

# SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

**MYTHS AND MONSTERS**

A photo of the Loch Ness Monster, taken in 1934, in fact shows a model head and neck, attached to a toy submarine.

People sometimes mistake lentil-shaped clouds, known as lenticular clouds, for flying saucers.

Vampires really do exist. There are types of bats, finches and moths known as vampires because they eat blood from other animals.

People in western North America have carved totem poles for more than 200 years. They're decorated with animals, both mythical and real.

You can tell that I'm a Chinese imperial dragon because I have five claws on each foot. Japanese dragons only have three claws.

I'm a thunderbird. It's said that I cause storms with my wings.

In an Ancient Indian poem called the *Mahabharata*, there's a strange creature known as Navagunjara. It has these body parts:

- ROOSTER'S HEAD
- PEACOCK'S NECK
- LEGS OF A DEER, TIGER & ELEPHANT
- SNAKE FOR A TAIL
- BULL'S HUMP
- HUMAN ARM
- LION'S BODY

Over 500 years ago, an unknown European author wrote the Voynich manuscript in a mysterious language that no one now understands.

I'm a sea turtle. I represent the world.

Legendary British ruler King Arthur, is said to have sat with his knights at a round table in his castle, Camelot.

King Arthur's sword, Excalibur, had magical powers that protected him from harm.

According to myth, Greek soldiers hid in a wooden horse to get inside the city of Troy.

Since the 18th century, sailors have told of a ghost ship known as *The Flying Dutchman*. The ship is fated to sail the seas forever and never reach land.

I'm a werewolf. In stories, people who turn into wolves or other beasts are said to have the power of 'therianthropy'.

Strange, flickering light above swamps is known as will-o'-the-wisp, ghost-light or *ignis fatuus* (Latin for 'foolish fire'). It's probably gases burning as things rot, but some people think it's made by fairies.

According to folklore, mandrake plants scream when they're pulled from the ground.

EEEEEE! Our roots look like bodies with heads, arms and legs.

**EGYPTIAN GODS AND GODDESSES**

The Ancient Egyptians had more than a thousand names for different gods and goddesses. These are just a few of them:

- RA** God of the Sun
- OSIRIS** God of the underworld
- ISIS** Goddess of magic
- HATHOR** Goddess of music and love
- THOTH** God of wisdom
- PTAH** God of craftsmen