

## **The evolution of a horse**

**What we call a horse now didn't used to be a horse they were called a Hyracotherium they were very small, there are bigger dogs than them and they have toes not hooves, they ate leaves instead of grass. The Meshippus is bigger than the Hyracotherium and instead of toes they have split hooves like pigs, they eat grass like horses and there environment is warmer and less humid. The Merychippus is a lot bigger and looks a lot more like a horse their hooves are more like the hooves of a horse and their teeth and stomachs are the same as horses so they can digest grass more easily then we have horses that eat grass have 1 piece hooves and they sound like a normal horse.**