



Explore the museum through Science Scoops – Limericks. In these poems the 1st, 2nd & 5th lines rhyme, as do the 3rd & 4th lines.

Fourth Floor (Panorama)

Lying on the ground just ahead
Not moving, not even my head
Don't come any closer
My smell just gets grosser
I'm just faking it, I'm not dead

I'm perched in a cactus up high
To get here I must have to fly
I'm small you might miss me
Look close, I'm a pygmy
So search for my big rounded eyes

Third Floor (Fossil Galleries & Bugtown)

Pause as you move through this ditty
You might think to look at kitty
Scythe teeth are my fame
But cat just the same
Sigh, I'm extinct; more the pity

This small and quick dino was clever
Its cover outside was of feather
A toe claw to greet you
The better to eat you
Its fossils have saved it forever

If you go to give the roach a kiss
Get too close and it gives off a hiss
Their home is very far
They're from Madagascar
And make noise with a hole known as *this*

Fifth Floor (Explore Evolution)

Big, small or sharp, varies by finch
Diverse beaks make snacking a cinch
Some seek insects in trees
We measure parts *in these*
About twenty-five to an inch

Fifth Floor (Continued)

FOUR forces are evolution's mode
First are changes in your DNA code
Next, traits are passed to heirs
Few then live to make theirs
Last, the changes are marked as this flowed

Ancient ancestors once lived on land
Having four legs on which they would stand
Now our front feet are flippers
No back feet so no slippers!
We swim through the ocean, so grand

Our most recent cousins you be
Both species of known chimpanzee
Although with less hair
Common ancestor we share
Dates back to *this point* on the tree

Sixth Floor

Most spiders will do you no harm
But two you should keep from your arm
One is brown, the other black
With venom to catch a snack
Their bite might be cause for alarm

A bat's nose is most often quite dark
Fungus causes a change that is stark
Noses powdery white
An unusual sight
Bats die once they are plagued with *this mark*

In Kansas cool snakes abound
They slither and slink around
Although they might lick you
They use *this* to sniff you
Detect those air-borne compound