



Dear Class 2,

Thank you for your letters and really well thought out questions.

So, first of all, the Dodo bird looked like a large turkey with a hooked beak. Although it was a bird, the Dodo bird could not fly! What an odd bird it was!

It lived on the island of Mauritius until it became extinct in 1662. Unfortunately, it was us humans who caused it to die out, as before explorers arrived in Mauritius in 1598 it had no natural predators.

The dodo was around 90 cm tall and weighed around 23kg, that's the same as 23 bags of sugar, so it was a pretty big bird!

If you want to find out more about this strange bird, then there is lots of information out there. On our site we have a 3D recreation of a dodo skeleton.

https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/news/2016/april/worlds-most-complete-dodo-skeleton-revealed.html?utm_source=&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=general

Please browse our resources to find out more about this fascinating creature.

Kind regards,

The Natural History Museum