

CLASSROOM CRITTERS

Mammals Get Schooled!



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For the little piggy and
the one with buffalo hair.

—Maureen

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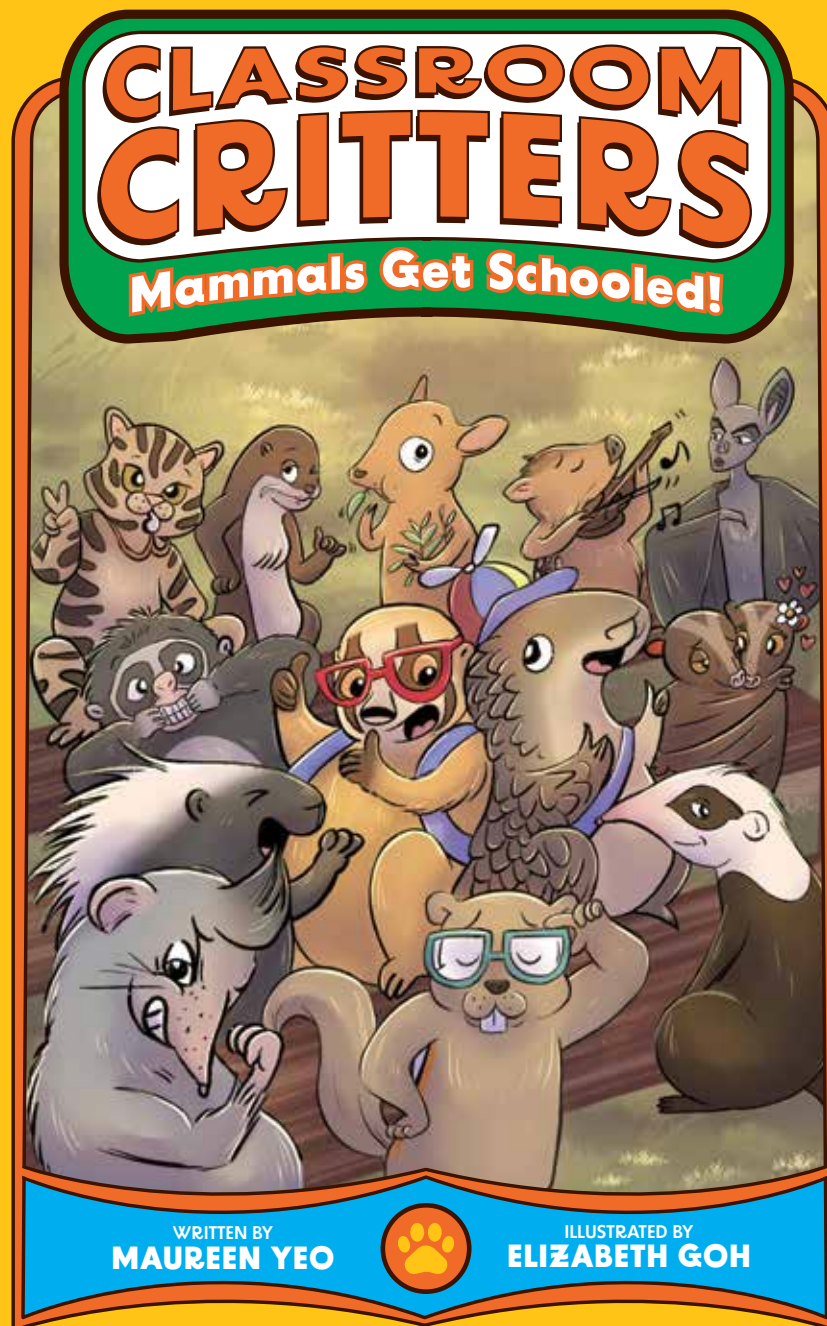
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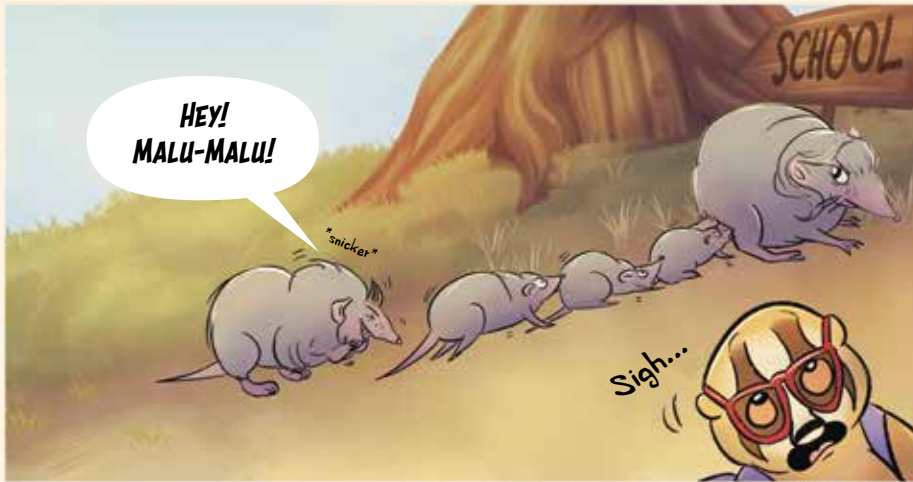
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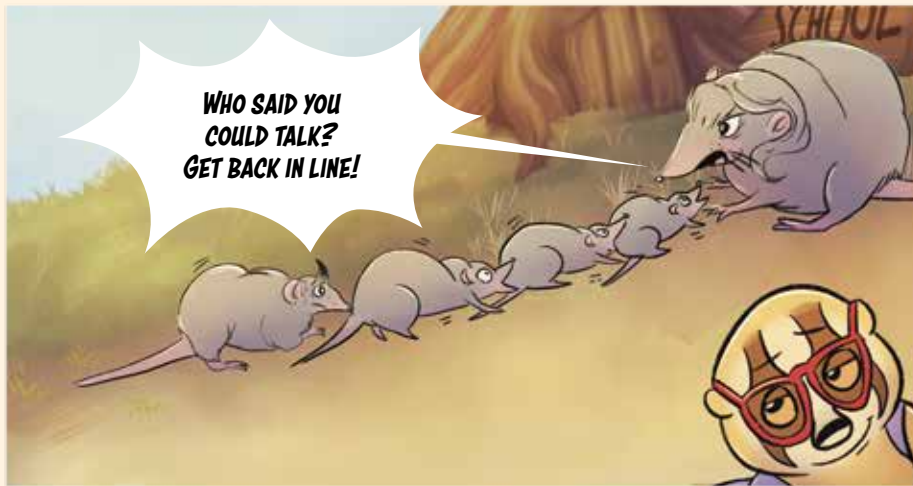




HEY!
MALU-MALU!

"snicker"

Sigh...

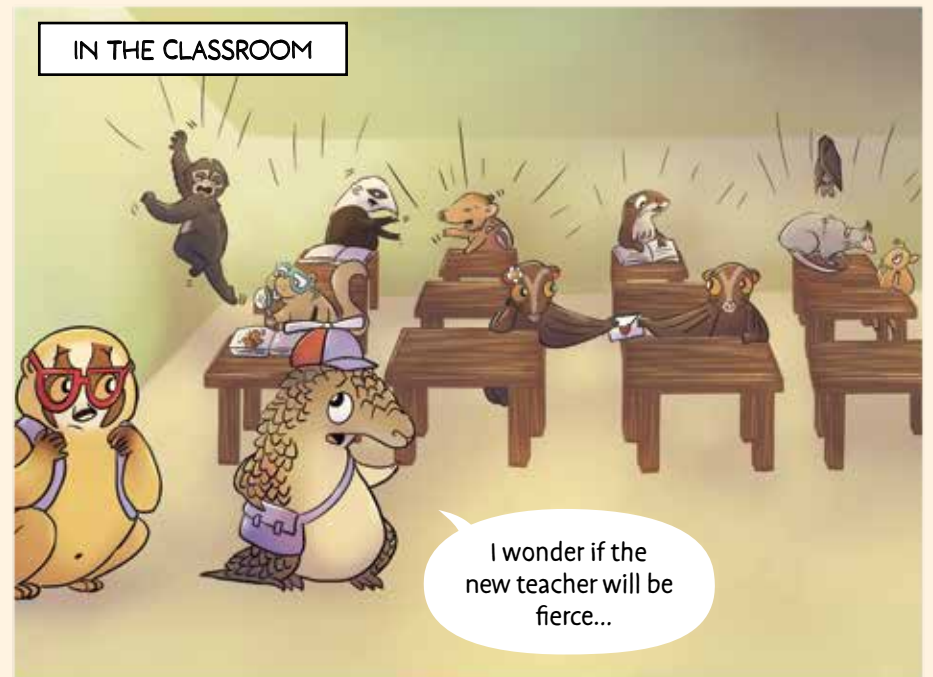


WHO SAID YOU
COULD TALK?
GET BACK IN LINE!



Scary creatures
everywhere.

Don't worry. I've
been working on a defence
mechanism in case we get
bullied.



IN THE CLASSROOM

I wonder if the
new teacher will be
fierce...



GOOD MORNING, CHILDREN!



Did someone call me?



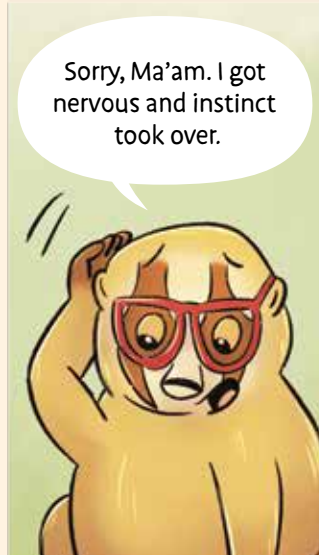
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No, it's alright, Mr Cobra.



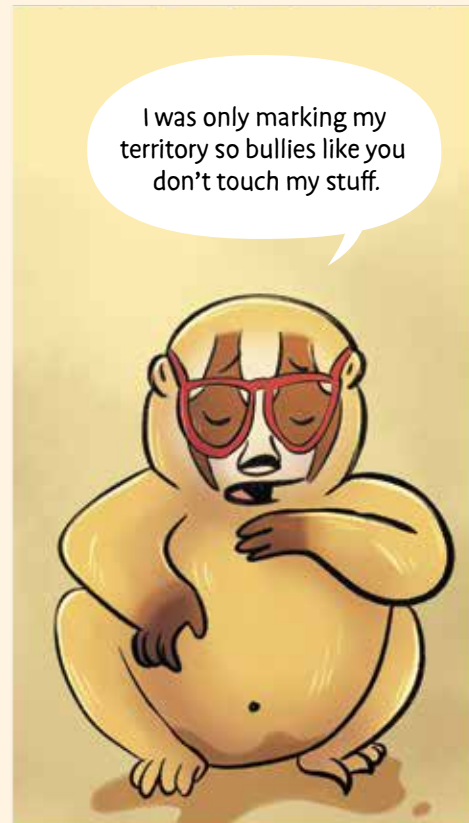
Well, Slow Loris. Your mimicry is an impressive behavioural adaptation* against threats.



Sorry, Ma'am. I got nervous and instinct took over.



HE'S WET HIMSELF TOO!



I was only marking my territory so bullies like you don't touch my stuff.



That's enough, you two.
As I was saying, this is a class for mammals. To be perfectly clear, what is a mammal?

*Behavioural adaptations are special ways an organism behaves to help it survive in its natural habitat.

QUIZ TIME!

1. Which of the following is incorrect?
A) All mammals have hair or fur covering their bodies.
B) All mammals give birth to their young.
C) All mammals feed their young milk.
D) All mammals are warm-blooded.
2. Which of the following is a behavioural adaptation?
A) Slow Loris mimicking a snake.
B) Porcupine's quills breaking off easily.
C) Pangolin using his long, sticky tongue to eat termites and ants.
D) Otter opening and closing his nostrils.
3. Which of the following is a structural adaptation?
A) Plantain Squirrel's different warning calls.
B) Colugo licking his patagium.
C) Wild Boar's watermelon-like markings.
D) Mousedeer's swimming ability.
4. Which mammal does NOT live in a family group?
A) Leopard Cat
B) Raffles' Banded Langur
C) Shrew
D) Mrs Bat
5. Name the system which includes these organs:
mouth, stomach and small intestine.
A) Respiratory
B) Circulatory
C) Nervous
D) Digestive



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Join a new band of classroom critters on a soaring adventure—this time with birds! It's Hornbill's first year at Primary Rainforest School and she's already stressing out about grades. But with the exchange student, Himalayan Griffon Vulture, wreaking havoc in the classroom, how will she stay on track for her straight-A report card?

Get up close and personal with indigenous wildlife in *Classroom Critters*. Bursting with fun facts about local animal species, Singapore's fauna is brought to life in this educational series.



Class is in session! Lesson one: Mammals.

Raffles' Banded Langur has not been seen in school for days. The mammals suspect their form teacher, Mrs Bat, is responsible—she could be a vampire, after all. Pangolin and slow Loris rope in the skittish colugo to investigate the mysterious disappearance of their classmate, but all is not what it seems...

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