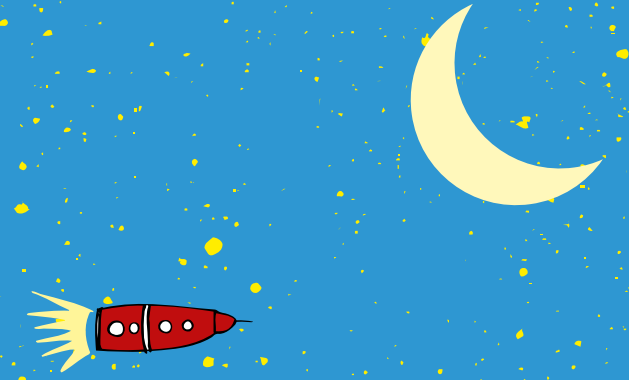


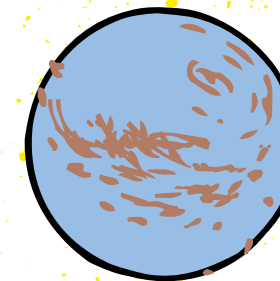
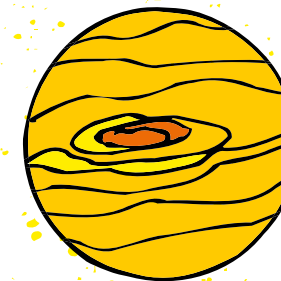
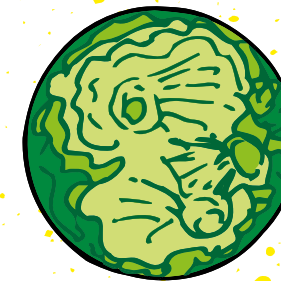
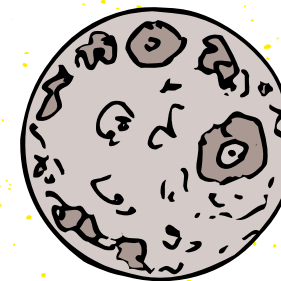
THE EARTH



The earth is sometimes called “the blue planet.” From outer space, you can see white and brown-greenish spots on and around the earth, but the biggest part of our planet is blue, the color of the seas and oceans.

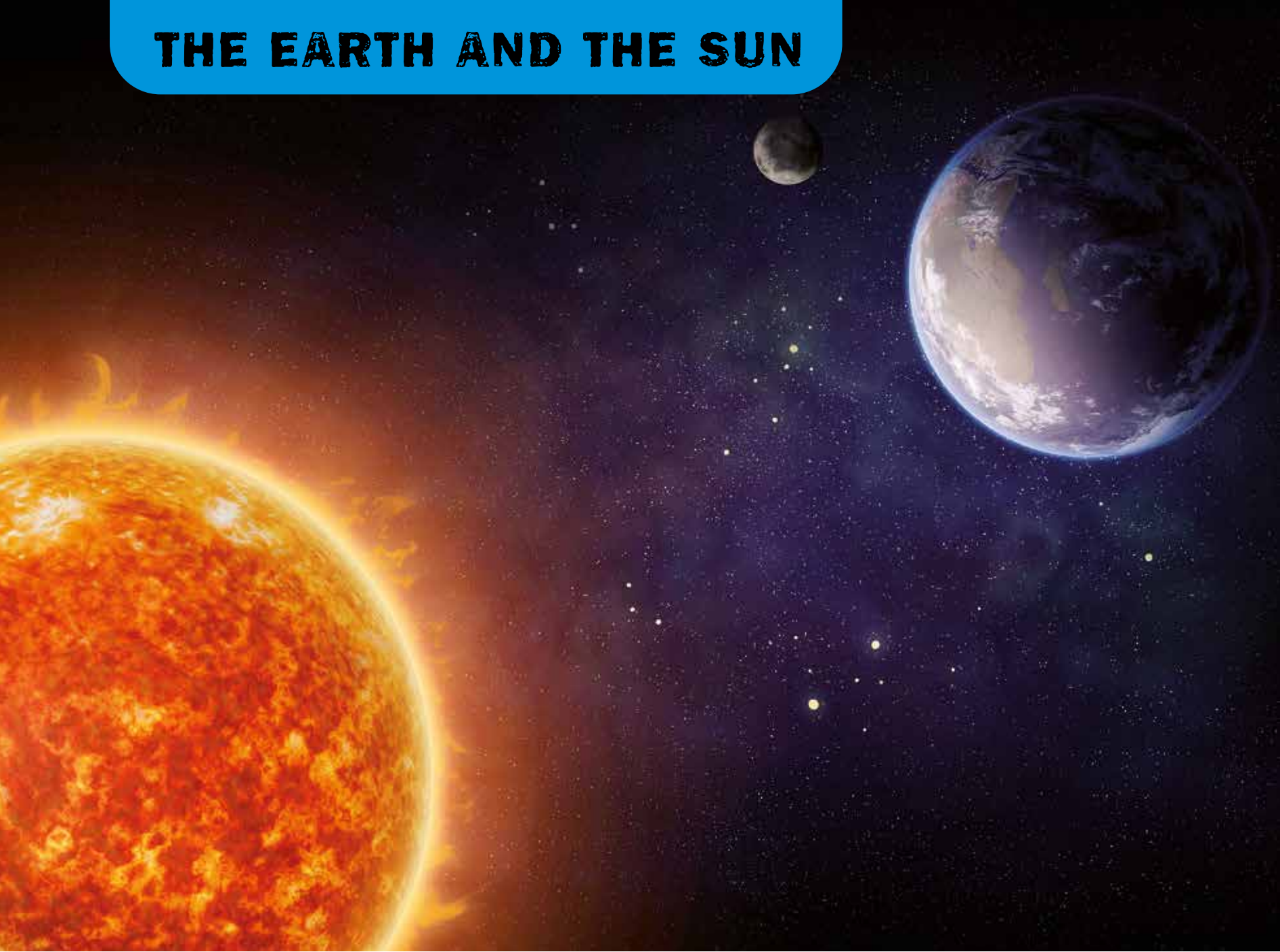


The earth is our home. From where we stand, the earth looks flat and enormous. But from space, it looks very different. The earth isn't flat, but a round ball, and it looks much smaller from a distance. There are several other balls floating nearby. We call them planets.

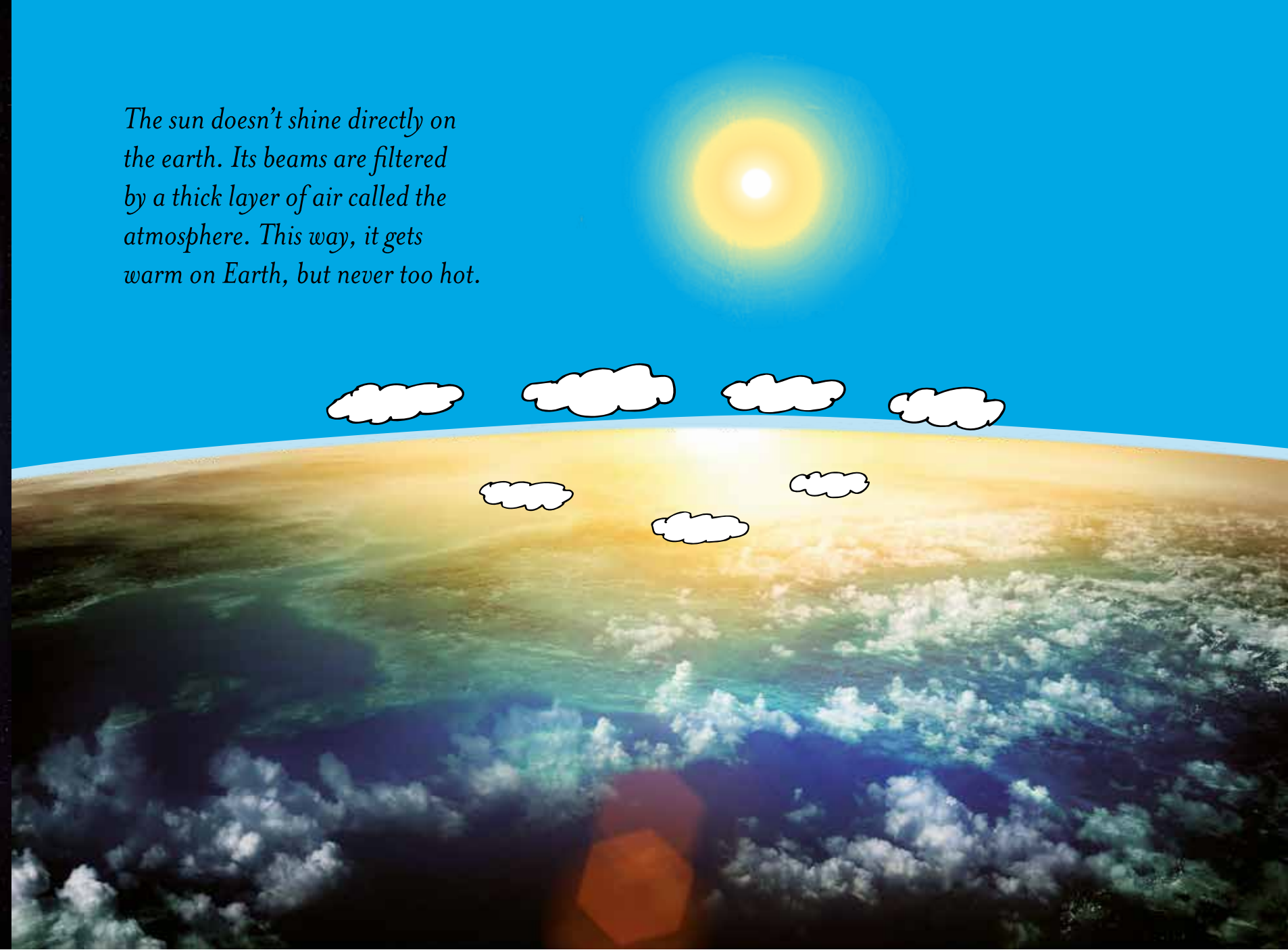


Can you spot the earth?

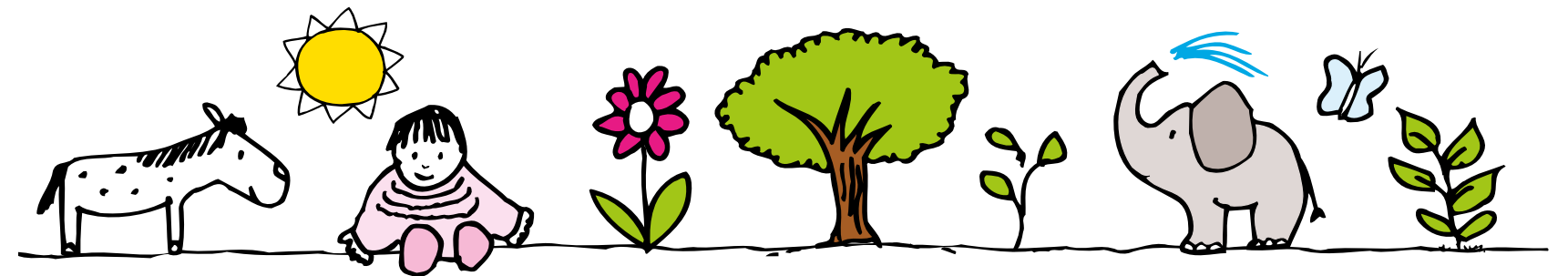
THE EARTH AND THE SUN



The sun doesn't shine directly on the earth. Its beams are filtered by a thick layer of air called the atmosphere. This way, it gets warm on Earth, but never too hot.



The sun isn't a planet, but a star. A star is round like a planet, but much bigger. Stars give off a lot of light and are burning hot. The sun provides warmth and light to the earth.



Thanks to the sun, there's life on Earth.
Which animal do you think is getting a little hot here?