

MRS. KNOW-IT-ALL

You have questions?  Ask Mrs. Know-it-all!

It is fun to be curious. Think about a question you'd like answered. **We'll publish your question and Mrs. Know-it-all's answer in the next issue** ... (though adults (even Mrs. Know-it-all) don't know all the answers to kids' questions).

Here are some suggestions to ask about:

Questions about how things work
Questions about animals and plants
Questions about outer space
Questions about other countries
and on ... and on...

MRS. KNOW-IT-ALL KNOWS SOME WEIRD THINGS ABOUT ANIMALS:

Q:

Do vampire bats really drink

BLOOD?

Should people be afraid of them?

A:

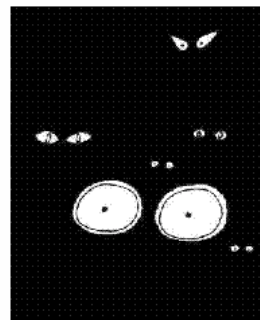
Yes and No.

Vampire bats do drink the blood of animals like horses and cows. But so do mosquitoes, and mosquitoes drink human blood too! Nobody's scared of them, are they?

Actually, vampire bats are shy creatures that come out at night. They bite the animals skin somewhere and then lap up the blood like a dog laps up water from its water bowl. Vampire bats are a little tricky, though. They have a special chemical in their saliva that makes the cut on the animal keep bleeding until the bat is all done its dinner. Overall the amount of blood they drink is about the size of a drop of milk.

Q:

Which animal has the biggest eyes?



A:

A tiny monkey called a tarsier is only 6 inches tall but has very large eyes in proportion to its head. **If our eyes were as big for our heads as the tarsier's are, our eyes would be bigger than oranges!** The tarsier can also turn its head completely around to see what's going on behind him. Tarsiers live in the islands of the Pacific Ocean.