

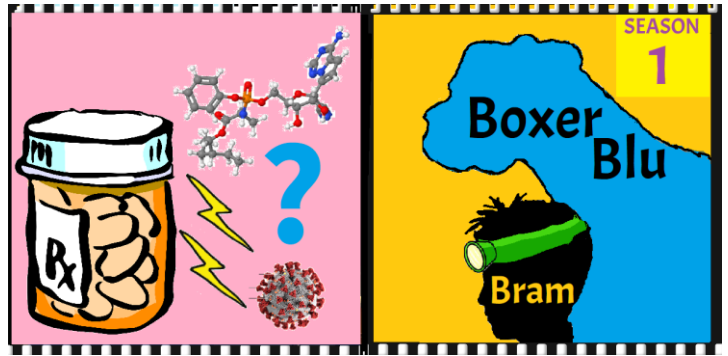
Little News Ears

Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds & Up

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Keywords: remdesivir, Big Bang and matter, big siphonophore, hunting sticks, boxfish



Item #1 – ‘Fauci expresses optimism about ‘significant, positive’ data from a trial of the possible Covid-19 treatment remdesivir’

Author: Jamie Gumbrecht, Betsy Klein and Holly Yan

Source: CNN

Link: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/29/health/gilead-sciences-remdesivir-covid-19-treatment/index.html>

Activities – STEAM – Healthy Living and Safety – [Pharmacy Unit](#)

Item #2 – Title: “Why the Big Bang Produced Something Rather Than Nothing”

Author: Dennis Overbye

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/15/science/physics-neutrino-antimatter-ichikawa-t2k.html>

Activities – STEAM – Science - Physics – [What’s the Matter?](#)

Item #3 – Title: “Like a Spiral UFO: World’s Longest Animal Discovered in Australian Waters

Author: The Guardian

Source: The Guardian

Link: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/apr/15/like-a-spiral-ufo-worlds-longest-animal-discovered-in-australian-waters>

Activities – STEAM – Marine Science – [Jellyfish vs. Squid](#)

Item #4 – ‘300,000-Year-Old Stick Suggests Human Ancestors Were Skilled Hunters’

Author: Alex Fox

Source: Smithsonian Magazine

Link <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/300000-year-old-throwing-stick-shows-human-ancestors-were-skilled-hunters-180974730/>

Physical Fitness Throwing Sticks!

Materials:

Sticks (substitutes could be long cardboard tubes or yardsticks)

A target (this could be a printout of a bear or an actual bullseye). Ideally it should be large, such as a painted bullseye on a cardboard box.

Venue: An outdoor, safe space (or large gymnasium).

1. After provoking the students with the prehistoric need for hunting with sticks, show students clips of [the javelin throw](#).
2. Practice targeted throwing skills with the sticks (or other object).
3. Make a friendly game out of it, either awarding points for hitting the target or choosing winners based on whoever gets closest to the target.

Item #5 - 'How the World's Squarish Fish Gets Around'

Author: Cara Giaimo

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/15/science/yellow-boxfish-yaw.html>

Activity – STEAM – Science – Marine Biology – [Create Your Own Freshwater Class Aquarium](#)