

row's outlook is windy with a chance of virtual rain

ality can fool your eyes and ears – could trick your other senses with that simulates weather.

otherm combines a VR headset fan-operated wind module and simulating temperature that

attaches to the back of the neck. Developer Nimesha Ranasinghe at the National University of Singapore says it can simulate the wind in your face 'as you ski down a mountain' or the harsh sun 'when walking through a virtual desert'.

Dolphins that swim on the bright side of life

SYNCHRONISED swimming gives bottlenose dolphins a more positive outlook on life.

In a study of eight captive animals, individual dolphins had two targets they could swim towards. Only the one on the right delivered a herring meal, and once the dolphins learned this, they swam faster towards it.

When presented with a new and ambiguous middle target, some dolphins still swam fast, presumably hoping for herring.

Those were dubbed the 'optimistic' dolphins.

When researchers analysed the animals' movements before the experiment, they found the optimistic dolphins had been most in sync with their peers – swimming close to others and matching their movements.

Swimming together is



considered important for increasing bonding between the animals, and researchers at the University of Paris-North argue it could be linked to positive emotions.

Study author Isabella Clegg said: 'I think it's the social behaviour that drives the dolphins' optimistic decisions.'

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