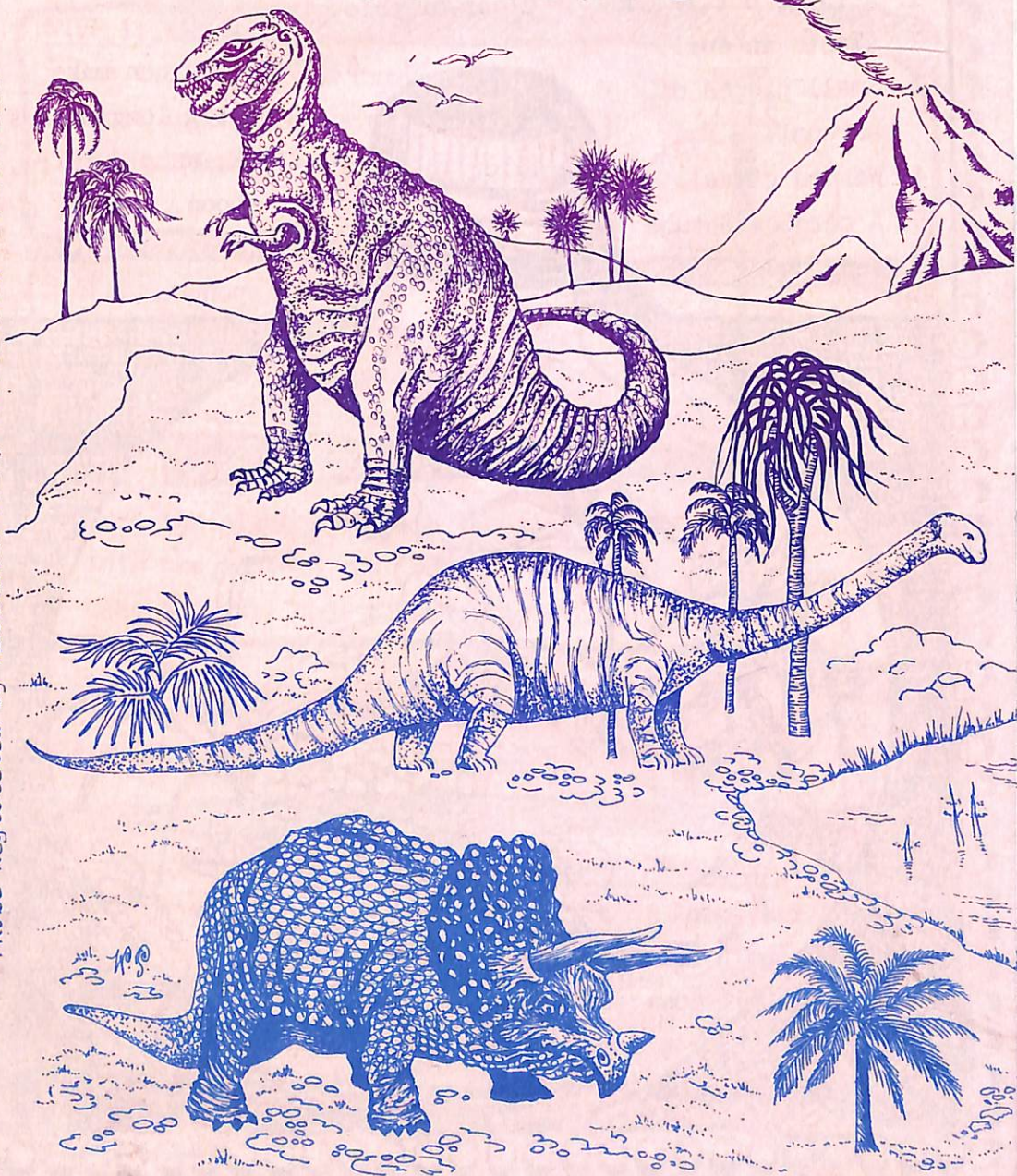


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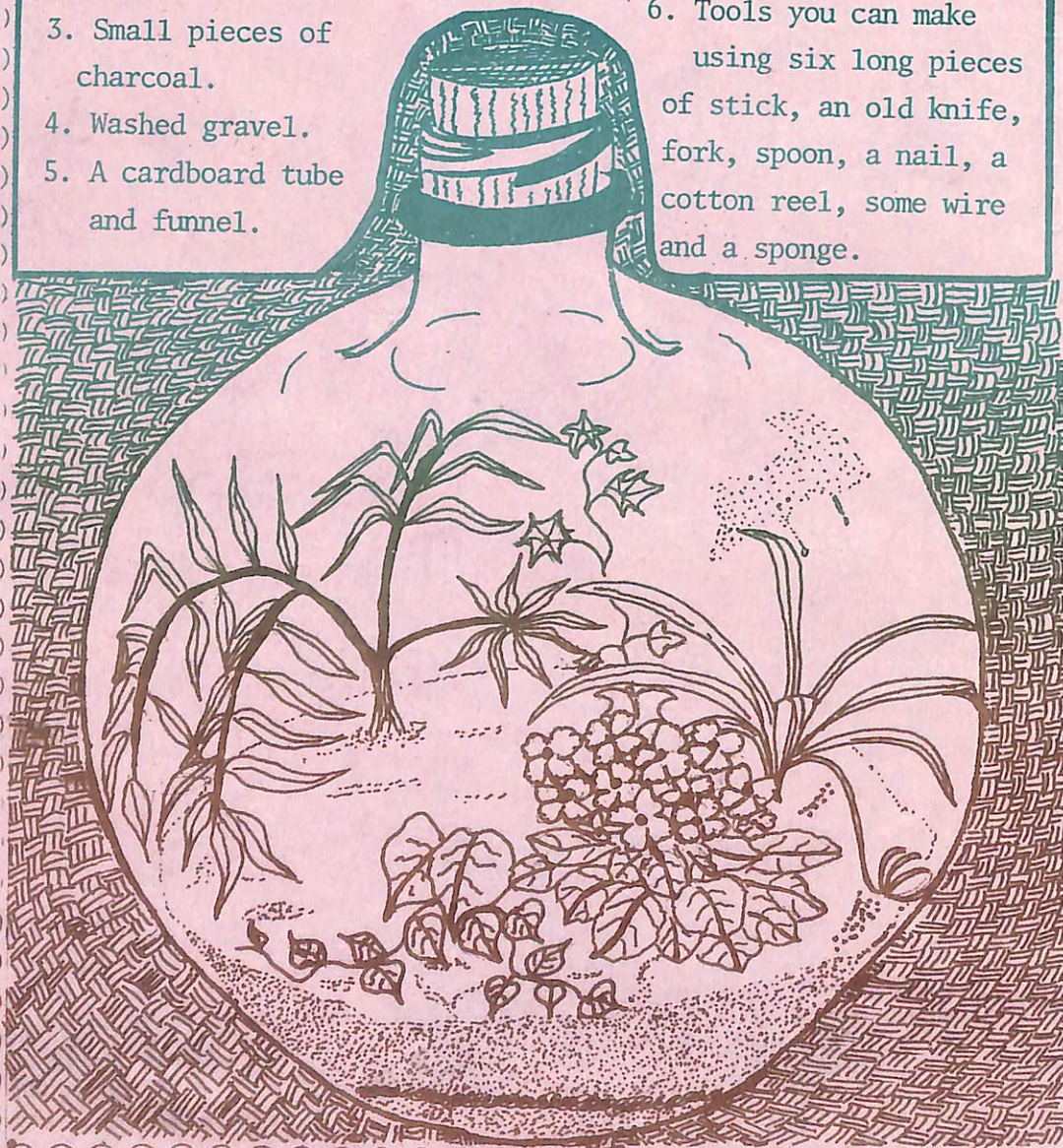
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GARDENS IN

What You Need:

1. A large bottle made of clear or pale glass.
2. Plants in soil.
3. Small pieces of charcoal.
4. Washed gravel.
5. A cardboard tube and funnel.
6. Tools you can make using six long pieces of stick, an old knife, fork, spoon, a nail, a cotton reel, some wire and a sponge.



BOTTLES

Here's What To Do:

STEP 1:

Use the funnel and cardboard tube to put in the layers of gravel(15cms.) charcoal(5cms.) and soil or potting compost.



STEP 2:

Clean the sides of the bottle, by using a sponge on a piece of wire. Dig holes with the spoon.



STEP 3:

Push the plant root with the soil into the soil in your bottle. Use your cane and nail tool to do this.



STEP 4:

Put in the other plants. Firm them down with your cotton reel on long stick.



THE RIGHT PLANTS:

The plants need to be small and slow growing. Ivies are good, and so are small ferns, moss, starfish plants, creeping fig, spider plants and African Violets.

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Do not keep your bottle garden in direct sunlight. Water occasionally by using a spray, or trickling down sides of bottle.



What has happened to the Dinosaurs?

What were the "Sailbacks?"

DIMETRODON was one of the earliest mammal like reptile with a "sail" running along it's back. It probably used the "sail" to keep itself warm. If it was cold it would move into the open, and turn sideways to the sun. Dimetrodon was a carnivore that fed on other reptiles.



What were the STEGOSAURS?

Stegosaurus had triangle-shaped plates of bone along it's back, like a frill. He defended himself by lashing out with his tail, which had several long, sharp, spikes.

WHICH DINOSAURS HAD HORNS?

Triceratops had 3 fierce horns on it's massive skull. He used these to defend himself in a fight.



How BIG were dinosaurs?

They were the largest land animals that ever lived.

How big were dinosaurs teeth?

The huge flesh-eating Carnosaurs had a mouthful of sharp teeth, often over 15 cms. long.

HI! I'm BRONTOSAURUS, and am called "THUNDER LIZARD" because I shook and thundered the earth when I walked. I almost always stay in water to be safe, and to eat the water weeds. I weigh about 30 tonnes, which is the size of 5 elephants.

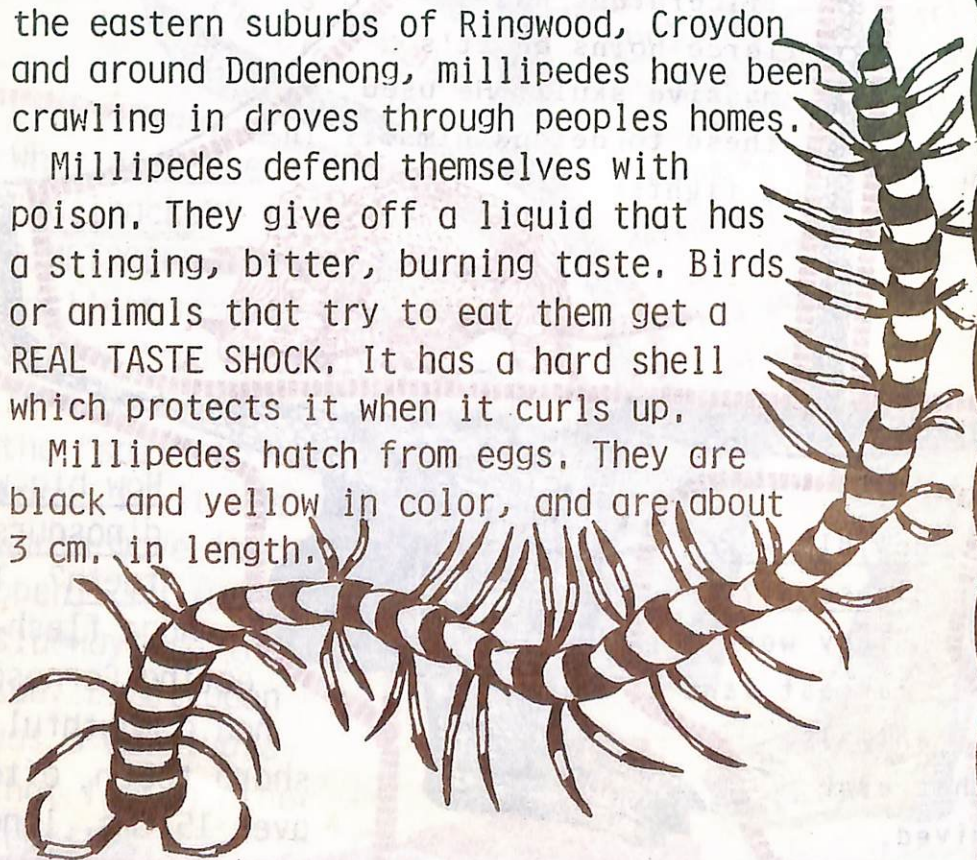
MILLIPEDES ON THE MARCH:

MILLIPEDES are sometimes called "thousand-legged" worms. But no millipede has this many legs. The greatest number of legs is about 240.

Millipedes usually live under logs, rocks and pieces of leaves. BUT recently they have decided to move into HOUSES. In the eastern suburbs of Ringwood, Croydon and around Dandenong, millipedes have been crawling in droves through peoples homes.

Millipedes defend themselves with poison. They give off a liquid that has a stinging, bitter, burning taste. Birds or animals that try to eat them get a REAL TASTE SHOCK. It has a hard shell which protects it when it curls up.

Millipedes hatch from eggs. They are black and yellow in color, and are about 3 cm. in length.



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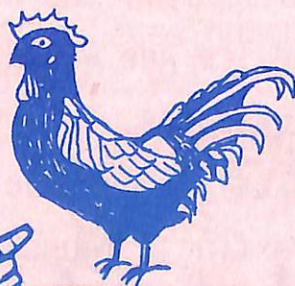
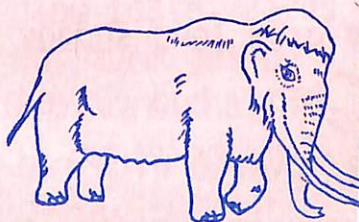
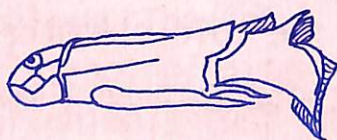
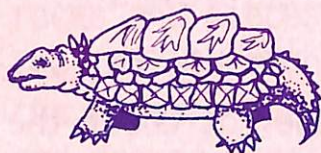
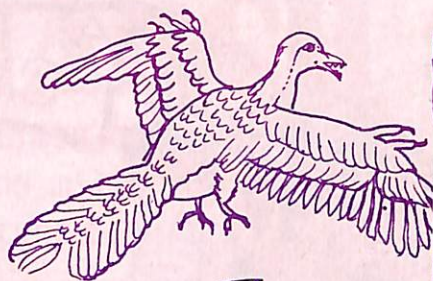
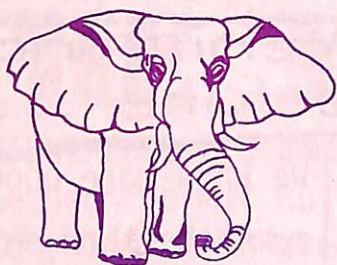
A Prehistoric
Creature



We know more about mammoths than any other prehistoric creatures. They lived in the Ice Age, at about the same time as the first man. The ani-

mals had trouble living in the cold climates. They grew long shaggy fur coats to keep them warm. They had curved tusks and their bodies were covered with red and black fur. The warmer weather that followed the Ice Age was not suitable for their very thick coats. The mammoth became "extinct" after the Ice Age. Do you know what the word "extinct" means? Can you find out why the mammoth became extinct?

Then and Now



Here are some animals shown as they were in the past, and how they are today. Can you match them up? Draw a line between the two animals that belong together. GOOD LUCK!

*Prize winners for the coloring competition are: -
Tanja Kozub, Sonia Wain, Daniel McGeoch and Shannon McGrath. Congratulations! Thanks for all the entries - they were great!