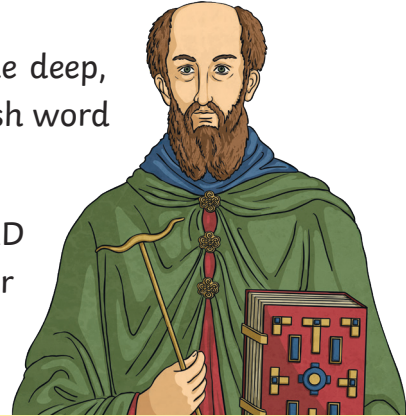


# The Loch Ness Monster

## The Legend of Loch Ness

The Loch Ness monster, Nessie, is said to live in the deep, dark waters of Loch Ness, Scotland. Loch is a Scottish word for lake.

The story of Nessie was said to have started in AD 565. A monk called Columba saw a giant 'water beast' coming out of the water. He said a prayer to scare the monster away.



## Believe It or Not?


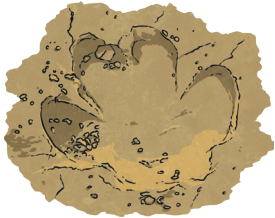


- Some scientists think that Nessie was a dinosaur.
- Part of the loch is 812ft deep. It has been named Nessie's Lair.
- There are over 200 000 Internet searches for Nessie every month.
- Nessie has her own fan club.
- Even Scooby Doo has tried to find Nessie!

## Fact or Fiction?

Nobody has ever proved Nessie to be real. However, there have been over 1000 sightings since the legend began. Three people have already spotted Nessie in 2017! Over one million people visit the loch every year to try and spot the famous monster.

## Famous Nessie Sightings:



Sighting	Evidence	Hoax
In 1934, a surgeon called Robert White said that he saw Nessie's head coming out of the water.		It was a toy submarine with a fake head and tail.
In 1935, a hunter said he found a footprint on the banks of Loch Ness.		It was made with a stuffed hippo foot.
In 2012, a boat skipper reported he saw a hump coming out of the loch.		It was a model of Nessie.
In 2014, Nessie was spotted on a satellite photo.		It was the wake of a boat.