AN EVIE AND DR DINO ADVENTURE

WILL WE SEE A MERMAID?



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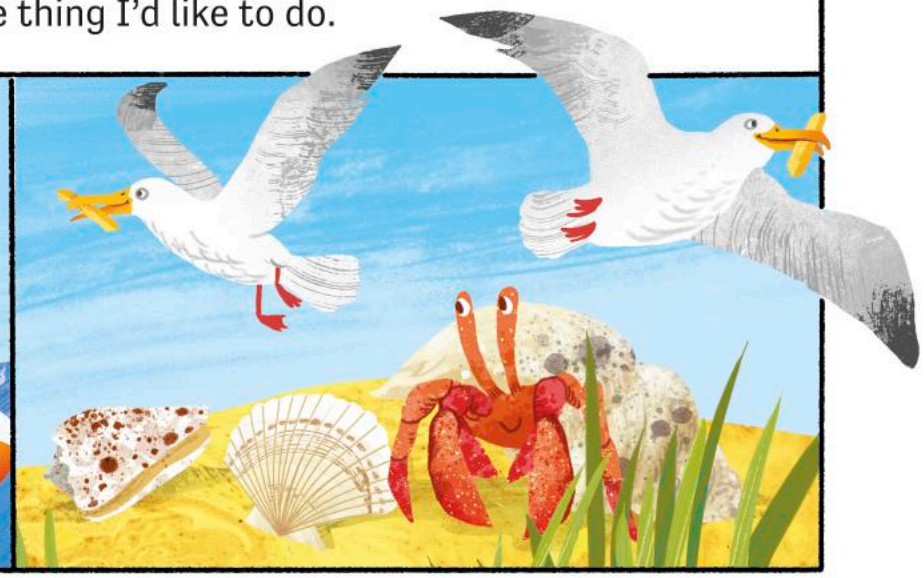
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Hello! I am Evie and this is Dr Dino. She is my best friend and she knows lots of stuff about everything.



We are at the beach today! We have swum in the sea, met some interesting animals, and found very beautiful shells. There's just one more thing I'd like to do.





'Mum, Dad,' I say. 'It is time to find a **MERMAID**! Mermaids are friends with whales and octopuses and they protect the oceans!'

Dad tells me that I have a great imagination.

Mum says that I'll have to look very carefully because mermaids are shy.

I don't think they believe me at all.

'I really, really, REALLY want to find a mermaid,' I tell Dr Dino. 'Let's go on an **OCEAN ADVENTURE**!'

Dr Dino tells me that we should pack first.

Luckily we have everything we need right here!



Notebook and dolphin pen– for important observations.



A map of the world– apparently, 71 per cent of our Earth's surface is ocean!

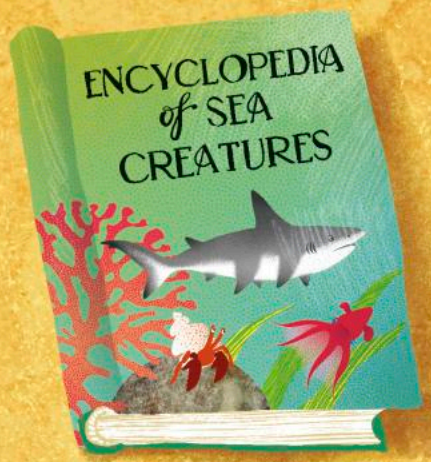


An ocean adventure bag.



Seaweed crackers. I guess mermaids might like these?





A book to help us identify any sea creatures.

My mermaid swimming costume—I've got that on already!

My tablet—to take photos of any mermaids we meet.

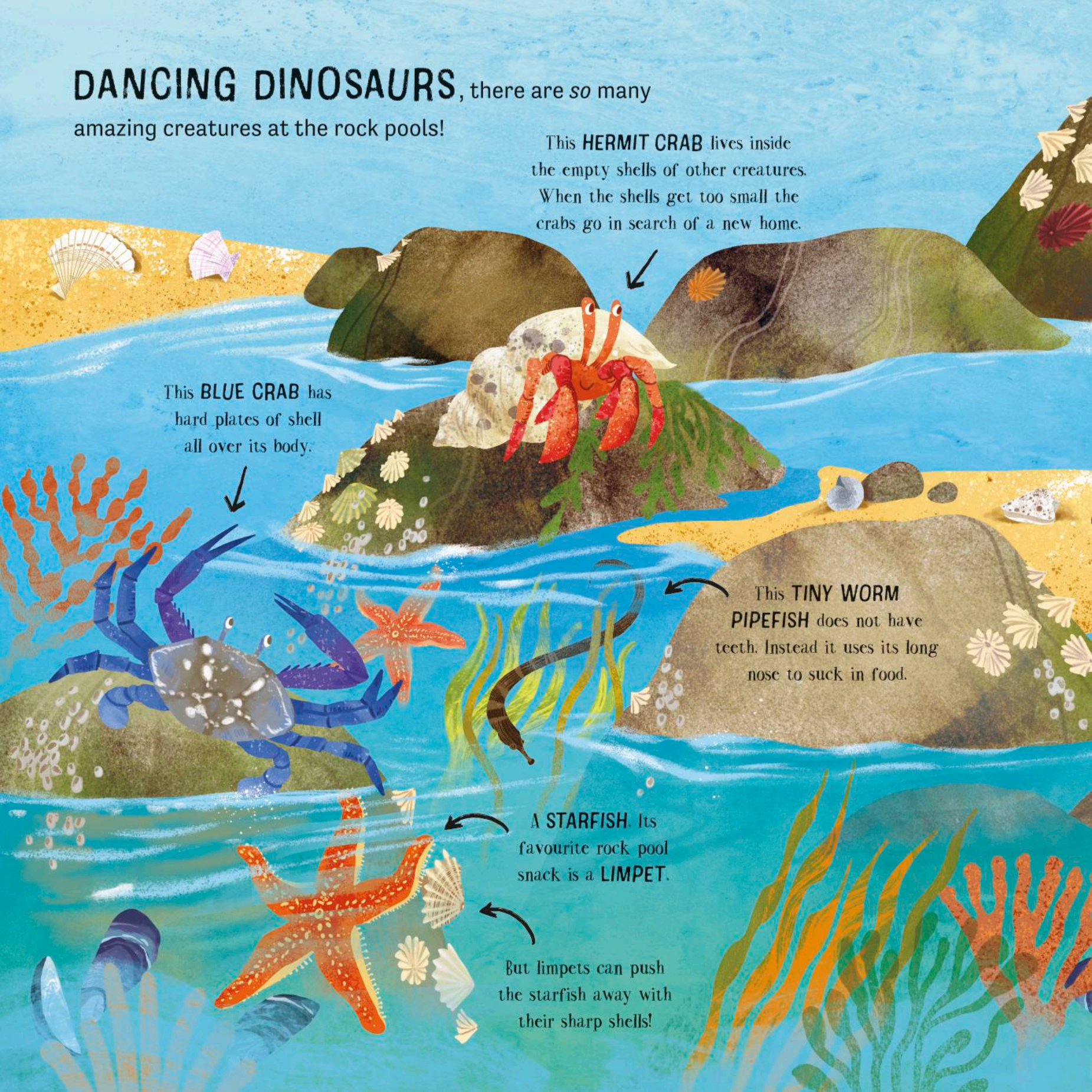
An underwater torch—Dr Dino says it can be dark in the deep!

A chart to show how deep the ocean is.

WE'RE ALL READY TO GO!

'Shall we build our **OCEAN EXPLORER SUBMARINE** now?' I ask Dr Dino.

She says we need to visit the rock pools first—there might be mermaids there.


DANCING DINOSAURS, there are so many amazing creatures at the rock pools!
This HERMIT CRAB lives inside the empty shells of other creatures. When the shells get too small the crabs go in search of a new home.
This BLUE CRAB has hard plates of shell all over its body.
This TINY WORM PIPEFISH does not have teeth. Instead it uses its long nose to suck in food.
A STARFISH. Its favourite rock pool snack is a LIMPET.
But limpets can push the starfish away with their sharp shells!