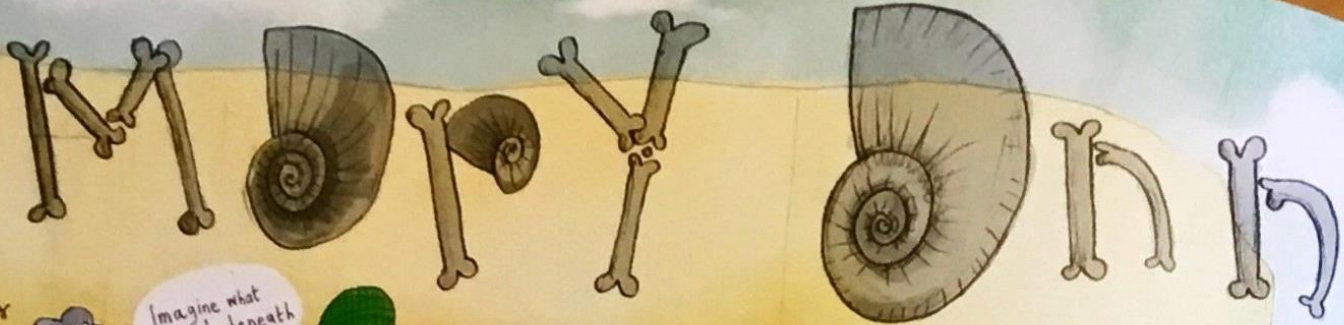


She walked in the footsteps of... **DINOSAURS!**



Mary's dog
TRAY



Imagine what
could be beneath
our feet!

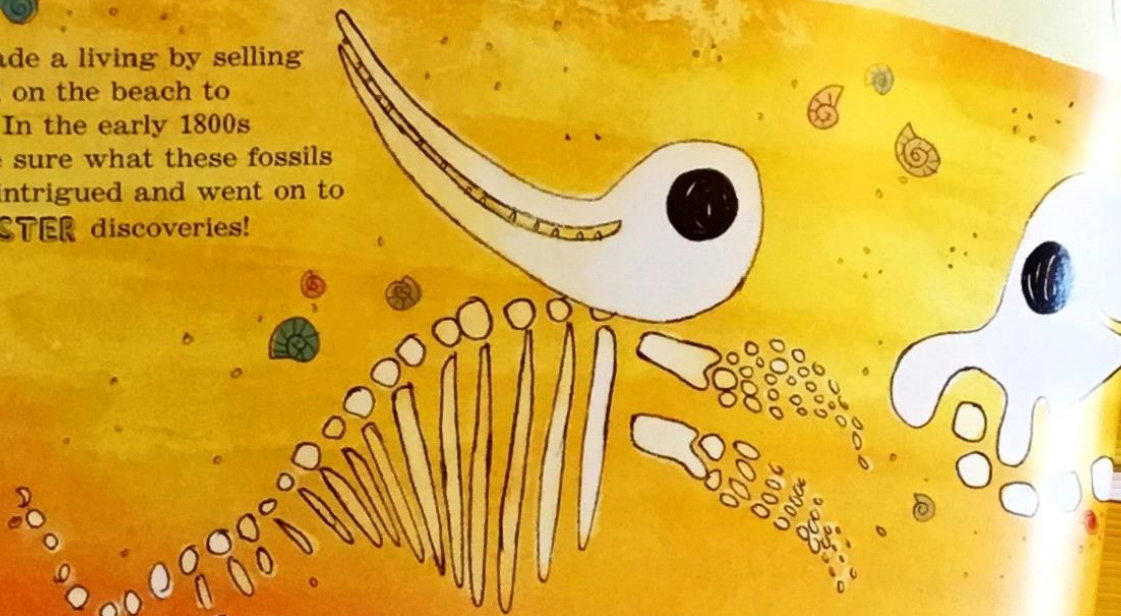


Mary Anning was born in Lyme Regis, England, 1799. At the time people believed that the world was only thousands of years old. Mary's interest in fossils helped prove that the world is actually millions and millions of years old.


Mary's family made a living by selling fossils they found on the beach to wealthy tourists. In the early 1800s nobody was quite sure what these fossils were. Mary was intrigued and went on to make some **MONSTER** discoveries!

FOSSIL FACT:

Fossils form over millions of years when minerals fill the space in and around skeletons, footprints - and even poo - left behind by creatures that lived long, long ago!



1812: Mary discovers the skeleton of a creature that has never been seen before. Scientists come to see it and name the prehistoric sea monster **ICHTHYOSAURI!**



Mary was very good at fossil hunting. FAR better than the male scientists who wrote books about the fossils she found.

But for years, because she was a poor woman who had never been to school, nobody bothered to mention Mary's hard work.

Today Mary is recognised as one of the first, and most important paleontologists (that's a scientist who studies dinosaurs) in history.

Wow! I'm a paleontologist!

Lots of people wondered what Bezoar Stones were. Mary correctly suggested that they were fossilised dinosaur POO!

1820: Mary finds the skeleton of a FIVE METRE long sea creature! Again, scientists rush to the new discovery. The creature is named PLESIOSAUR.

1828: Mary uncovers the skeleton of a PTEROSAUR - a flying dinosaur that had never been found in Britain before.