

Pre-Kindergarten students join nationwide virtual story time

Meriden's Pre-Kindergarten students recently participated in a virtual story time alongside over two million children from across Australia. The girls listened to acclaimed Australian author, Rebecca Young, read her book, *The Speedy Sloth*, while accompanied by the book's illustrator, Heath McKenzie, live from London Zoo and Sydney Zoo.

The students belonging to the Turtle, Dolphin and Starfish classes were fully engaged in the story and enjoyed learning interesting facts about sloths. One of the highlights of the story time was when Mr McKenzie provided a live demonstration of his artistic skills, showing the children how to draw a sloth.

The interactive storytelling event was part of the National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS), an annual initiative led by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) to promote the value of reading and literacy.

What a wonderful experience for the children and a fun opportunity to connect with literature!

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Top image: Ariyah Bergstedt and Gwynynthea Yeung. **Bottom image:** Mr McKenzie demonstrating how to draw a sloth during the National Simultaneous Storytime