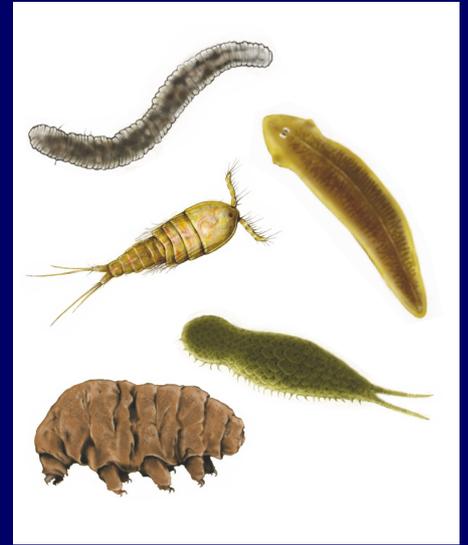
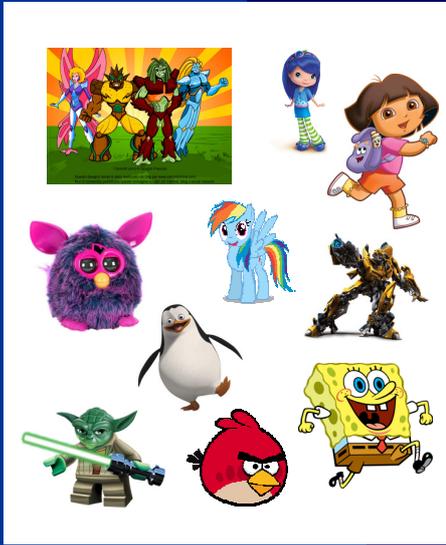


WHAT CHILDREN CAN RECOGNISE ?

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Kids are perfect observers and are able to recognize new object very fast. Today few if any kids are able to name trees or birds, still they don't have any problems with identification and description of dozens fictional characters from cartoons or dinosaur species. We aim to demonstrate the unknown, hidden world of marine



microcosmos. We present real animals with long, difficult names and their real life stories. Kids can read about them in the books as well as on the web page (<http://www.iopan.gda.pl/projects/ilustratorzy/index/html>) and during artistic- scientific workshops.

Books are meant for the kids from 6 to 12 years old – the main character in stories is the Grandchild introduced to the marine microcosmos by the Sea Wizzards.

Aim of the stories is demonstration the biological diversity in its invisible domain, and building concern about important processes in the marine ecosystem. Stories are based on the real places along the coast, as every adventure is introduced by another of the Sea Wizzards living in the lighthouses.

