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RAMON
The Paleontologist

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About ASD

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is related to how **OUR BRAINS** develop and work.

It's sort of **"INVISIBLE"** because those with ASD all have their individual physical appearances.



Some of them talk a lot, whilst others talk little. Some communicate through

IMAGE.

Sometimes those with ASD make **REPETITIVES** hand gestures or insist on always doing things **in the same way**.

In some cases, persons with ASD have **outstanding skills** in certain areas, such as **arithmetic**, **DRAWING** or **music**, but this isn't always the case.

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One thing that people with ASD do have in common is **THE WAY THEY INTERACT** with others, which is **DIFFERENT** from the norm.

Because at times they aren't aware of others' reactions, it may seem that they don't care, but that's not true.

They just need us to explain in words how we're feeling.

They also have a different way of communicating.

They will tell you about the same things **over and over again**, which can cause others to switch off. It's just like when you turn the radio on but you aren't listening to it and decide to **TURN IT OFF**.

Tuning out the voice of the main character in this story will mean that you miss out on the chance to get to know a

VERY ESPECIAL PERSON.

Ramón will teach you all about the **TALENTS** and **SKILLS** of persons with autism.



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SSSHHH! Silence!

Don't make noise.

Any loud noises make me feel a **BIT ANXIOUS**.

What's more, I'm just about to uncover the biggest dinosaur on the planet and

I need to **CONCENTRATE...**

I don't like being distracted from what I'm doing...

TA-DAH! Here it is. The world's biggest dinosaur. Yes, I know that it's only a picture, but the thing is that I express myself better through

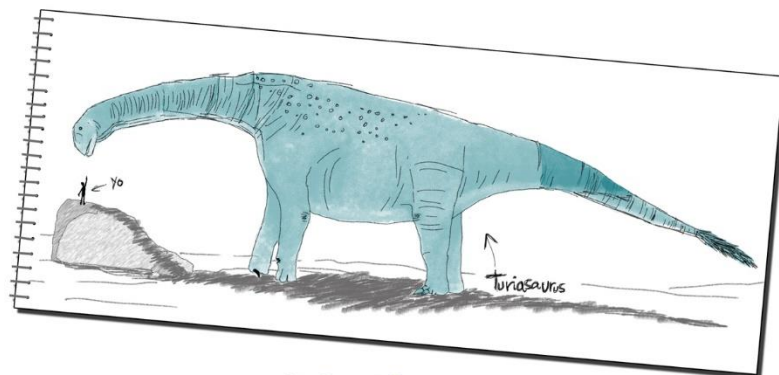
pictures
and
photos..



Let me introduce myself. My name is **RAMÓN** and I'm going to be a **PALEONTÓLOGIST**

when I grow up.

That's how sure I am, even though I'm only nine years old...



When it comes to **DiNOSAURS**, I have to say that I know every single one of them. I know all about when they lived, how much they measured and even what they ate... The unusual **Deinocheirus**, the spectacular **Therizinosaurus**, the frightening **Utahraptor** and my personal favourite, the massive **TURIASAURUS**, a dinosaur that lived in the Iberian Peninsula hundreds of thousands of years ago and which was the **biggest in the whole of Europe**.

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I'm going to call this one *Mummysaurius*
 eafter my **MUM**,
 who hugs me tighter than anybody else.
 My sister, Bea, also hugs me pretty tight to be honest.

I TRY QUITE HARD TO stop them.
 I don't like big hugs or being hugged
WITHOUT ANY WARNING.
 But deep down *I need their hugs*



I let mummy and Bea hug me because it makes
 them **really happy** when I give them a kiss,
 but the rest of you
will just have to get
 by with my
 drawings.



Mummy is **REALLY OBSERVANT.**
 When I was a year and a half old, she was the first
 one to realise that I was showing **sings**
 of ASD, which are letters that stand for
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

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“SPECTRUM” sounds like something out of
HARRY POTTER,
DOESN'T IT?



That's because there's a lot of **magic.**
 amongst those of us who have ASD.

Some of us even have
outstanding skills.

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Apparently autism affects **1 in every 100 children,**
 but in my family it turns out that there are two of us,
 because **MY UNCLE** (my mum's brother)
 also has it, that's why she was able to
SPOT IT so early in me.



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**"EARLY IDENTIFICATION PRECOZ
IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT"**

the doctor said.

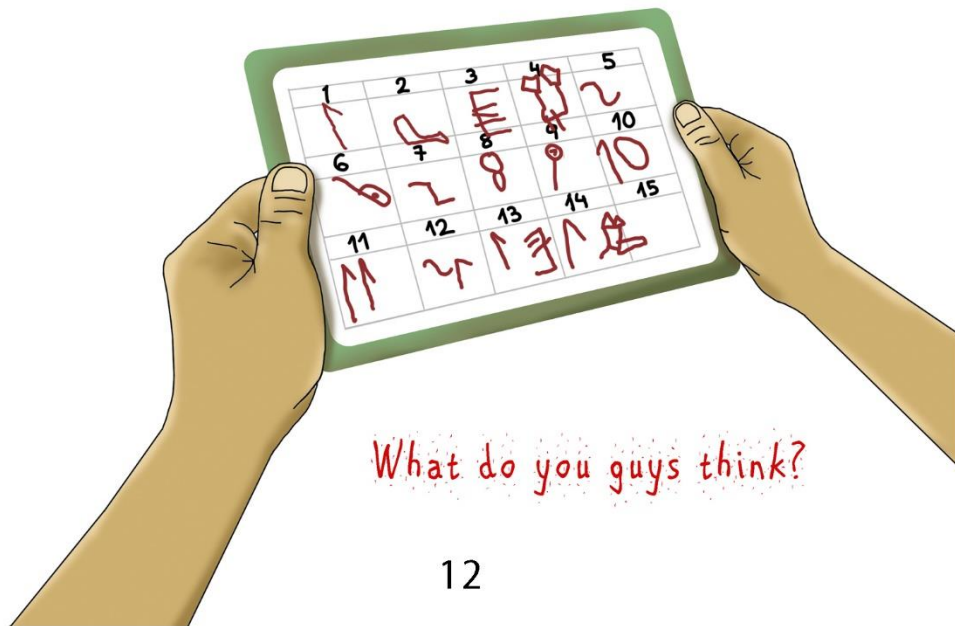
And then they started
with their **test**
and **STIMULATION**.

As well as **NOT PLAYING** 'peek-a-boo' with her,
I had a hard time
RESPONDING to my name
or **pointing** at things with my finger.

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One thing I did enjoy was **DRAWING**.

At first, the only thing I drew were **NUMBERS**.
I thought that they were great fun and mummy
and daddy said that they were very
FUNNY-LOOKING NUMBERS.



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After the **DIAGNOSIS**
was confirmed, a lot of things happened.

Worry, *uncertainty...*
and, in the end, **WE FELT SAFE.** ★ ★ ★

Daddy got some help from
PROFESSIONALS who taught
my parents how to bring me up.

Now, when I look at
mummy and daddy, as they
PLAY WITH ME
TOGETHER

I could just cover them
with **KISSES**,
and, in my own special way,
that's exactly what I do.

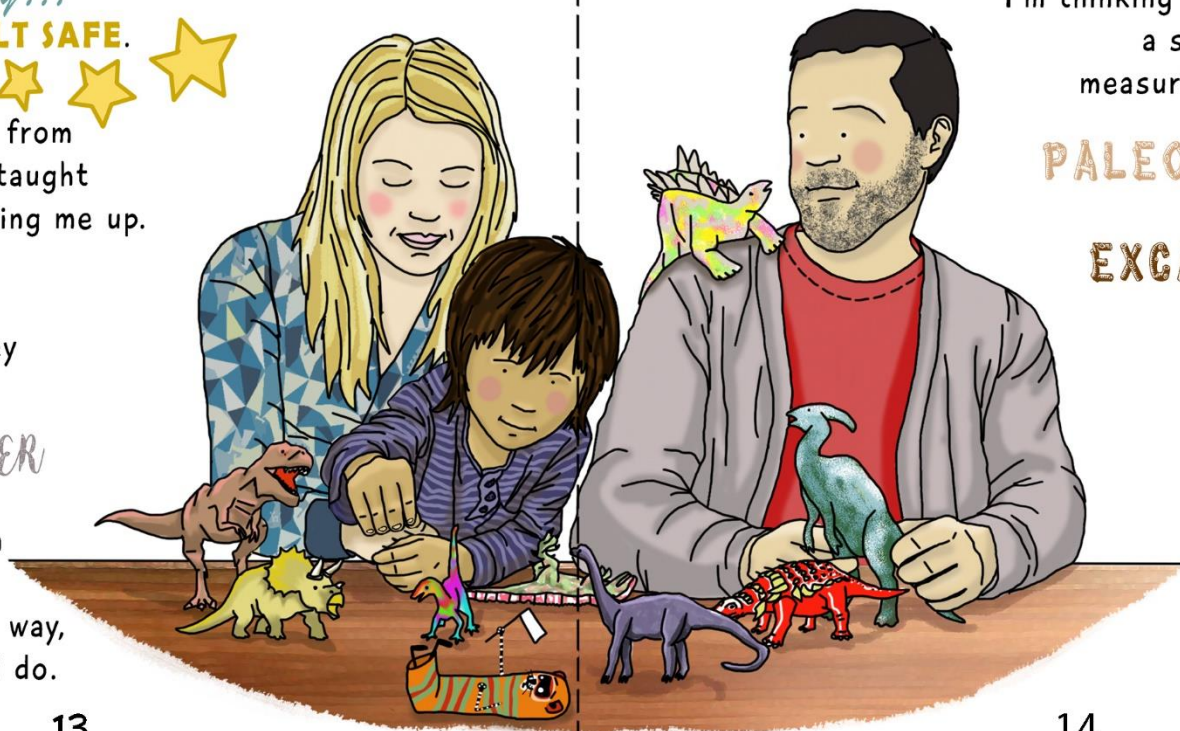
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Because numbers and dinosaurs are my thing

(I have fun with them and learn lots),
I'm thinking about creating
a sample
measuring system for

PALEONTOLOGICAL
EXCAVATIONS.

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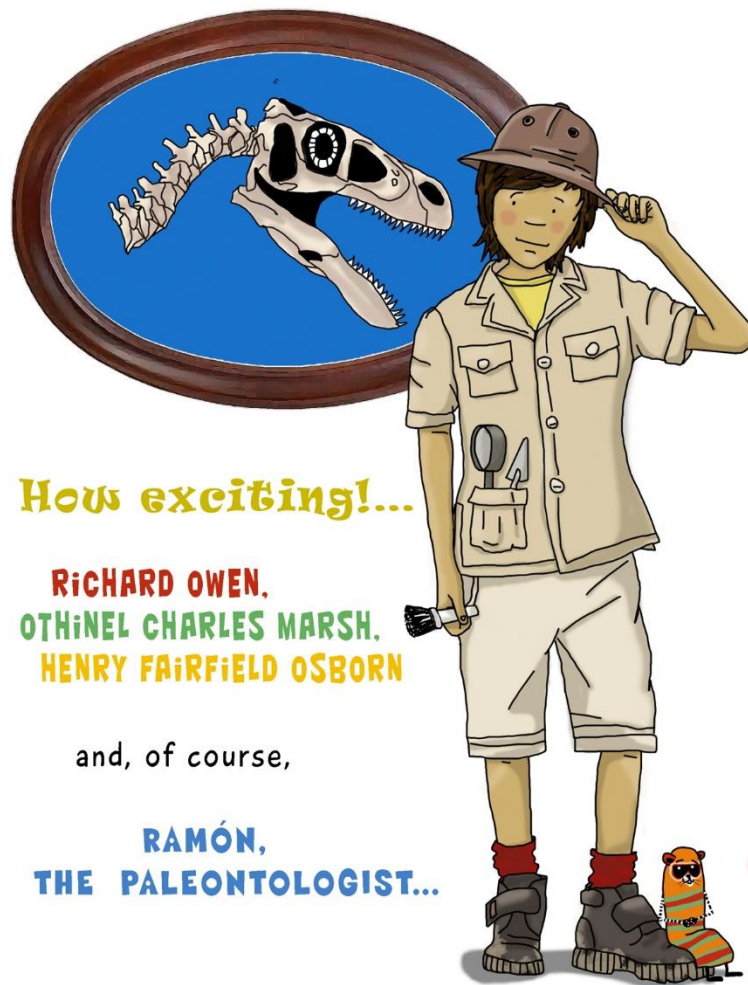
Technology

*is really important
when it comes to science
and I intend to do my bit
by making my own
scientific advances.*

In the near future,
as well as drawing them,
I'll discover them

IN REAL LIFE...
digging them up myself...

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How exciting!...

RICHARD OWEN,
OTHINEL CHARLES MARSH,
HENRY FAIRFIELD OSBORN

and, of course,

RAMÓN,
THE PALEONTOLOGIST...

the end

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