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# Jurassic Jumper

At the Natural History Museum in London, the famous Tyrannosaurus rex (T. rex) is ready for Christmas! This year, the big dinosaur is wearing a colourful jumper featuring Fern the Diplodocus, another dinosaur friend. The jumper is made from soft, sustainable cotton, which is good for the planet. This festive tradition has become a highlight for museum visitors. Adam Farrar from the museum said, 'The annual unveiling of our Christmas T. rex display has become a firm favourite amongst our audiences. It's a fun way to spread holiday cheer.' The T. rex's jumper is so popular that the museum is selling smaller versions in their

shop, so you can match with the dino. Every purchase helps support the museum's important work in studying and protecting nature. So, if you visit the museum this holiday season, don't forget to say hello to the T. rex in its special Christmas jumper!

Do you have a special jumper that you wear at Christmas time?



Pictured: T. rex flaunting his Christmas jumper! Source: @Andyswann45 on X.

# **Baby Planet Found**

Astronomers have discovered one of the youngest planets ever found! Meet TIDYE-1b. a giant planet that's just three million years old – the same as a two-week-old baby in planet years. This tiny planet orbits its star, which is also very young, in a special place called the Taurus Molecular Cloud. It's 520 million light years away from Earth and full of new stars, but finding planets there is rare. That's because the area is covered with dust and debris, making it hard for telescopes to see. 'Discovering planets like this one lets us



Pictured: Baby planet, TIDYE-1b. Source: @ExploreCosmos\_ on X.

look back in time, catching a glimpse of planetary formation as it happens,' said Madyson Barber, one of the lead researchers. This exciting discovery challenges what we thought about how quickly planets can form.

What mysteries do you think space will reveal next?

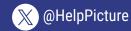
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We can make people listen, make sure animals are safe and not hurt. Alyza





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## The World's Most **Expensive** Banana!

A famous piece of art, featuring a banana taped to a wall, has been sold for almost five million pounds! The famous artwork by Italian artist, Maurizio Cattelan (created in 2019), is a fresh banana affixed to a wall with duct tape. Justin Sun, founder of cryptocurrency platform TRON, who bought the piece, said it, 'represents a cultural phenomenon that bridges the worlds of art, memes, and the cryptocurrency community.' Named the 'Comedian', what has actually been bought is a certificate of authenticity with detailed diagrams and instructions for its proper display. Justin added, 'In the coming days, I will personally eat the banana as part of this unique artistic experience, honouring its place



Pictured: Maurizio Cattelan's 'Comedian'. Source: Sotheby's on X.

in both art history and popular culture.' Sotheby's New York salesroom announced that 'the world's most notorious banana just sold for \$6.2M.' The sale has created a lot of discussions, with many people voicing different opinions. Lucius Elliot, from Sotheby's, said, 'There has been much debate over whether this is art, whether it is a prank, whether it is a symbol of the excess of the art market. In truth, it is, of course, all of those things!'

Have you ever watched anything being sold at auction?

Would you like to?

## **Tigers** Return to Kazakhstan

Two captive Siberian tigers (also known as Amur tigers) have been translocated to the largest nation in Central Asia, Kazakhstan! The pair of tigers have been moved from the Anna Paulowna Sanctuary, in the Netherlands, to the Ile-Balkhash Nature Reserve in Kazakhstan. This is the beginning of a project to reintroduce a tiger population to the country. Starting with this breeding pair, the aim is to grow their numbers to fifty wild tigers by 2035. Daniyar Turgambayev, Viceminister of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan, said, 'It is a high priority for Kazakhstan to work on the restoration of rare species.



Pictured: A Siberian tiger. Source: Canva.

For ecological value, it is important that our biodiversity chain is restored. And that the tiger that once lived in this area is reintroduced here.' This is a world first, as the goal is to restore a tiger population to a nation where they were once extinct - if the tigers have babies, these cubs will be the first wild tigers there for over 70 years.

Have you ever seen a tiger?

Do you know any facts about Kazakhstan?

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We can show and tell people how bad things will get in the environment unless we act now.

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