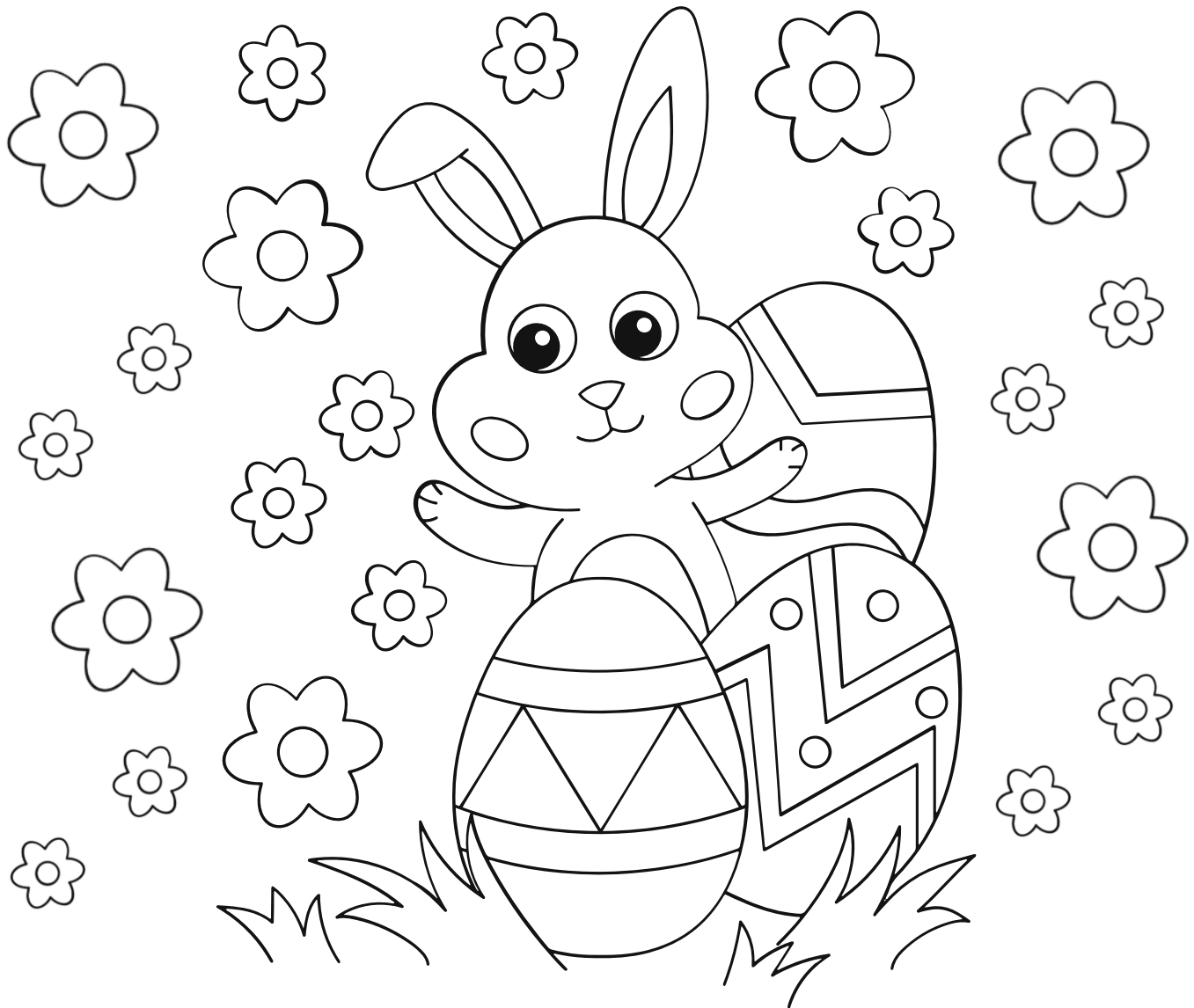

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WELCOME to the latest edition of The Kids' Chronicle.

In this issue:

- Find out how scientists brought the Dire Wolf back from extinction
- Learn about the 2,600 year old ship that has been discovered at the bottom of the sea
- Discover which Basketball player has his very own Ken doll
- Plus, try your hand at our latest games and puzzles

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THE DIRE WOLF IS BACK AFTER 10,000 YEARS

A long time ago, dire wolves lived in North and South America. They were big, strong wolves with powerful jaws, and they hunted huge animals like bison and horses. But around 10,000 years ago, dire wolves went extinct—that means they all died out. This happened because of climate change and the loss of their food.

Now, scientists have done something amazing. They've found a way to bring the dire wolf back.

HOW DID THEY DO IT?

A company called Colossal Biosciences worked with special scientists called geneticists. They used a clever process called gene editing. That means they changed tiny parts inside animals called genes—these are like instructions that tell your body how to grow.

They found old DNA (which stands for deoxyribonucleic acid) from dire wolf fossils. DNA is like a recipe book that tells animals what they look like and how they work. The scientists compared dire wolf DNA with the DNA of modern grey wolves.

Then, they carefully changed the grey wolves' DNA to make them more like dire wolves. This helped them create three special wolf pups: Romulus, Remus, and Khaleesi.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR NATURE AND SCIENCE?

Bringing back extinct animals could help fix ecosystems that have lost important animals. For example, wolves can help keep other animal populations balanced. This is also exciting for science. It shows us new ways to learn about the past and protect animals today. But scientists must be careful. Adding animals back into the wild can change things, so they need to think hard before doing it.

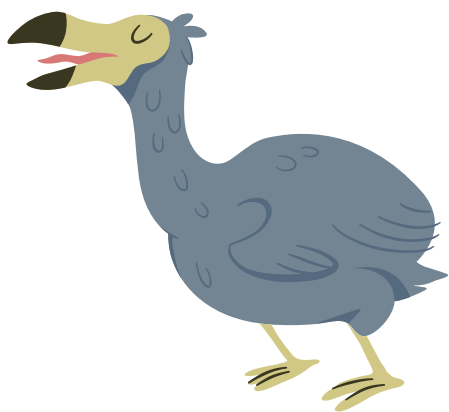
For now, Romulus, Remus, and Khaleesi are safe and healthy, and scientists are watching them closely. The return of the dire wolf is a giant leap for science—and maybe one day, you could be part of the next big discovery!

WORDSEARCH: EXTINCT ANIMALS

Can you find all the words in the puzzle below? Just remember that the words can go in any direction, and the words can share letters as they cross over each other.



I	M	G	B	Q	M	E	U	X	Q	N	Q	O	H	A
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ATLAS BEAR
CASPIAN TIGER
DIRE WOLF
DODO
GIANT SLOTH
GREAT AUK
IRISH ELK

MAMMOTH
MOA
PASSENGER PIGEON
QUAGGA
SABER TOOTH
TASMANIAN TIGER
WOOLLY RHINO



A 2,600-YEAR-OLD SHIP FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!



A team of scientists in Spain have made an amazing discovery: they've rescued a very old ship that had been hiding underwater for over 2,600 years! The ship is called Mazarrón II, and it once belonged to the Phoenicians, a group of brilliant sailors and traders who lived a long, long time ago.

WHO WERE THE PHOENICIANS?

The Phoenicians lived along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, in places we now call Lebanon, Syria, and Israel. They were famous for sailing great distances and trading with different people. They also helped create one of the first alphabets!

The Mazarrón II was one of their cargo ships, used to carry goods like pots, jars, and other items across the sea. It sank near the coast of Mazarrón, Spain, around the 7th century BCE—that's even older than the Roman Empire!

SAVING THE SHIP

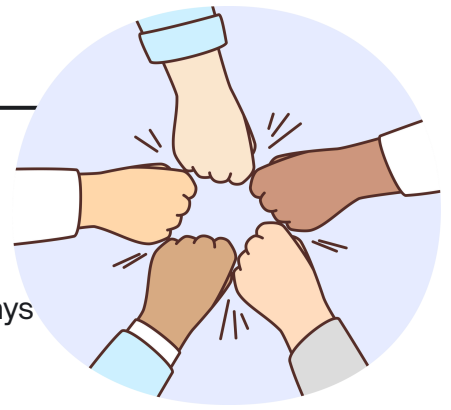
Even though the ship was found in 1994, scientists only recently had the tools and team to safely bring it up. Between September and November 2024, experts carefully took the ship apart piece by piece and brought it to a special museum in Cartagena, Spain.

The ship was taken apart into 22 big pieces, and each one will be cleaned, studied, and put back together like a giant puzzle!

WHY THIS IS SO COOL

Finding a ship this old helps us learn about how people travelled and traded thousands of years ago. The ship was made using wooden pegs and sewing techniques, which shows how clever the Phoenicians were at building boats.

Scientists also found pots, tools, and other items that tell us what people ate, what they sold, and how they lived back then.



CULTURE CLASH

This week, we explore one of the most colourful and joyful holidays celebrated around the world – Easter!



EASTER: A TIME OF CELEBRATION AND NEW LIFE

Easter is a very important festival for Christians. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, which means when Christians believe Jesus came back to life after three days. This event is seen as a symbol of hope, new beginnings, and love.

This year, Easter Sunday falls on 20 April, but the celebrations often begin much earlier!

THE ORIGINS OF EASTER

Easter is a Christian holiday that goes back over 2,000 years. According to the Bible, Jesus died on Good Friday and rose again on Easter Sunday. That's why Easter is a very special time for many people around the world.

The name "Easter" may have come from Ēostre, a goddess of spring celebrated in ancient times, which is why Easter is also linked to spring, flowers, and new life.

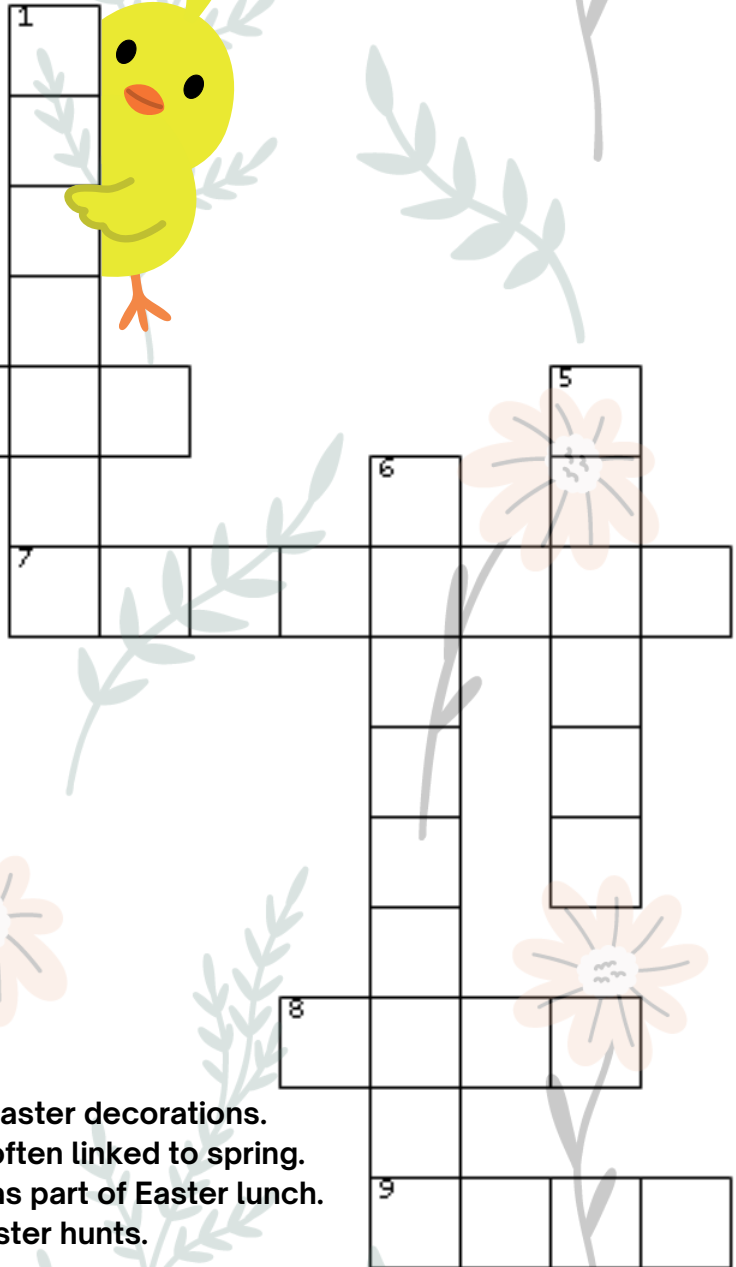
HOW IS EASTER CELEBRATED?

People celebrate Easter in all sorts of fun and meaningful ways:

- Church Services: Many families attend special Easter services to remember the story of Jesus.
- Easter Eggs: Eggs are a symbol of new life! People decorate eggs, have egg hunts, and enjoy lots of chocolate eggs too!
- The Easter Bunny: A fluffy bunny who hides eggs for children to find—nobody knows where he gets all those eggs!
- Spring Colours: Pastel colours like yellow, pink, and light blue are everywhere—on decorations, clothes, and treats.
- Special Foods: In many countries, people enjoy a big Easter meal with family, often including roast lamb, hot cross buns, or other traditional treats.



CROSSWORD: EASTER


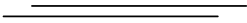

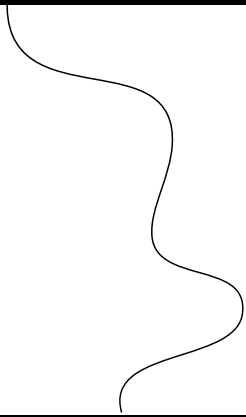
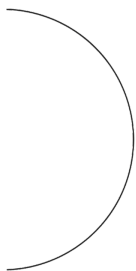
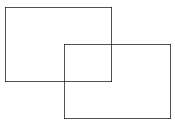

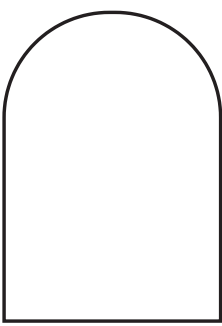
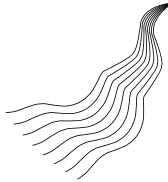


4. Light, soft colours often seen in Easter decorations.
7. Another word for warm daylight, often linked to spring.
8. A baby sheep, sometimes eaten as part of Easter lunch.
9. These are often hidden during Easter hunts.

1. These bloom in spring and are used to decorate Easter tables.
2. Used to collect eggs during an Easter hunt.
3. The season when Easter usually happens.
5. The day of the week when Easter is celebrated.
6. A sweet treat many people get at Easter.

Imagination Workout

Can you create an image from the lines below?

LEBRON JAMES BECOMES A KEN DOLL!

Basketball legend LeBron James has done a lot of amazing things—he's won championships, scored thousands of points, and inspired millions. But now he's done something totally new... he's been turned into a Ken doll!

Yes, you read that right! LeBron James is now the first NBA player ever to become an official Ken doll, made by the famous toy company Mattel. This new LeBron Ken is part of the Barbie "Looks" collection, which celebrates style, confidence, and creativity.

WHAT DOES THE LEBRON KEN DOLL LOOK LIKE?

This cool new doll wears a green varsity jacket with his iconic number 23 on it (the same number he wears on the basketball court). He also comes with trendy sunglasses, stylish sneakers, and a pair of headphones—ready to shoot hoops and hit the music! The doll even has LeBron's famous beard and hairstyle. It's a fun and sporty take on the classic Ken doll, and perfect for basketball fans who love both toys and sports.



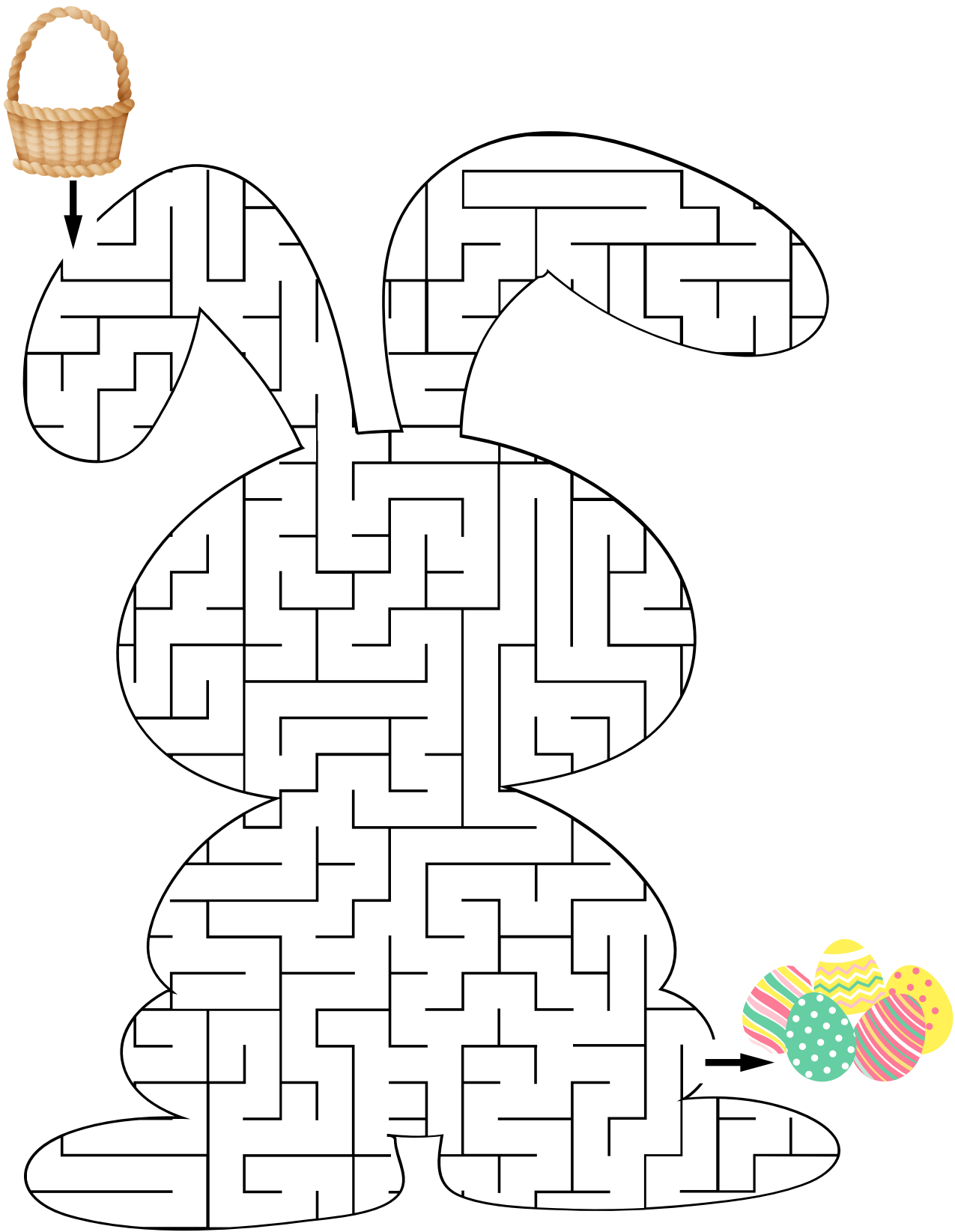
FUN FACTS ABOUT BARBIE AND KEN

BARBIE WAS BORN IN 1959, AND SINCE THEN, SHE'S HAD OVER 250 CAREERS—SHE'S BEEN A DOCTOR, A PILOT, A VET, A SCIENTIST, AND MORE!

KEN WAS INTRODUCED IN 1961 AS BARBIE'S BEST FRIEND. HE'S HAD PLENTY OF JOBS TOO, LIKE A CHEF, SURFER, AND EVEN AN ASTRONAUT.

THERE ARE BARBIE DOLLS REPRESENTING OVER 45 NATIONALITIES, AND NOW, KEN DOLLS ARE ALSO BECOMING MORE DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE—including athletes like LEBRON!

MAZE: FIND YOUR WAY TO THE EASTER EGGS



RIDDLE ME THIS

In honour of International Day of Mathematics on 14 March, we've put together our favourite maths and jokes.

1: What has keys but can't open locks?

A: _____



2: What belongs to you but other people use it more than you do?

A: _____

3: What has many teeth but can't bite?

A: _____



4: What can travel all around the world while staying in one spot?

A: _____



5: What is full of holes but still holds water?

A: _____