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LEARNING BUILT AROUND GLOBAL NEWS

Read the story, and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the story – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!

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PET SHOCK

ANIMAL NEWS

SPOTTED!

IN the 1840s, a mystery bird was caught and stuffed for science records. It was named the black-browed babbler. It wasn't seen again, and, for 180 years, the stuffed bird has been the only proof that the creature existed.

In October last year, two men captured a bird in Indonesia they didn't recognise. They took photos and sent them off to be looked at.

Experts have now confirmed that the bird they caught was a black-browed babbler! Perhaps in another 180 years we'll find a third bird.

Muhammad Suranto

HELLO DEER!

SAY hello to this cute baby mouse deer, which has been born at Marwell Zoo.

The Javan chevrotain – to use its proper name – is one of the smallest hoofed animals in the world. The tiny deer weighed just 370g when born.

Tim Rowlands from the zoo said: "There are very few zoos who care for any of the mouse deer species as they are so small in size, very secretive and nocturnal (awake at night).

"It's vitally important that we work to ensure these wonderful animals do not disappear for good."

Marwell Zoo

SIX-LEGGED SKIPPER

A SIX-LEGGED puppy with two tails has been born in America.

Vets have described little Skipper as a "miracle" after she was born with extra body parts. Experts think Skipper was supposed to be a twin, but the two didn't separate properly inside the mother.

Skipper is thought to be the first puppy to have ever been born alive with her rare condition. Vets say she is strong and should hopefully live a healthy life.

Facebook/ Neel Veterinary Hospital

ACROSS

1) To keep apart (verb 8)

4) Evidence as fact (noun 5)

6) The state something is in (noun 9)

7) Something that has not been, or cannot be, explained (noun 7)

8) Describing an animal with hard coverings that protect its toes (adjective 6)

DOWN

2) Identify (verb 9)

3) Types of animals (noun 7)

5) An extraordinary and unusual event (noun 7)