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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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ETHIOPIA IN TROUBLE

OXFAM has warned that millions could be in need of help in Ethiopia's northern region of Tigray.

With people facing conflict, the coronavirus pandemic, and a lack of food worsened by climate change, the Ethiopian government and the UN say that 4.5 million people need aid. To provide it, Oxfam says it urgently needs \$10.2 million (£7.4m).

Oxfam's Country Director in Ethiopia, said: "The three lethal Cs: conflict, coronavirus and climate change, have pushed millions to the brink."

WOW!

MEET Rhino the rhinoceros iguana – he's now officially the oldest of his kind in the entire world!

Loveable Rhino lives at Australia Zoo and celebrated his 41st birthday with a munch on his favourite snack of hibiscus flowers. Yum!



Australia Zoo

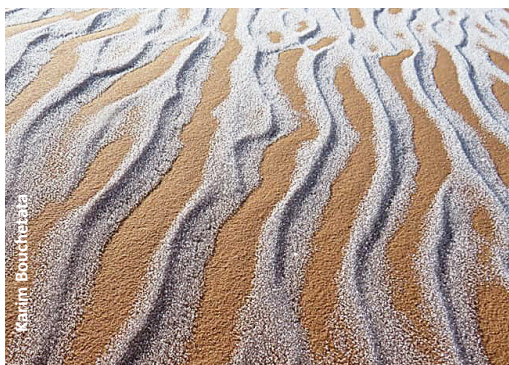
SATELLITE RECORD



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A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket lifts off from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, carrying 143 satellites, a new record for a single rocket.

The load included ten of SpaceX's own Starlink satellites. The Falcon 9 later landed on a ship at sea, to be re-used for future launches.



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PRESIDENT BIDEN'S FIRST WEEK



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NEW American President Joe Biden kicked off his first week in office by using his powers to complete several of the tasks on his to-do list.

They included making it against the law not to wear a mask on public transport, rejoining the Paris climate agreement and stopping the building of the Keystone XL oil pipeline. It would have carried 830,000 barrels of oil between Canada and the US state of Nebraska.

SNOW IN THE SAHARA

WHAT'S that you say, it's been snowing in the desert?

That's right! The Sahara Desert has seen rare snowfall for only the fourth time in 42 years. The other three times were in 1979, 2017, and 2018.

The white stuff was spotted in the town of Ain Sefra in Algeria, where temperatures dropped to -3°C (27°F) in January.

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