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FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TOP NEWS STORIES
FOR THE WEEK
FOR KIDS AROUND THE WORLD

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LOWER IQ IN PANDEMIC BABIES



A US study has found that children born during the pandemic have lower IQs.

That means their speech, movement and thinking skills are worse than usual. A lack of stimulation could be the cause, as the closure of nurseries and the chance to meet and play with other young children was reduced due to COVID-19.

WOW!

FOR the first time in more than three decades, one console

was home to the top 30 best-selling games in Japan. And that console was the Nintendo Switch! *Minecraft* topped the charts, followed by *The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword HD*.



Nintendo

HOTTEST EUROPEAN TEMPERATURE EVER



THE Italian island of Sicily has reportedly experienced Europe's highest temperature on record, hitting 48.8°C.

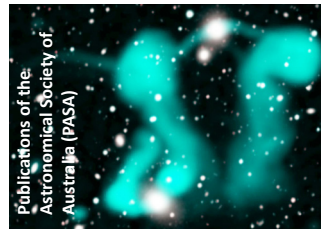
Wildfires have swept through the country, and at least five people are thought to have died in the blazes. The World Meteorological Organization says that the current official record in Europe is 48°C, registered in Athens, Greece, in 1977.

The current heatwave is caused by a weather event called an anticyclone, which is high atmospheric pressure that leads to calm, fine weather. It has been nicknamed 'Lucifer'.

GHOSTLY GALAXIES DISCOVERED



Publications of the
Astronomical Society of
Australia (PASA)



WEIRD dancing shapes that have been spotted a billion light years away are a real cosmic mystery.

The two spooky shapes that look like ghosts are unlike anything seen before. Weeks of investigation has given astronomers some clues. It seems that two supermassive black holes at the centre of two different galaxies squirt out jets of electrons that are bent into the strange shapes by an intergalactic wind. Woah!

METEOR SHOWERS



THIS amazing pic shows the annual Perseid meteor shower.

The meteors appear every year, when debris left behind by comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle crosses Earth's path.

The meteors are called the Perseids because they look like they're coming from the constellation of Perseus, which is named after the mythical Greek hero who chopped off Medusa's head.

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