I have a little gift for you," said Sophie holding a little telescope over to Magicsaur. With a flash, Magicsaur used her Dream Key to send Sophie back.

When Sophie opened her eyes again, everything changed. No more ferns and tall trees. The family were still reconstructing the house. At night, Sophie dreamed about Magicsaur, who told Sophie to go to the Dinosaur Museum.

The next day, Sophie went to the museum. "Look! What is it in the dinosaur's hands? Is that a telescope?" The crowd around Sophie were puzzled. Only Sophie knew what happened. Tears were rolling down Sophie's cheeks. Miserable thoughts flooded in Sophie's mind when a calm voice whispered in her ears, "It's okay. I am by your side." Yes, it was Magicsaur, the forever friend of Sophie!

The Mystery of The Dancing Sinosauropteryx

The International School of Macao, Chan, Chi Ian – 9

Once upon a time in the year 1996, there were two brothers. Jake, the younger one, was 13 years old. He was shy, with big blue eyes and a height that made him as short as a gnome. He loved building Legos and was quite nerdy, often wearing dinosaur clothes. His older brother, Brian, was nothing like him—towering like a giant, and extremely clumsy, but he always got straight A's.

Jake and Brian were inseparable. Every weekday after school, they either watch movies at the cinema or visit museums. Their favourite activity was going to the Dinosaur Museum, because they thought that dinosaurs were amazing, as they ruled the world before humans ever existed. If they had more free time, then they would visit different dinosaur museums. But out of all the different dinosaur museums they had visited, they had a favourite: The History of Dinosaurs. They loved it because it was filled with dinosaur bones and packed with fascinating facts about these ancient animals.

The History of Dinosaurs Museum is old and rusty, with two floors and very few visitors. But today was different; the museum was crowded! This was due to a new dinosaur exhibit featuring two moving Sinosauropteryxes! The Sinosauropteryx was famous because in 1996, it was the most important fossil find in China, its name meaning the first Chinese lizard wing. Brian urged Jake to squeeze through the crowd and take some photos, eager to see what the dinosaurs looked like.

After Jake returned to where Brian was standing, Jake showed Brian the photos and videos, Brian was amazed! However, he then curiously looked around the museum because he thought something was off. Right that second, he spotted an old man in his late 60s. He was clumsy, walking with a limp and using a stick. He was also wearing a jacket that had “Museum Owner” sewn on. He was waving something that looked like a remote controller frantically, pressing all the buttons at once. Seconds later, everybody started screaming! Jake and Brian pushed their way through the crowd and saw that the Sinosauropteryxes were out of control!

Everyone ran for their lives. Even though the dinosaurs were tiny, everybody knew they were carnivorous, and there were two of them...

That night, Jake and Brian snuck back into the museum and found the owner sitting there still watching the crazy Sinosauropteryxes. They rushed upstairs and opened the door to the room that the owner was in. They asked the owner what was wrong with the Sinosauropteryxes. The owner explained “there was a button on the remote and it said CRAZY. If you press that button, the Sinosauropteryxes will start to go crazy”. Sadly, he accidentally pressed it and then lost the controller, so he couldn't make the Sinosauropteryxes back to normal. While he was talking, Jake and Brian were looking around the room and thinking how it would disappear. So, they asked the owner to sit down and started to interview him. They asked simple questions like “what happened before it got lost?” and “was anyone else in the room?” Brian wrote every word the owner said into his notebook.

After leaving the museum, the brothers went back home to go through their interview notes. They thought about some possibilities that could have happened. Perhaps the owner accidentally dropped it and did not notice that the controller was on the ground and then kicked it. Also, they remember asking the owner if he had any pets, and he told them he had a pet cat, but he assured them that the cat was sleeping so it wouldn't have stolen the remote. Then they tried to think of more ideas but ran out, so they figured they could refresh their brain and sleep. Then tomorrow morning, they can think of more ideas...

As soon as the sun was up, Jake and Brian went back to the museum, but as surprised no one was there except the owner he was sitting on his desk staring at the still dancing Sinosauropteryxes.

Then, when he saw Brian and Jake, he got down from the desk and asked hopefully “Any news?”

“No, not yet,” admitted Jake.

“We are still thinking about what could have happened,” mentioned Brian.

Brian and Jake asked if they could find more clues in his office, the owner happily said “Sure!”

Brian and Jake went up the stairs to the office, noticing it was neat but marked with cat paw prints on the carpet. Brian took photos of the prints and found papers about the *Sinosauropteryx*, capturing images of the information. Then they found something strange, so they called the owner to come up and look. When the owner came up, Brian said that there was a cat’s fur trail and then the owner suggested that they follow the fur trail, and they did. When they reached the end of the hallway, they were facing a door to the storage room. As soon as they opened the door, they saw the cat with the remote!

When they took the remote out of the cat's paws, wires were hanging out of the remote. They brought the remote to the owner's office and placed it on his desk.

“Do you have a book that teaches you how to use the remote?” questioned Brian.

“No I don’t.” muttered the owner.” Wait! I remember that I wrote the instructions down on my hat!”

“Do you know where your hat is?” Jake inquisitively asked, “I am wearing the hat right now!” cheered the owner.

By using the instructions on the hat, they were able to fix the remote. Soon enough, everyone started to come back to see the *Sinosauropteryx* like nothing happened.

In the end, Jake and Brian are allowed to visit the museum whenever they want and make the dinosaur bones move. They also got a shiny light blue award from the owner, which they put in a special spot in their living room for all to see.

New Tales of China's Dinosaur

The International School of Macao, Guan, Sing Yuet Constance – 10

Oliver's lips curled into an enthusiastic grin as he skipped forward excitedly to get a better view of the Shoushan mountain in Liaoning. *This is it*, he thought. He turns around to face his best friend Adrian who was still slowly making his way towards Oliver.

"Hurry up," Oliver yelled impatiently as he crossed his arms and tapped his foot. "We were given only thirty minutes for this! Let's make it count!"

"Thirty minutes?!" Adrian clarified, trying to hide the lingering fear and hesitance in his mind by acting shocked. "How are we expected to visit the entire mountain in a span of thirty minutes?! Is Thomas crazy?"

"Don't tell him this," Oliver said, looking around the area surrounding them to check if anyone, more specifically, Oliver's older brother Thomas, could hear their conversation. "But, I have decided to trick him by telling him that we're just looking for the nearby bathroom. If he had known where we were TRULY planning on heading to, he would call us insane and continue on with taking us back to the hotel."

"Why? Because you ARE crazy! You're crazy for—" Adrian paused and stared at the Shoushan mountain in awe. *Wow...* he mouthed. He tried his best to hide the wonderstruck look on his face from Oliver, but his widened eyes were giving it all away. "The real Shoushan mountain..."

"I told you that you would like it," Oliver smirked, slamming his hand on his best friend's shoulder. "Now you know that I'm ALWAYS right."

Oliver smiled as he observed the splendid view of the afternoon in Liaoning from the Shoushan mountain. Walking beside him was Adrian who already seemed enervated.

"I wish I had brought my water bottle with me," Adrian said with a raspy voice, wiping the sweat away from his forehead with the back of his hand. "If only you had told me that we'd be climbing this mountain for so long before we headed out of the hotel. You're actually willing to skip lunch for this?"

"We get lunch everyday," Oliver replied, snapping out of his thoughts. "But we don't get to climb a mountain in Liaoning everyday! This could be the first and last time we even climb a mountain in China! This is a special opportunity!"

"That doesn't change the fact that I'm tired," Adrian mumbled under his throat.

"Of course you're tired from—" Oliver tripped over the hard part of what seemed like pebbles to him before completing his sentence. Adrian couldn't help but giggle softly as Oliver tried to pull himself up. "What are you laughing at?"

"An egoistic ten year old kid tripping because of some tiny.... pebbles." Adrian taunted as his voice eventually became more hushed by the second. He squinted at the "pebbles" before kneeling down and feeling the texture of them as Oliver slowly stood up. "Those aren't pebbles..."

"Oh yeah? What else could they be?" Oliver snapped back, backing off from the tiny "pebbles" on the ground."

"This part of the 'pebbles' is... soft," Adrian commented as he examined the "pebbles" conscientiously. "And this... thing has a really odd shape... could it be a fossil?"

“You’re kidding? Fossils?” Oliver laughed, giving Adrian a look saying *I’m not buying it*. “You’d have to be in a really special place to find fossils. Dinosaur bones are buried too deep for a lazy child like YOU to find it.”

“Fossils aren’t bones,” Adrian said in response while looking around his surroundings for materials that could help him separate the rock with an odd shape of... maybe a dinosaur’s bone on it. “They’re objects that form once the sediment around the actual bone turns into rock before the actual bone dissolves. Also, for your information, Liaoning is already a very special province of China and it’s good enough for professional fossil hunters.”

Oliver watched anticipatorily as Adrian lifted up a hefty rock he found sitting on the ground in silence.

“How do you know if Liaoning is already good enough for professionals to find fossils?” Oliver asked, hoping to prove Adrian wrong for once.

“I know it because a fossil of a feathered dinosaur was found by farmers in LIAONING, and its name, SINOSAUROPTERYX means the first CHINESE dragon feather,” Adrian answered, smirking.

“Yeah,” Oliver muttered while doing a dramatic eye roll. “Whatever your little books tell you I guess.”

“I can’t wait to show this to my parents!” Adrian said proudly as he continued skipping, holding the fossil he had found. “Come on, let’s make our remaining fifteen minutes on this mountain count, Oliver!”

“Oh, so *now* you’re motivated to climb this mountain,” Oliver smirked before following behind Adrian, proud that his assumptions were finally right for once. “I told you that you would like this.”

New Tales of China's Dinosaur

The International School of Macao, Wu, Chi Hei Ginny – 9

Long ago, when the dinosaurs were born, some of them were tiny but not too tiny, and some of them were giant! But somehow they had disappeared, there is much more information about them disappearing, but none of them are discovered. There are lots of predictions from different scientists, such as it might happen because they didn't have enough food because it did not rain and the vegetable eaters could not eat the animals who are also vegetable eaters die and the dinosaurs who are meat eaters do not have animal meat, or because there was an explosion from space...

Humans had researched for centuries, but no answer. Well most of the information is discovered.

Readers you might not know any information about what this 'New Tales of China's Dinosaurs' text is about, but in this writing, a buddy who is a mystery scientist will introduce you to an adventure of the Dinosaurs!

The mystery scientist has traveled into time a long time ago, enough to meet the horrifying, amazing, and strong dinosaurs.

He was a time professional traveler and the time traveling machine that he founded in his garage a long time ago!

Welcome to the amazing time travel of the horrifying Dinosaurs!

It became dark, in a cave where no dinosaurs will fight for us. The mystery scientist is an expert at China's dinosaurs; he knew a lot about them.

"Dinosaurs are very interesting, well my explanation of the amazing dinosaurs are historical fossils, the situations that happened before affects the interesting information in the future. Well dinosaur's bones also tell us information about dinosaurs, mostly they told us what it was like and around how long it was dead, by looking how deep it was buried. The most incredible information is that one of the farmers found the world's clearest and most understanding, was a feathered Dinosaur, scientists called it Sinosauropteryx. They had also discovered many other kinds of dinosaurs, such as pterosaurs which are dinosaurs with wings and titanosaurs. Most of this information is from our amazing scientists from China, they are also experts at dinosaurs to give us incredible information!" Explained the mystery scientist.

Wow, our amazing scientist buddy does have a lot of information, I'm very sure you are gonna enjoy this dinosaur adventure and how much we would learn!

Our first stop was the Tyrannosaurus Rex, you can call them T-Rex, it is bold, it is like a king of all dinosaurs because it is the most popular dinosaur of all!

Here we come, out of a dim cave there were many dinosaurs. Suddenly one tiny dinosaur ran roaring and running or rushing out of some few bushes, other dinosaurs followed the same, there came the T-Rex, the horrifying predictor.

"Did you know that T-rexes run so fast, it's fastest speed was 9.9-45 mph. That's very fast so it can catch its prey and not go very hungry." Explained the mysterious scientist.

Suddenly, an unexpected rain from the dry sky rained out hard, the mysterious scientist ran to the deep cave, he slowly walked into the hole.

Terrifying dinosaur bones laid down on the ground, "we could pick all these bones and load them to the museum when we go back, good thing I got some magical bags!" He slowly discovered that these dinosaur bones belonged to the terrifying T-Rex.

Now we know the main dinosaur is let's learn some of the landscapes in the dinosaur's age and information about other dinosaur's unique and habits. "Every dinosaur eats different kinds of healthy food, some eat meat, some eat vegetables, and some eat both. But most of them eat vegetables." Explained the mystery scientist.

He went everywhere but no dinosaur, after that he took out his information about dinosaurs book, he searched properly. Finally he found the right page, most dinosaurs live beside steamy swamps or flushing lakes, they love wet places! Did you know that China and The United States are the top two places with the most history or dinosaur foundation in the world? They found many fossils like dinosaur's bones.

He kept on going, meeting many dinosaurs in his way and studying them for information, such as the Nigersaurus. Suddenly the Nigersaurus roared as loud as he could, the mystery scientist saw about five hundred small teeth in there, that's a lot to chew stuff with their teeth!

Suddenly there was a loud thump like someone fell and bumped its poor head, he rushed to see what happened, there landed a Pachycephalosaurus, it stood up again like it was not hurt, it was the most hardest head of all dinosaurs, plus it did not stand on four claws it stood up two foots like humans.

Then he kept walking to find fossils to put in his museum from his boss. Did you know that dinosaur trace fossils are dried mud that had dinosaur footprints or other kinds are how it was made, there are even dinosaur poop as fossils or information to learn from them.

We had already found many fossils and information about dinosaurs, so it was time to go. He passed through dinosaurs and bushes on his way back to the dim cave when we started and when we left the time traveling machine, he zoomed through time back to the time now. He also got a lot of information to do a report, classes, museums, and more...

When he got back, crowded people were asking him tons of information.

Now readers, do you know lots of information about dinosaurs now, I do. This was an interesting adventure about dinosaurs, I hope you enjoyed this outstanding essay. Remember all the information you can make a report about it too!

Echoes of the Past: A War between the Dinosaurs and the Shadows

Yaumati Catholic Primary School (Hoi Wang Road), Chui, Yuen – 12

The Mysterious Arrival

In the Jurassic world, a fierce war broke out between dinosaurs and an unknown species. It was triggered by an unreasonable ambush of the unknown species.

The Call to Arms

"Alright soldiers, training time!" The commander was Nyasasaurus Parringtoni, the oldest dinosaur that had ever lived and thus granted lots of experience and expertise. "During the training session, different kinds of dinosaurs are trained to become powerful, aggressive and vicious dinosaurs to fight back against the unknown species." The dinosaurs had less experienced engineers while the unknown species had experienced engineers. Both had impressive armouries and weapons, but the unknown species had far greater materials and technology. Although the dinosaurs had already noticed this, they were determined to set their families free.

The First Encounter

The elite soldiers and squad were prepared after a long decade of training. Both alliances were ready and declared war on Beijing. The dinosaurs launched an attack on the enemy instantly. The elite dinosaurs were ambushed and outnumbered. Yet, they still insisted on fighting viciously. After an intense battle, they lost and end up getting killed. The commander of the dinosaurs immediately decided to ask everyone to retreat, but some soldiers were desperate and wanted to end the fight once and for all, leading to their imminent and unfortunate demise. The unknown species withdrew to heal their injured soldiers as well. In the end, the dinosaurs' downfall was all due to their stubbornness.

The Aftermath

The dinosaurs suffered heavy losses: tons of comrades were killed in the war. The commander sighed and felt so dejected. "At this rate, we can't win them. It's all my fault!" Everyone comforted him.

An Unexpected Ally

Out of the blue, an enemy engineer appeared. He gave everyone a scare. Guards pointed their guns at him. "Wait, don't shoot! I'm here to help!" The dinosaurs thought it was a trap, but it turned out to be something they had never expected. The enemy engineer sat down and told them why he wanted to help them. "There was a meeting in the mothership before we piloted to Earth. Some comrades were hesitant, saying how it was wrongful to attack an innocent species. Yet, the high commanders still decided to launch the attack. That's why I wanted to rebel against them. I was touched by your teamwork, so I finally plucked up the courage and decided to help you." Everyone was shocked by what he said, and eventually agreed to form an alliance together. "Oh yeah, call me Nicky!" Everyone nodded.

A Beacon of Hope

As they were talking, a soldier interrupted. "Enemies are using interceptors to attack, sir!" The soldier said hurriedly. Nicky seemed very confident and said, "Have no fear. One of my inventions includes an anti-aircraft turret. Nicky revealed his secretly built invention. The dinosaurs let him try it. The turret started shooting down all the aeroplanes. When it was getting attacked, the Aegis was hoisted, absorbing all the force. The interceptors then retreated, knowing the danger if they hadn't.

A Stealthy Operation

The dinosaurs started preparing while Nicky was working on his biggest project, the *mega mech*. They then realised Nicky didn't have enough resources, hence the mech couldn't be built. The commander suggested a breach of law: stealing resources from the enemy. Nicky agreed and made stealth suits. They ended up working flawlessly.

After the breach, the dinosaurs helped Nicky with his project. They worked countless days and nights, installing miniguns, flamethrowers, armour and even missile pods on it. It was nearly 30 feet tall. It was crafted with a combination of both reinforced titanium alloys and carbon fibres, making it extremely strong and versatile. Its exterior was coated in moss that helped blend it in with nature. The legs had tank tracks and magnets, enhancing its mobility and ability to dodge quickly. Since the enemies were scouting around toward the other side of China, the dinosaurs took advantage of this, giving them enough time to prepare. After a year, they were finally ready.

The Final Retreat

"Marines, attack!" Everyone marched toward the battlefield. Lasers and missiles were fired all around the field by the enemy, dealing a blow to the dinosaurs. "Hold your ground soldiers, fight back!" the commander said through a radio. The unknown species was winning at first, but then Nicky stepped into the battlefield with his mega mech! The enemies were stunned and decided to all fire at the mech. The strong armour could not be pierced, so the mech would never be blown to pieces. The mothership of the enemy was deployed, trying to fight back against the mech. It managed to damage the mech severely, but with the allies' support, the dinosaurs managed to cause serious damage to the mothership. The enemies' commander was enraged by the fact that their best engineer decided to join forces with the dinosaurs. Left with no choice, he ordered his team to retreat and leave the Earth alone.

Victory and Reflection

Everyone cheered and clapped. The war ended at last! During the violent battle, the dinosaurs defied the odds and won the enemy. The proud commander joyfully said, "The war is finally over. I'm honoured to fight beside you today. Our fallen comrades will be remembered for their bravery and noble sacrifice. Our teamwork, the help of Nicky and the spirit of perseverance are vital and are the root of our success. All this is possible because of every one of you!" Everyone cheered and celebrated. Some enemy soldiers who were injured realised their wrongness and were amazed by the Earth's beauty, therefore deciding to join the dinosaurs and Nicky. The dinosaurs then accepted them.

A New Beginning

The dinosaurs lived happily ever after. Every dinosaur in China was free and could finally roam without danger.

The fallen dinosaurs are the dinosaur fossils we see today. They valiantly sacrificed themselves to save the Earth. Dinosaurs really deserve our respect.

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

YMCA Christian Academy, Tani, Izumi – 10

One sunny day, me, Naomi and Yumi went to Jurassic Park HK for a school assignment. Everyone had signed up for a course to dig up fossils and bring them back to life.

“So... are you guys excited?” Yumi asked

I answered “Yes of course! I have a brilliant idea to keep the dinosaurs that came alive as a pet!”

“Nice idea, you. I’ll do that too! Hee hee” Naomi giggled.

Broom!!!! The bus to Jurassic Park arrived.

Naomi yelled “Ack!! Guys, don’t just sit there, looking nowhere and wasting time, we need to get a seat on the bus, it’s a loooooong journey to Jurassic Park!!!!”

“Quick!!!!!! The bus is almost full! C’mon!” I ordered.

Before the last 3 seats were taken, we were able to sit on the bus.

“That was so close. We could have stood for the whole time on the bus.” Yumi stated.

When we got to Jurassic Park, Jurassic Park’s staff welcomed us warmly.

“Thank you so much for visiting us and Jurassic Park HK Today!” exclaimed the staff.

“Please tell us your names! Our guide staff will arrive soon.”

Me, Naomi and Yumi told our names as the staff told us to.

“Hi! Miss Izumi, Miss Naomi and Miss Yumi! This is your guide for today’s tour, Scarlett.” stated the staff.

“Hi, Izumi, Naomi and Yumi. I am your guide, Serena. I am very happy to guide you today.” greeted Scarlett.

“Hi Scarlett. We are also happy to follow your guide today.”

“Thank you all, but we don’t have time to greet each other that nicely. We first will go to the Dig Centre. There are all kinds of digging tools, even professional tools! But since you guys are beginners, we will use the beginners tool.”

“Okay.”

“Good. Now we will go on a van to the Dig centre.”

Brrt... Brrt... put put put

“Here we are! Dig centre! Find a blue box written ‘beginners’ and each takes a brush, scoop and tray!” Scarlett ordered.

Yumi asked “Scarlett, why do we need a brush? I don’t think we need it.”

“Because when there is sand on your fossil, your fossil might not come to life. Oh, I forgot to tell you, the place we are digging is full of microraptors. They are like birds and cute! They are also harmless if you treat them well!” Answered Scarlett. “Are you guys done?”

“We are all done, Scarlett!”

“Brilliant! Now on your part, let's go digging!!! The place is near us, go out!”

Outside was a little chilly, and we saw a place wrote “Microraptor Fossil Den”

“Guys, you see that place, right? That place's soil is soft enough for beginners because water drops every day! You also see the place with red, blue and yellow? Each place has a fossil under the flag. So, dig it! Go!”

When we tried to dig it, the scoop easily went in and got out a certain amount of soil each time and finally, I saw something rocky buried under the soil, but Naomi was faster. She dug up the first whole fossil.

“Guys! I got the fossil!” exclaimed Naomi. “Well done!!!” cheered Scarlett. “You first come with me and turn it alive!”

“Yumi... it's only us left! We should dig it up faster. I think I found the fossil and it's coming up. Did you find your fossil?” I asked.

Yumi answered “I also found one and I am also on the same step. Let's keep it up.”

Few minutes later, the object came up to the ground as a fossil, and the same as Yumi did.

“Yay! We did it!” cheered Yumi.

I stated “Let's go to the Dig Centre. There was a machine to make it alive.”

So, me and Yumi placed the fossil on a tray and tried to carry it.

“Jeez, it's heavy. Is there anything that will carry it instead of us?”

“Nah, I don't think so.”

“Yeah... I think we have to do it.”

“Wait! There is a... oh. That's just a wooden tray with a handle.”

“Man, we've gotta carry it ourselves.”

“It's so heavy, but there are no other things to do. We needa do this.”

In the Dig Centre, Naomi's fossil was inside a machine. The fossil was covered in blue light and when Yumi and I peeked, it's part of the feather and eyelid was still a little rocky and the others were all rid of rocks and sands.

“Wow, your dinosaur is almost alive.” stated Yumi

“Yeah. This one looks so cute. It's perfect as a pet. Oh yeah, Scarlett. Can we bring the dinosaur that we made alive, home?” I asked

Scarlett answered “Yes, Jurassic Park admits tourists signed up for this course to bring their dinosaur home.”

“Oh yay! I should give her a name!” delighted Naomi replied.

I asked, “Why do you know this one is a girl?”

Yumi answered “Here, there is a gender mark under the dinosaur.”

“If you are going to adopt your fossil, come to Jurassic Pet Store! It’s in cities and towns; you are available to come every day! They sell Microraptor treats and food, cages, microchips to make sure you know where he or she is, a bed, toilet and toys!! Also, visit us once every two months for a health check!” Scarlett tells.

Yumi thanked her “Oh thanks Scarlett, that was helpful!”

“Hey Scarlett, we dug up our —”

Suddenly, the machine’s light vanished, and a tiny, cute Microraptor appeared alive.

“Squeak Squeak!”

“Oh my gosh, so cute” exclaimed Naomi

“Well done!” stated Scarlett. “And you guys, what were you going to say?”

“We dug up our fossils!”

“Oh good. Let’s put it in a machine!”

Few moments later, both fossils came to life.

“Thanks Scarlett, see you next time!

“You too! Bye Bye!”

New Tales of China's Dinosaurs

YMCA Christian Academy, Yip, Naomi – 10

Thunder boomed in the sky as rain heavily poured down! Lightning zig zagged in the spooky black sky! Lights of towering skyscrapers glitched and flashed endlessly. Maddy ran out of her apartment in Shenzhen, willing to explore the dangerous weather.

“I might find something crazy.” Maddy muttered as quiet as a mouse with a mischievous grin and chuckled with a smile. Her hands rubbed in excitement.

Maddy explored the hectic world of Shenzhen. Then suddenly, something caught her attention, it was a stone with a strange, puzzling, mysterious pattern.

“I wonder what this is?” Maddy wondered, a curious expression crossed her face. “Maybe a fossil?”

Suddenly, a horrendous, terrifying and threatening bolt of lightning flashed across the sky. Maddy, in shock, threw the mysterious stone at the frightening bolt of electricity.

“BAM!!” “CRASH!” The stone exploded into a dinosaur! Sounds of the explosion got nearby scientists trying to study the dinosaur but unfortunately ended up being engulfed by it. People screamed and yelled in terror.

“What have I done?” Maddy yelled over all the noise in frustration. Her face scrunched in fear, legs turning into jelly. The fiery mad dinosaur stomped through Shenzhen, destroying everything in its path! In a blink of an eye, the world turned black!

Whooshing sounds echoed and faded slowly, Maddy found herself trapped in four walls, in front of her was an endless, everlasting maze that seemed impossible to finish.

“Hello,” a dreamy voice whispered.

Maddy turned around and saw a girl with almond eyes and magical, flowy hair. The girl's fingers were long and enchanting. “Ugh! This is a maze?” Maddy's voice trembled with anxiety. The girl sighed, “Yes, you have to finish this maze. I am Coco, the guardian of the maze. You have found the stone of terror, and you have broken the protection spell made by the great and powerful spell caster! I will come with you in the maze!” Coco said.

Hesitating, Maddy took a tiny step and breathed loudly. Vines of thorns climbed the walls as candles lit the way. Maddy walked through the maze, Coco followed her silently.

Minutes turned into hours, the maze twisted and turned. Maddy was starting to lose confidence. The maze seemed to be just a maze with no finishing point!

“I can't do this!” Maddy wailed and sobbed helplessly, everything seemed doubtful. Her face in disappointment. Tears ran down her face. It was bad enough putting Shenzhen in grave danger, but now she couldn't even rescue Shenzhen! Guilt filled up Maddy, why had she gone exploring, why did she release the dinosaur in Shenzhen?

“You have to, if you want to kill that dinosaur,” Coco answered. Just as she said that a voice rang into Maddy's ears. At that moment, Maddy knew exactly what to do.

Closing her eyes, Maddy followed the voice, trusting her own instincts. More strength gathered inside her, as her courage grew. Maddy felt more confident than ever!

A dead end laid, spiky thorns covered the walls, it made anyone who touched it, bleed. Maddy thought she was going to be there soon, but she just found another dead end! Maddy tried listening for the sound that had rang in her ears a while ago, but it was now completely gone!

"I thought I was there," Maddy said, discouraged. Maddy's courage and strength all disappeared, her fists scrunched in frustration.

"No, you are almost there at the end of the maze," Coco told her.

Maddy was confused, what did Coco mean? She WASN'T there at all! A dead end was right in front of her.

Coco saw the confusion on Maddy's face, "Don't worry, walk through the wall" Coco said mysteriously. "I now must go back to the start of the maze." Then in a flash, Coco disappeared with a haze of sparkles.

Maddy started thinking in deep thought, walking through the wall, what did she mean by that? Maddy was now all by herself. Walk through the wall? Suddenly, a lightbulb shone brightly in her head. Without thinking, Maddy walked through the wall.

Whistling sounds rang, she was there, Maddy couldn't believe she did it! In the center, a cage stood, and a girl was inside, out there stood the dinosaur.

"ROAR! ROAR!" screamed the dinosaur in the most ear whacking sound. "NOOOOOOOOOOOOOO! PLEASE! DON'T BANISH MEEEEEE!"

"I will," Maddy said calmly, she was scared but she had to be calm to save Shenzhen, she couldn't let the dinosaur keep destroying her home. "I WILL BANISH YOU!" Maddy yelled in her loudest voice.

Suddenly, light filled the room, Maddy squinted her eyes. Raising her arms to cover them as well.

"YOU HAVE BANISHED THE DINOSAUR! YOU HAVE BROKEN MY SPELL OVER THE DINOSAUR! BUT NOW YOU HAVE BANISHED HIM FOR GOOD!" The girl who was in the cage was now free from the cage, the fossil she found, laid inside. Then, a small gust of wind came from the girl's hand and carried the fossil, after engulfing it to make the fossil disappear for good.

"I am Sirena, the great and powerful spell master. Thank you for saving me, even though you were the one who broke my protection spell. Now I must leave, so goodbye!" Sirena said

A gush of relief came into Maddy. She had done it! She banished the monster! Shenzhen was no longer in danger. Maddy breathed a big breath, it felt like a heavyweight had lifted off her shoulder, her face relaxed.

Then the world went black again. Maddy was back in Shenzhen. It was definitely the most adventurous moment of her life! Maddy gazed around Shenzhen. There were no more dinosaurs! Everything felt like they had gone back in time. Lightning was still flashing, thunder boomed loudly. But besides that, there was no more noise. Maddy thought about her adventure, meeting a girl called Coco, walking through a wall!

Maddy thought that adventure was really cool and thrilling, but she definitely would not be that daring in the future.