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Use What on earth! magazine to generate discussion with young readers

Discussion ideas

- 1 Get the children to flick through the magazine and ask them what catches their eye straight away.
- 2 Ask the children to tell you their favourite fact from the Factopia page - they could find out what the favourite fact of the class is.
- 3 Ask the children to make a timeline of the historical events on the 26 things to know about 2026 page.
- 4 Can the children come up with any other captions for the photographs on the Funny Animals page?
- 5 Ask the children if there are any topics they would like to research further after reading the magazine.
- 6 Puzzle break - pick any time at all during the as a time when the children can have ten minutes to do any of the puzzles in the magazine.
- 7 Find subject-related books in the library/ class library if available e.g. books about polar exploration, fact books, joke books and books with good photographs so that the children can browse these if they feel inspired.

Pole to pole questions

- 1 What are the differences between the North and South Poles?
- 2 Do you think the Inuit helpers have received enough credit for their role in polar exploration?
- 3 What did the explorers need to complete an expedition to the North or South Pole? Do you think modern day explorers need the same things?
- 4 What adaptations have the animals of the polar regions evolved to survive?

The big questions

- 1 What does elliptical mean?
- 2 What forces keep the planets in orbit?
- 3 Do you think it is ethical to send animals into space?
- 4 What do you think a black hole sounds like? Can you find out?

