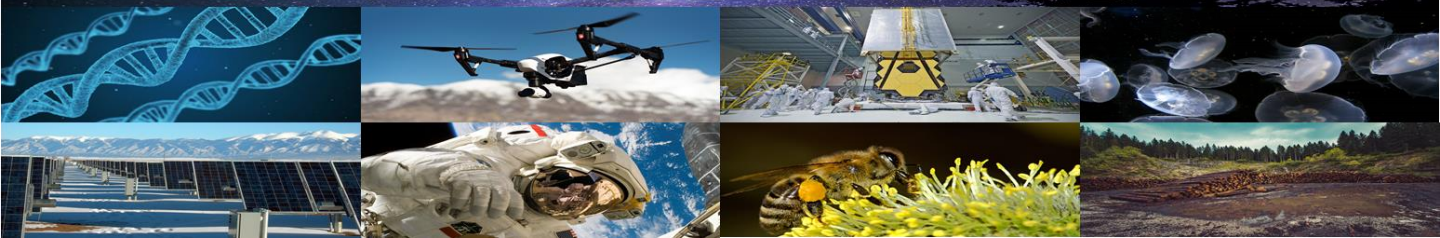


# TOPICAL SCIENCE UPDATES



## Nature Photographer of the Year 2020

April 2020

Science, and particularly nature has always attracted photographers because of its beauty, its complexity and its simplicity.

The Nature TTL Photographer of the Year is an annual competition to find the best nature photographs from around the world.

This year French photographer Florian Ledoux took the winning photo, entitled Above the Crabeater Seals, in Antarctica. [See it here.](#)



Roverhate, Pixabay

Have a look at the links below to see some of the other winners from this year's competition. ***What science can you see in the photos? Why don't you have a go at taking your own amazing nature photographs?*** [Tweet your photos with #TopicalScience to share.](#)

[Nature TTL Winners](#)

[Wildlife Photography Tips](#)

[Stunning Wildlife Photos](#)

## Ice Age Survival

Scientists working in Russia have discovered a series of huge circles made of the bones of woolly mammoths.

Carbon dating of the bones has revealed that they are about 20,000 years old, which means the circles must have been constructed at the coldest point of the last ice age.

Scientists think that people would have gathered in large structures like this to protect themselves from the harsh cold weather.



***Can you research the last Ice Age and find out what happened across Europe? What other animals were alive at the time of the woolly mammoths and where are they now?***

[Bone Circles](#)

[Bone circle discoveries](#)

[Carbon Dating](#)

[Woolly Mammoths](#)

[Ice Age](#)

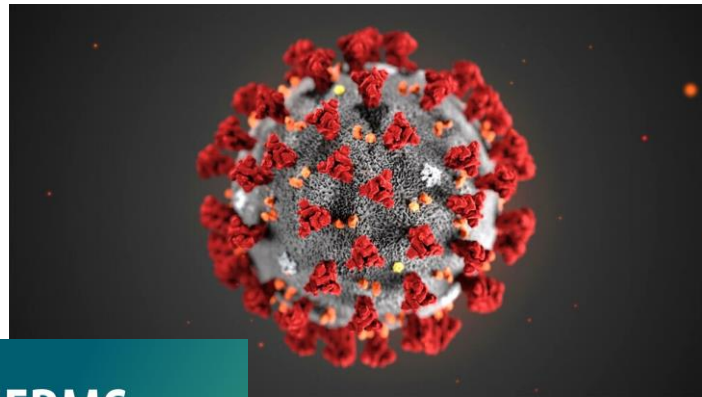
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If you have been watching the news you might be mistaken for thinking that there is only one story going on in the world right now. The COVID19 Coronavirus pandemic has dominated almost every country in the world and seems likely to for a while yet.

**What are the facts that you should really know about COVID19?**

Stay away from the 'facts' you read on Social Media, there is a lot of misinformation being spread. Get your facts from the [World Health Organisation](#) and official government sources in your country.



**COVID 19**  
CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE

## STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



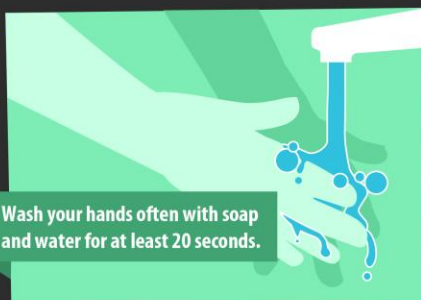
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



**How can you keep yourself and your family safe?**

The advice from around the world is pretty much the same now and is summarised on this [CDC](#) poster.

In addition to this advice it is important that you talk to someone if you are worried about anything to do with COVID19. Use Social Media to stay in touch with family and friends and check up on each other regularly.

Here are some more questions you might have about the current situation.

[What is Coronavirus?](#)

[What is a pandemic?](#)

[What is Social Distancing?](#)

**Remember, stick to facts from reputable sources only, wash your hands lots and stay safe!**



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

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