

Platypus and Bird by Fintan, Year 5

Side by side, two white eggs lay on the smooth, powder-like sand. Eventually the eggs started to open. One of the eggs had a macaw in it and the other had a duck-billed platypus. The macaw came out quicker than the Platypus. Then the duck billed platypus wailed "I want milk!" But there was no milk.

Bird suggested, "Open your mouth and food will come". The Platypus tried it but it didn't work. Also Platypus kept on wailing "I want milk!" They had to make a new plan and they did so. Bird finally got Platypus to go in the forest and find some food for Bird and milk for Platypus.

Platypus strolled off up the slope and an hour later, coconuts, pineapples, oranges and melons and other varieties of fruits came rolling down the hill. Then along came Platypus carrying a lot of food which was mainly fish and shrimps. Soon they were full up and then Platypus took a nap. When he woke, Bird was sitting on something. Platypus asked "What is it?" "It's our home" replied Bird. Once Bird and said that Platypus made it sink so that it was in a ditch. There on they lived until they were young adults and Platypus started catching bucket loads of shrimps.

Bird had now got very bright, vivid feathers and Platypus grew more dark haired brown fur. Also he had become very strong. Every day they copied each other more and more. They practised flying, catching shell fish from the sea. When the weather was cool they swam under the azure sea. When it was cold they fluffed up to keep warm. One day Platypus exclaimed "I'm glad you are my Brother!" "Me too!" replied macaw.

One day when they were out hunting, they swam under the water but when they came back to the surface they saw a forest full of birds.

Also when Platypus swam to the lake and came back Platypus shouted "There are other animals just like me!"

Then the macaw bellowed back "These Birds are like me!"

Then they realised they had to part. They looked at each other to make sure and then wept good bye.

The next morning at dawn when the sun was bright, Platypus climbed on a high rock and started singing as loudly as he could but the other Platypus yelled "be quiet!" Meanwhile when it was breakfast time Bird came back with his beak covered with mud and inside was gravel and mud. All the Birds noted "Ew, where have you been?" A couple of hours later, Platypus built a nest but all the other Platypus shouted "why did you do that? We live in burrows not nests."

When night fell, Bird flew away but all the other Birds yelled "We don't fly at night! It's dangerous!" Bird just flew on and found Platypus wide awake in a nest. Bird promised "I will always be your brother."