Twitter Thread by **Space-Why?**





An Ode to 2020, as the end is drawing near.

You'd need 2020 vision, to predict this shocking year.

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The year sea levels rose and forests burned around the world.

Events and sports suspended, but black voices finally heard.



The year when we were teachers and our kids all stayed at home.

And bubbles meant the lonely didn't have to be alone.



The year when we all starred online in our own celebrity squares.

We had Teams and we were Zooming but not going anywhere.



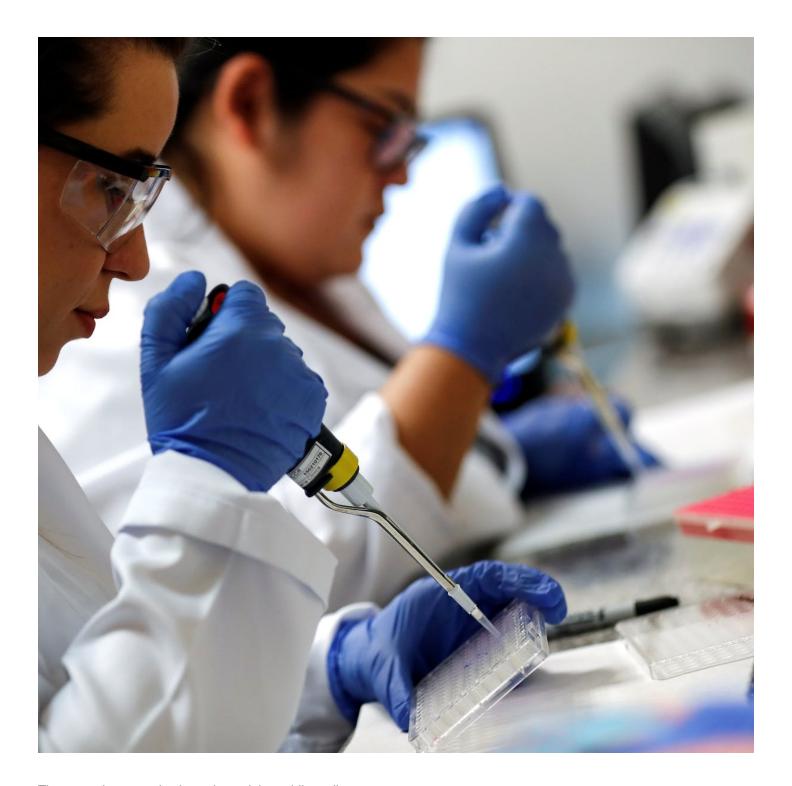
US astronauts on US rockets, reward for years of toil.

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The year the virus spread and the scientists all tried.

To fast track through a vaccine while some politicians lied.



The year when two elections showed the public really cares.

New Zealand backed their leader while Americans fired theirs.





The year a comet came and some planets got together.

We took samples from an asteroid and watched the Martian weather.



The year when jobs were lost and we all learned what furlough meant.

As many others worked from home and landlords deferred rent.



The year we hoarded bog roll and learned how to sanitize.

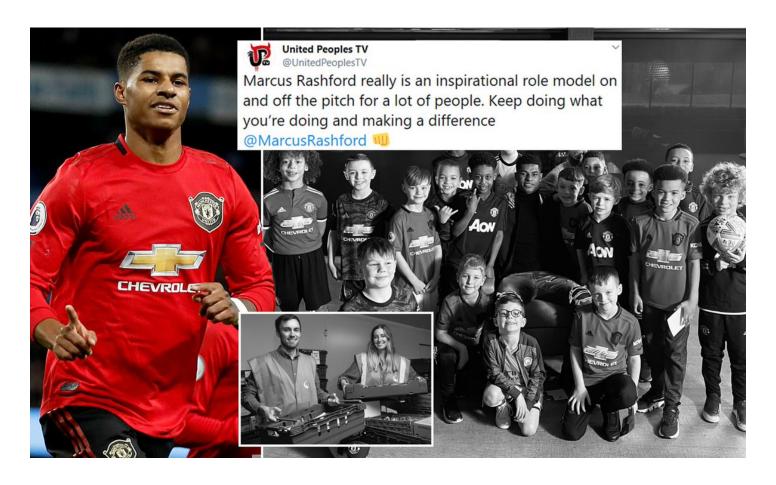
And that storing tons of fertiliser close to fireworks isn't wise.



The year a football champion, took on a worthy cause.

And fought for children's lunches, and changes in the laws.

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And the year a wartime hero took a step outside his door.

And raised millions by walking, arise Captain Sir Tom Moore.



The year of extreme weather, and many hurricanes.

Pubs closed and hotels empty and grounded aeroplanes.

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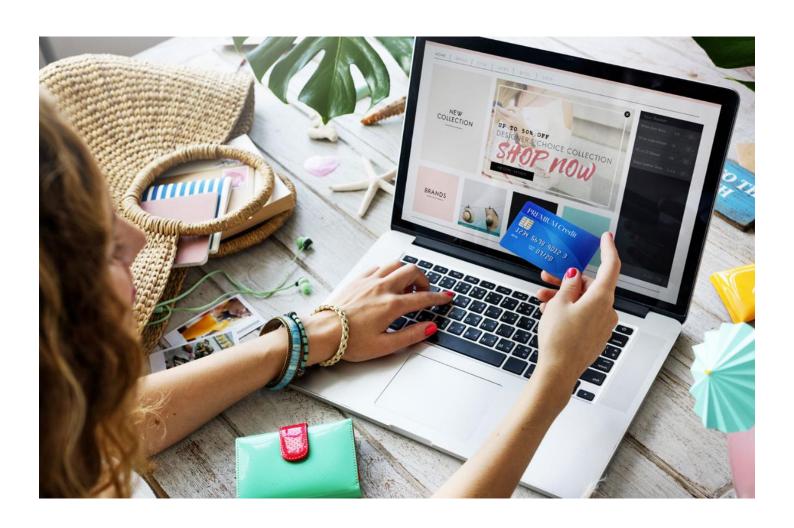
The year we lost a telescope as Arecibo's dish.

Was crushed by falling steel and concrete. Everything got squished.



The year we learned to shop online and the delivery driver's name.

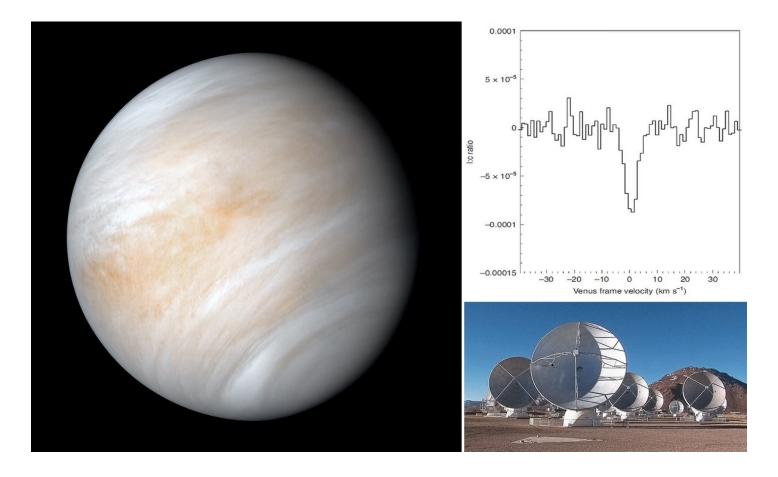
And that viruses don't care about your status, wealth or fame.



The year we thought we'd found the signs of life in clouds on Venus.

And twenty years on orbit showed what can be done between us.

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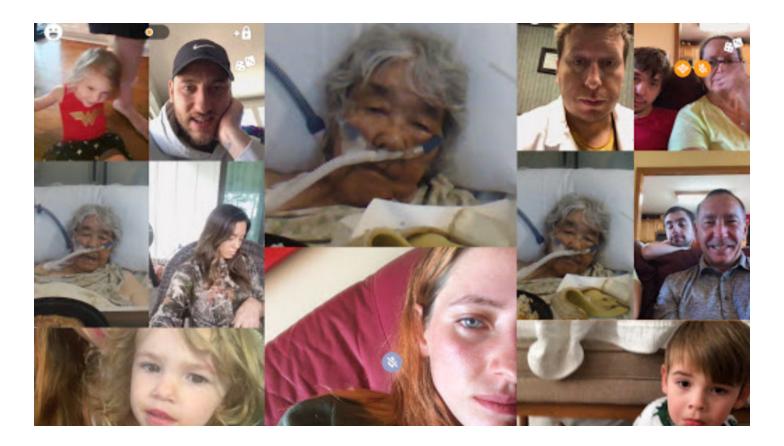
The year self isolation wasn't just about your health.

As a European nation traded rights for fish and tax-free wealth.



The year when we lost loved ones, but couldn't say goodbye.

While engineers in Texas proved starships were meant to fly.



This year will be remembered for, though we'd all rather forget.

The tragic human cost which sadly isn't over yet.



But there is hope of a brighter future when the virus is finally gone.

Good riddance 2020. Bring on 2021.

