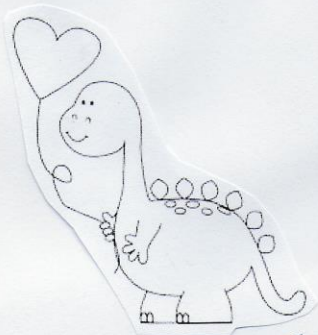


Midsummer Norton Primary School

News

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Welcome to our School Magazine

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Saying "I Love You" Around The World
Film Review Valentine Art and Craft
Football Quiz **LOTS AND LOTS OF PUZZLE FUN!**



and lots more!

Children's Mental Health Week was from 6th - 12th February 2023.

This year's theme was "Let's Connect!"



A TO Z OF 'LET'S CONNECT'

Children's Mental Health Week

A for ATTACHMENT Feel the attachment to friends and family	B for BELONGING Belong to groups where there are common interests	C for COMMUNITY Be part of your community	D for DEPENDABLE Who can you depend on?
E for EXPLORE Explore and make new friendships	F for FRIENDS Make time to see your friends	G for GREETINGS Greet people with a smile and friendly word	H for HELPING Offer your help to anyone that needs it
I for INSPIRING Be inspiring to others	J for JOIN IN Join in with games and activities	K for KINDNESS Show kindness to others always	L for LISTEN Use your listening skills when talking to others
M for MEANINGFUL Make meaningful relationships	N for NAMES Ask people what their names are and use them	O for OPENNESS Be open and friendly to all	P for PLAY Play with lots of different people
Q for QUALITY Spend quality time with others	R for RAPPORT Who do you feel close to?	S for SAFE Spend time with people who make you feel safe	T for TOGETHER Do exciting things together
U for UNITY Who can you unite with?	V for VALUE Value your family and friends	W for WELCOME Always be welcoming to others	X for EXCEL Excel at friendliness
	Y for YES Say yes to new adventures	Z for ZEALOUS Be an enthusiastic friend	



Word and Vocabulary Games

By Mrs Hamilton

(Answers inside the back cover)

Can you have a go at some of these games and activities! You can play them with friends or your adult at home... have fun!

Homonyms

Words that sound the same, spelt the same but have different meanings. Can you think of a definition for these (the first one has been done for you)?

Fly



a small insect with wings (noun)

Ruler

Sink

Nail

Park

Palm



to move through the air using wings (verb)



Hink Pink

A Hink Pink sometimes called a "rhyming pair" is a pair of rhyming words that matches a silly definition.

example: a black bird that does not fly fast - slow crow



Paperback thief

Lengthy tune

Closet to keep a sweeping tool

Light red beverage

Small buzzing insect that is not wet

Large group of people that are noisy

A stinging insect that doesn't cost money

A rabbit that tells jokes



All About The Alphabet

Another fun game to play: Choose a category (eg boys' names, girls' names, flowers, food, animals, countries) and work through the alphabet listing them (eg **a**pple, **b**read, **c**hocolate, **d**oughnut, etc).



Odd one out

Pineapple banana peanut cherry

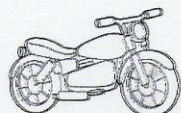
Seed bush tree cloud

Rabbit squirrel forest mouse

Van motorbike car plane

Butter milk egg cheese

Parsley chives pepper thyme



A Treasure Chest of Learning Focus

Here at Midsomer Norton Primary School, every Half Term we focus on a different aspect of our learning behaviours. Children are awarded "gems" (actually marbles) for demonstrating these in their learning and may even be chosen for a Golden Award in Celebration Assembly if they have particularly dazzled their teacher!

Here's a little more about it:



Term 1

Diamond power for **being independent** (taking responsibility, not relying on an adult and making decisions for yourself).



Term 2

Ruby power for **supporting others** (listening to others, valuing others' opinions, helping and encouraging others).



Term 3

Emerald power for **being ambitious** (being brave enough to challenge yourself, not being afraid to make mistakes and taking risks to show creativity).



Term 4

Sapphire power for **being resilient** (remaining calm when under pressure, 'bouncing back' from mistakes, not giving up when the going gets tough and showing confidence).



Term 5

Amethyst power for **keeping focus** (listening to advice and instructions, managing distractions and keeping concentration and having a sense of pride in everything you do).

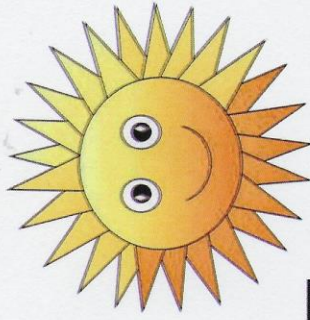


Term 6

Topaz power for **working together** (sharing ideas, taking turns to listen and share, compromising with others and respecting others' opinions).



Emotions quiz



1. You might feel like this if someone leaves you out of a game.

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2. You might feel like this if it is your birthday tomorrow.

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3. You might feel like this if you are laid in the dark and hear a strange noise

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4. You might feel like this if you receive a present off someone and you weren't expecting it.

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5. You might feel like this if your friend was spreading untrue rumours about you.

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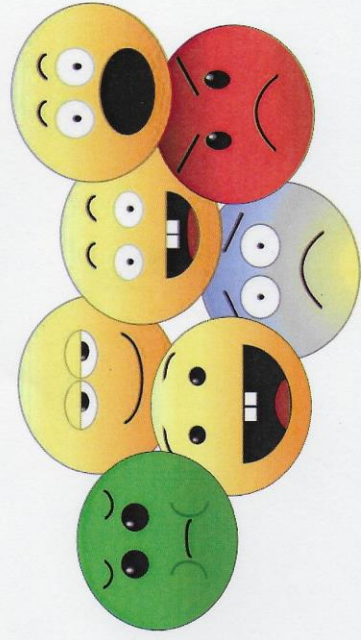
6. You might feel like this if you are snuggled in a blanket watching TV.

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7. You might feel like this if you had to eat food that you really hate.

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sad angry disgust
surprised calm
happy scared



How to look after a cat

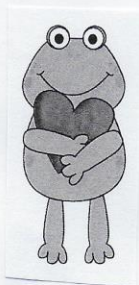
By Jenny Fry (Uranus)

Have you ever wanted a cat but didn't know how to look after one? If so, then read this article so you too can own a cat.

The first step to know is what a cat can and can't eat. there are some things that are really good for cats but there are some things that you should never feed a cat. For instance you should never feed a/your cat anything salty or foods with sugar even just a little bit could make the cat sick. You can buy proper cat food in shops. The second thing to know is what cats need to have fun for example toys, catnip or a laser pointer. You may think that toys are not that important but they are because the cat needs to be happy and for them to be happy do things they like like playing. Make sure to get appropriate toys. The last thing you need to know is what cats like to sleep on. They mostly like to sleep on soft things for example a new blanket or a soft toy. Cats will sleep on anything but make sure that they don't sleep on anything poisonous. Cats can sleep 12-24 hours a day.



Hope you learned how to look after a cat!



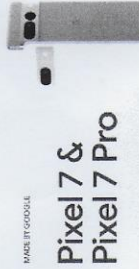
Apple by Elliot.G (Earth)

The Story of Google Technology

By Will Vale (Jupiter)



Believe it or not, **Google** Pixel phones have not always been around. In fact the Pixel phones are a fairly new model. The first **Google** phone started with the Nexus series of phones by **Google** way back in 2010, but after years of making merely good phones that were sold in very limited quantities, **Google** decided to start something new, the Pixel project. This led to 11 great selling models, its latest which you may have seen or heard of is the Google Pixel 7 and 7 Pro.



Google search engine.

Can you imagine life without **Google**? **Google** Search (also known simply as **Google**) is a search engine provided by you guessed it.... **Google**. Handling more than 3.5 billion searches per day, it has 92% share of the global search engine market. It is also the most-visited website in the world.

NO INTERNET!!

WHAT!!!

By Will Vale (Jupiter)



No internet? How am I going to survive?

Well, there's a lot of conflict about this question. People say it will be healthier for our brains - yes that's a good point - but if you want to look at it that way say goodbye to **amazon.com**

and **ebay**

No online shopping, no quick calling or messaging, no finding your favourite books in under 5 minutes. That's all over! Say goodbye to Tik Tok, Snapchat, Whatsapp, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. That's gone! But, if we abolish phones and the internet ...

Would we live better???

Interview with Mrs Hamilton's husband, cameraman Ross Hamilton

by Daisy Collins and Rosie Mathews
(who are now in Year 7)

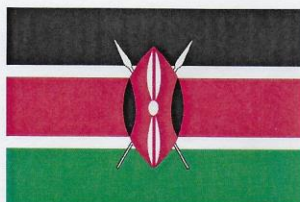
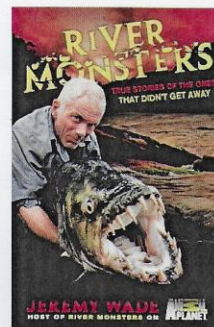


How long have you been filming things for the channels BBC, Discovery, Channel 4 and ITV?

Over 10 years.

What is your favourite series that you have filmed?

River monsters because when you see the fish caught, they are pretty cool and scary.



How many countries have you been to?

I've been to thirty or forty countries and my favourite is Kenya.

How bad does your altitude sickness get?

I get a headache, feel sick, get out of breath, tired and very thirsty.

What is your favourite mountain that you have filmed on/near?

The Himalayas because it is very beautiful and you can find snow leopards there.



On average how long does it take to film a series?

It takes 3 or 4 months to film and edit 6 episodes.

So, in total about 7 months.

Have you filmed with any famous people?

Sir David Attenborough...and we had tea and biscuits in his living room as well as watching his huge TV!



Thank you Mr Hamilton. Would you like to work as a camera person or work in TV?

WEDNESDAY REVIEW

BY WILL VALE

READ AT YOUR OWN RISK



Wednesday is a new series all

about the backstory of Wednesday Addams with her little sidekick Thing!

As most of us know, the dance when **Wednesday** goes to the **Raven Ball** went viral on Social Media.

Lots of suspense is revealed on Wednesday, a character you wouldn't expect is the Hyde and there's 1 thing you should know: the people who seem like the good guys turn out to be the outcasts. (aka Miss Thornhill)

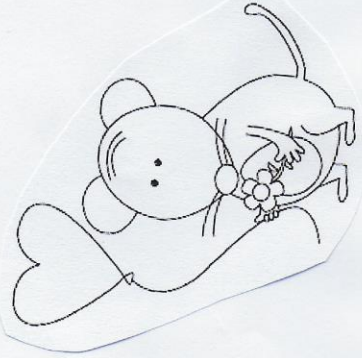
The Cast

As you must have picked up on by now Jenna Ortega is the main character as she's Wednesday!

Born on the 27th September 2002 Jenna Marie Ortega has won loads of awards like the 80th Golden Globe Award.

Emma Myers = Enid Sinclair, Morticia Addams = Catherine Zeta-Jones etc.

The Outcasts are watching..... YOU!



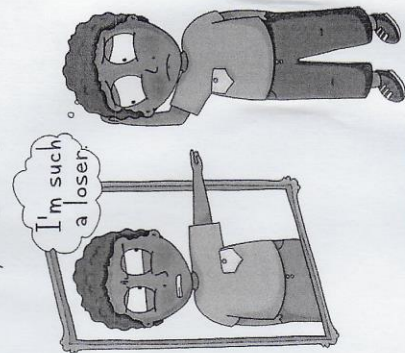
Negative Vs. Positive SELF-TALK

WholeHearted School Counseling

NEGATIVE SELF-TALK

-When you "speak to yourself" in an unhelpful and hurtful way.

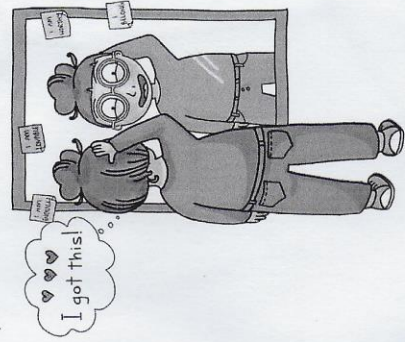
-Judgmental, blaming, shaming, and discouraging messages that come from your Inner Critic.



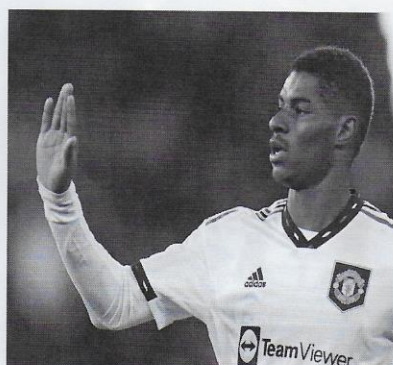
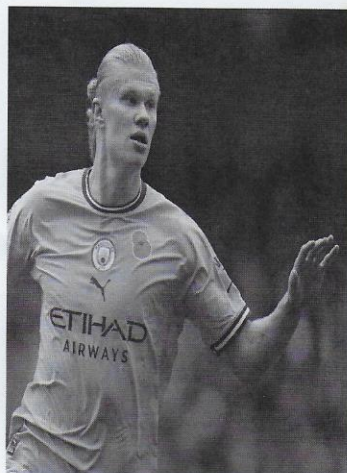
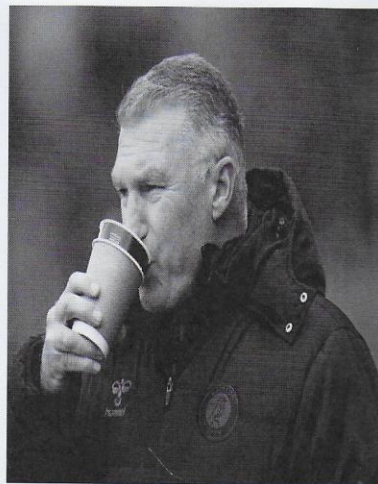
POSITIVE SELF-TALK

-When you "speak to yourself" like you would to someone you love & care about.

-Encouraging, supportive, and compassionate messages that come from your Inner Coach.



FOOTBALL QUIZ by Sam McGroarty



Answers inside the back cover!



Fact File about Birds

By Alfie [Uranus]

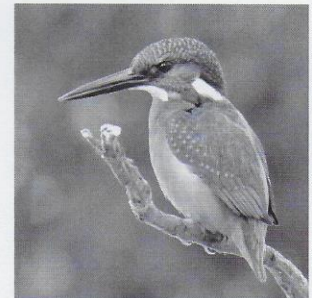
The Great Spotted Woodpecker



The Great Spotted Woodpecker was known to live in Scotland and Northern England in the first half of the 19th century. The Great Spotted Woodpecker has made a comeback during the past 100 years. Today it's the most common species of British Woodpecker, breeding in almost every mainland County.

Kingfisher

A flash of sapphire is all that is needed to identify the Kingfisher as it streaks down streams or belly flops to snatch a minnow. This most brilliantly coloured of British birds is largely confined to the banks of rivers and streams because of its diet, but it also feeds on lakes and large ponds and, especially in hard weather, the seashore. Its bright colouring is a defence adaptation and predators have learnt to leave the bird alone because its flesh is foul tasting.



Buzzards

Sailing through the sky with slow flap of its broad wing and giving its plaintive call, the Buzzard looks almost lazy. But this big bird is anything but aimless...it is quartering the grassland or moors in search of prey which may be as small as a beetle. As soon as its sharp eye spots a victim it will pounce.

Valentine's Jokes

What did one Jedi say to the other on Valentine's Day? Yoda one for me!

What did the cook say to his girlfriend? You're bacon me crazy!

What did one lightbulb say to the other on Valentine's Day? I love you watts and watts.

What did the refrigerator say to the magnet? I find you very attractive.

How did the doorbell propose to his sweetheart? He gave her a ring.



Monday 30th January 2023

WALT: write a balanced argument - Jack Plummer (Jupiter class Year 6)

When discussing the argument as to whether Harry Potter should live in a cupboard under the stairs there is much to be said for both sides of the argument. Some believe that it is cruel to keep a child in such cramped conditions whilst on the other hand the Dursleys were not compelled to provide Harry a room for the foreseeable future. Having considered all the positives and the negatives; here is my balanced standpoint.

Many people believe that Harry Potter shouldn't be forced to live in a cold, dusty cupboard because whenever big old Dudley Dursley comes down the stairs, dust is showered on top of Harry and he is asthmatic. Studies show that 73% of children who breathe in massive amounts of dust develop breathing problems or lung cancer when they are older.

It is well known that if you have 2 children they should be treated the same in all circumstances. In this case Harry is treated very unfairly and certainly not in line with any guidance from the NSPCC. Evidence suggests that if you're treated worse than your siblings; you could develop adolescent depression. This is detrimental for your mental health and equally your physical health could also suffer. It is well known that sunshine and fresh air is a needed part in a child's life to encourage a healthy upbringing and contributes to a healthy mindset.

It is proven that Harry Potter's talent for magic is dangerous and could be threatening to muggles as he can't control it at such a tender age. Would you want an untamed wizard practicing his magic around your children? Potentially damaging your home and hard worked for lifestyle? In addition to this, the hidden apartment under the stairs

provides a brilliant hideout for Harry to develop and fine tune his magic skills and become less of a danger to the public.

It could be argued that keeping Harry under the stairs is cost effective as it also saves the Dursleys hassle as they don't have to heat another room that would cost a fortune due to the rising prices of electricity. A magnificent minority of people believe that you don't have to heat another room for a wizard who appeared at your door and only 1% of wizards have a bed to sleep in when staying with muggle relatives, so Harry should be grateful.

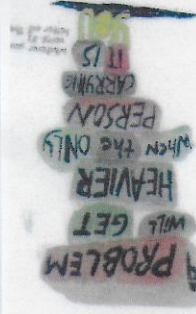
Having considered both sides of the argument, I have decided that Harry should not be kept in a cupboard as every child has the right to a room and space. This is also vital to a child's mental and physical health as he needs space to exercise and a clean surrounding. If the NSPCC found out that a child is living in a cupboard under the stairs the parents would be taken to prison and the children would go to a foster home.

Have you ever heard of the phrase
"A problem shared is a problem
halved"?

Are you worried
about something?

Would you like to talk things
through or maybe get some

advice?



Don't bottle things
up...there is always a
trusted adult in school you
can talk to who can help!

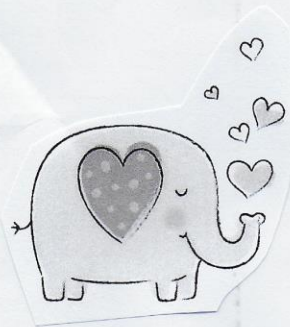
Fill out a Request for a chat
Slip, pop it in the box outside
the Milky Way room and then
Mrs Josham will arrange to
have a chat with you.



Magazine Feedback

Mrs Josham was sent some wonderful feedback on the School Magazine from a parent (*whose children are not even in Magazine Club*)!

"Happy New Year! I just wanted to tell you how much I have enjoyed reading the Christmas school magazine! I have just sat down to read it properly (it only took me 5 weeks! It's my first day off with nobody else at home for a long time, so a bit of me-time!). It is the best issue yet, and so full of wonderful articles. Please tell all of the children who contributed that they have done a fantastic job, and I look forward to the next one! My favourite parts are the poems, and interesting facts. I particularly like the staff interview! There is such a great mixture of different things to read and do. Well done everyone! A magazine to be proud of."



VALENTINE CROSSWORD

Jenny Fry (Uranus)

C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	S	K	V
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J	G	P	M	Y	A	H	U	M	H	O	L
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CHOCOLATES

HUG

VALENTINES

FLOWERS

LOVE

CUPID

HEARTS

PRESENTS

KISS

CARDS



What is it like to be a Veterinary Nurse?

Aicha Djouad (Uranus)

Do you like animals? Then a veterinary nurse is a good job for you.

Being a veterinary nurse is very hard but rewarding job. You do things like helping the vet with operations by monitoring the anaesthetic. Also taking blood samples. Nurse's also clean the surgical equipment after each use and place in an autoclave machine which sterilizes the instruments with steam to kill germs and viruses so that no bacteria is transferred to the animal through the wound.

Veterinary nurses can also run clinics where they can see you and your pet for a variety of things from weight checks to cutting their nails.

A veterinary nurse's role is to care for every animal in their care from making sure they are warm and comfortable and keeping their cage clean.

If you want to dress your dog up in Valentine's clothes for Valentine's Day, you can definitely do that as long as your dog is happy.



Valentine's Poem
Olivia Merko (Earth Class)

I love you for a lifetime,
Not only for a day.
I love you for who you are,
Not what you do or say.
-Belinda Galae



The Top 5 Most Romantic Places to Visit

By Olivia Merko (Earth)

- Santorini (Greek island)
- The Maldives
- Paris (especially the Eiffel Tower)
- Marrakech, Morocco
- Tulum, Mexico



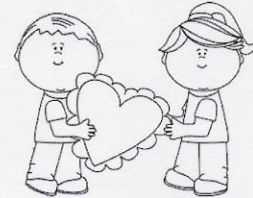
All About Valentine's Day

By Amelia Nguini Amogou (Uranus)



Valentine's Day, also called St Valentine's or the feast of Valentine, is celebrated on 14 February. It is celebrated every year. It is the day that some people give cards to their loved ones (or even chocolates, flowers or sometimes a cake)!

As the idea of love began to take the shape during that period, so did the symbolism. Chocolate boxes, balloons, candles and much more heart-shaped items you or someone else would give.



The History

On February 14th, around the year 270 A.D., Valentine, a holy priest in Rome in the days of Emperor Claudius II, is said to have been executed.

Under the rule of Claudius the Cruel, Rome was involved in many unpopular and bloody campaigns. The emperor had to maintain a strong army, but was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. Claudius believed that Roman men were unwilling to join the army because of their strong attachment to their wives and families. To get rid of the problem, Claudius banned all marriages and engagements in Rome. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.



When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Valentine was arrested and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who sentenced him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. Savage! This sentence was carried out on February 14th, on or about the year 270.

Legend also has it that, while in jail, St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine."



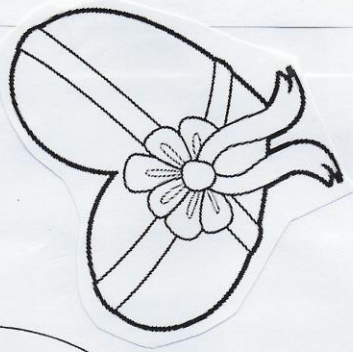
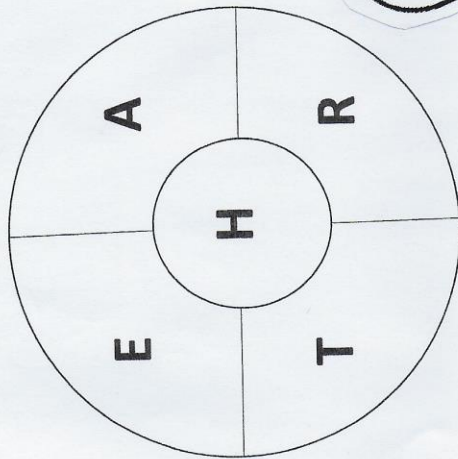
For his great service, Valentine was named a saint after his death. In truth, the exact origins and identity of St. Valentine are unclear.



According to the Catholic Encyclopaedia, "At least three different Saint Valentines, all of them martyrs, are mentioned in the early martyrologies under the date of 14 February." One was a priest in Rome, the second one was a bishop of Interamna (now Terni in Italy) and the third, Saint Valentine was a martyr in the Roman province of Africa.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Valentine's Word Wheel



3 Letter Words

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

4 Letter Words

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

5 Letter Words

1. _____
2. _____

How To say "I love you" In Different Languages

Compiled by Will Vale (Jupiter)

English: "I love you"

Mandarin: "我愛你" or Wo a nee

French: "je t'aime" or Shu tem

Ukrainian: "я тебе люблю" or ya tebe lyublyu

Russian: "я люблю тебя" or ya lyublyu tebya

Polish: "kocham Cię" or kocham sheh

Welsh: "Rwy'n dy garu di" *(this one is really hard to say)*

Dutch: "ik hou van jou" or ik hou van yow

Spanish: "te quiero" or te kerro

Japanese: "わたしは、あなたを愛しています" or

Watashi wa, anata o aishiteimasu

Korean: "사랑해" or salanghae

Italian: "Ti voglio bene" or Ti volgin benny



And don't forget Happy Valentines to all and to all a good night!!!

Top 10 Valentine hits

By Inayah(Jupiter and Olivia(Earth)



- "Until I found you" by Stephen Sanchez
- "Golden hour" by Kacey Musgraves
- "Can't help Falling in Love" by Haley Reinhart
- "A thousand Years" by Kelly Clarkson
- "Anyone" Justin Bieber
- "Something" by The Beatles
- "Thinking Out Loud" by Ed Sheeran
- "My Funny Valentine" by Frank Sinatra
- "It's your love" by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill
- "Valentine's Day" by Bruce Springsteen



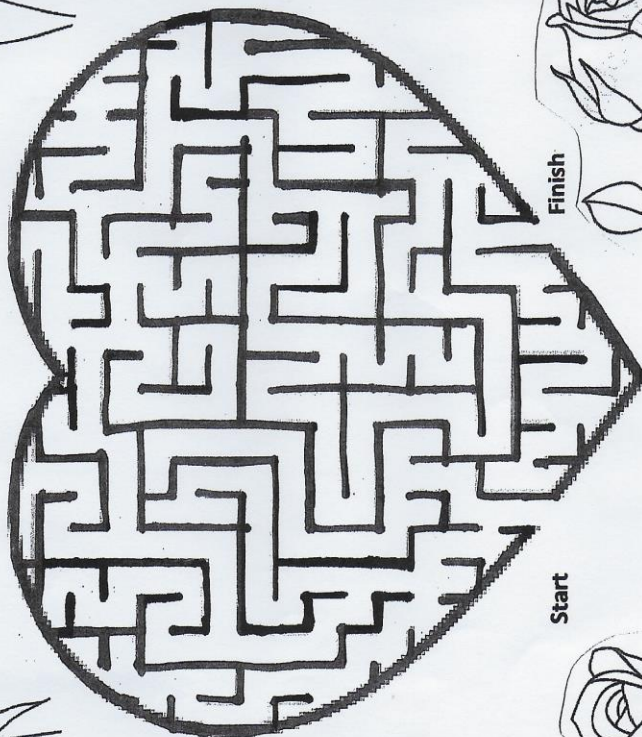
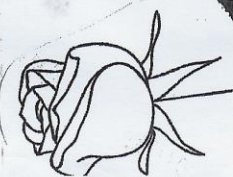
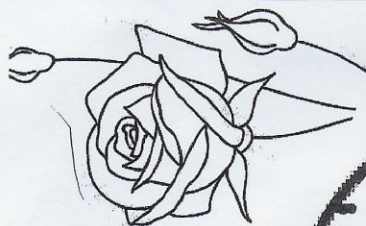
Colour by number by Hollie Smith (Mercury)



- 1.Yellow
- 2.Orange
- 3.Light Blue
- 4.Dark Blue
- 5.Green
- 6.Pink

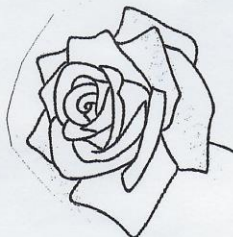
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY – YOU'RE A-MAZE-ING!

By Phoebe Taylor (Uranus)



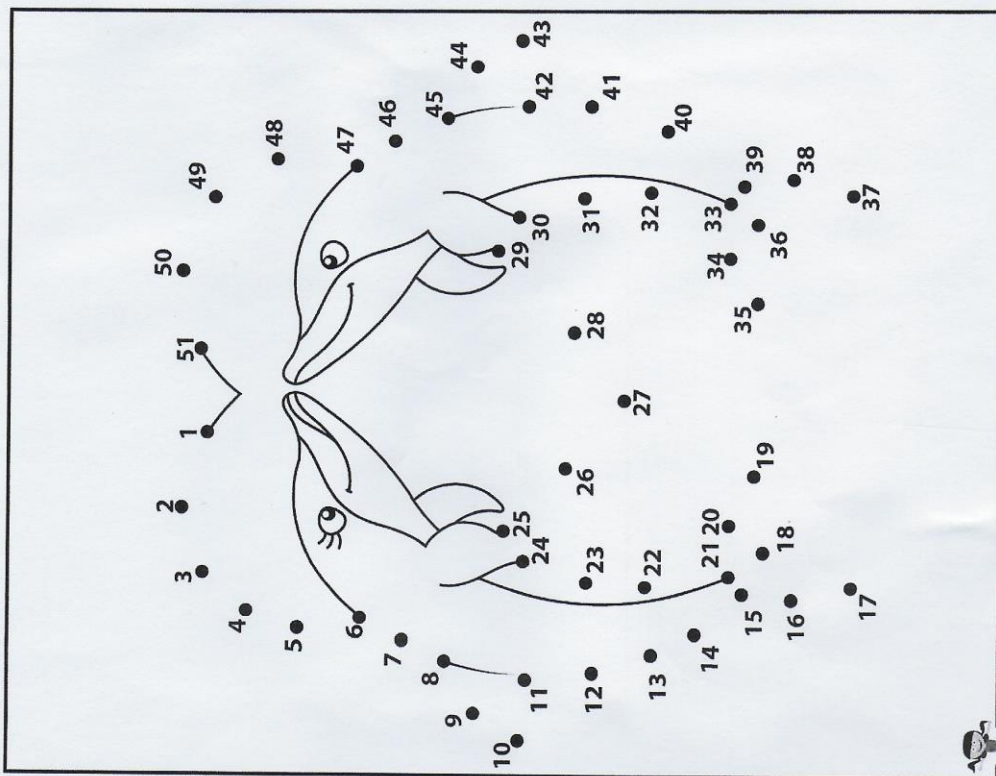
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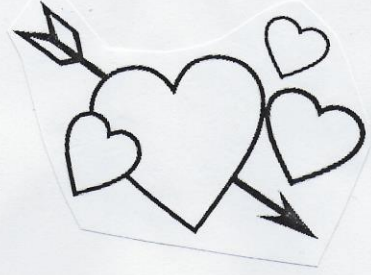
Dot to Dot

By Jasmine Newth (Saturn)



Why do people fall in love?

By Leila Djouad (Saturn)



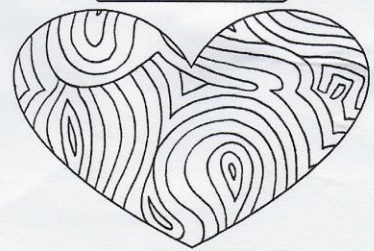
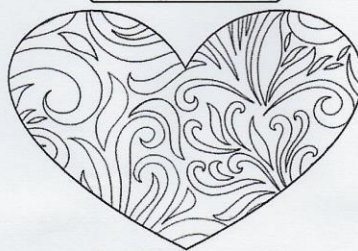
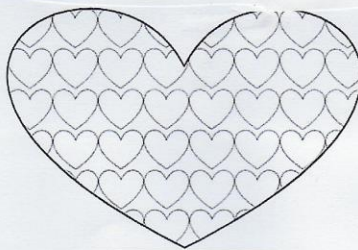
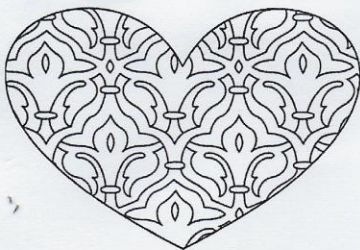
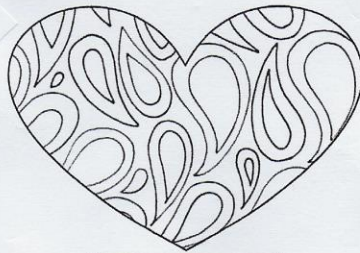
People fall in love because they are inspired by someone. It could be their sense of humour. It's when they have a feeling about someone. That's why they made valentines.

Love is an emotion; it can make us feel happy or sad. We fall in love for many reasons - some are loneliness; you enjoy spending time together exploring different places. Love is a really special thing.

It can be shown in many different ways like flowers chocolates and hugs and, worst of all, kisses!

Love means compromise, compassion, patience and caring too.

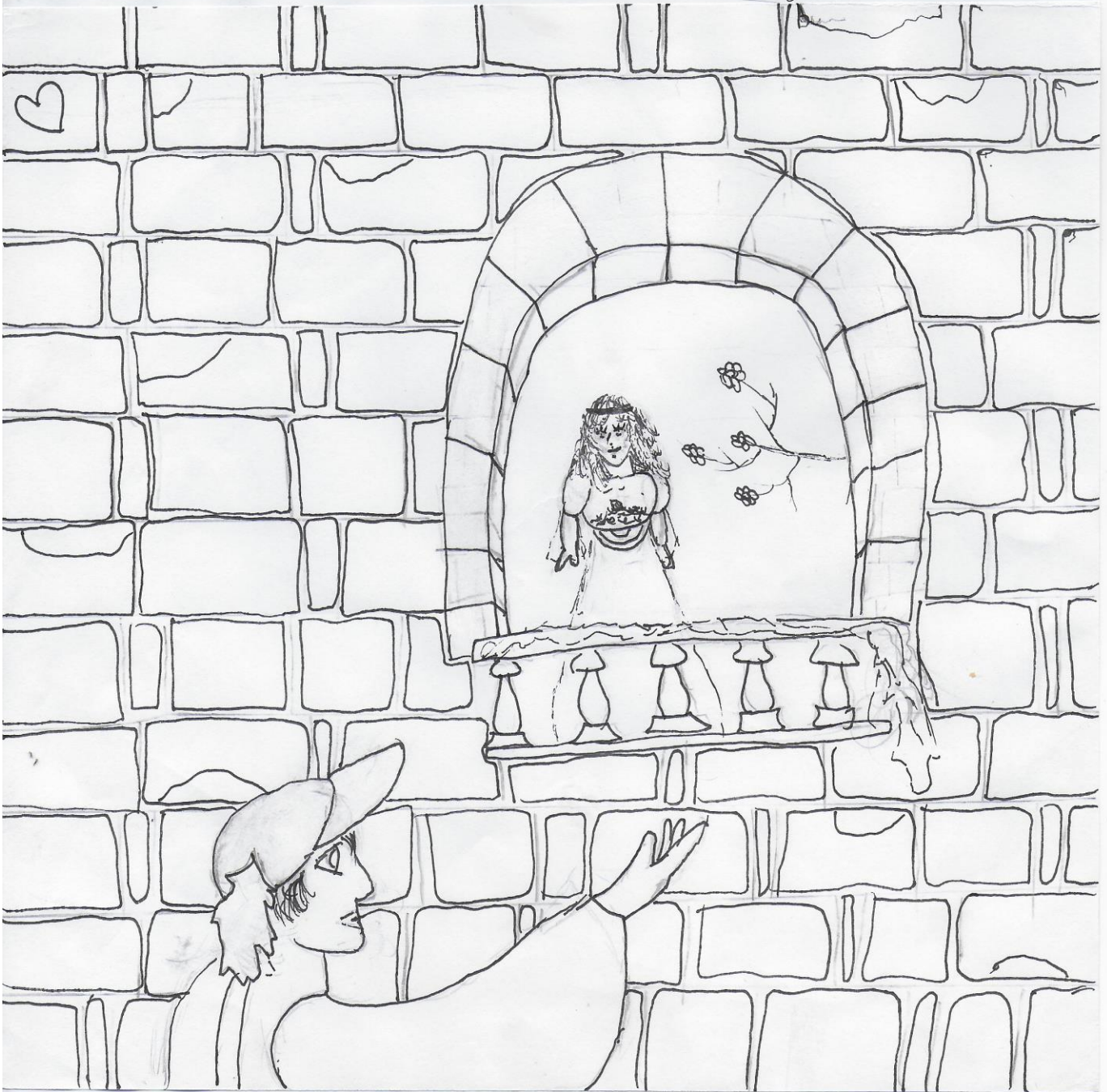
Colour in one heart a
day for a whole week.
Write how it made you
feel beneath each heart



Romeo and Juliet

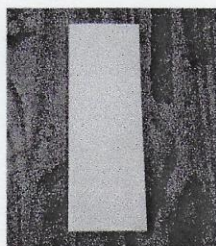
The Greatest Love Story Ever Told

By Elliot Gregory (Earth)

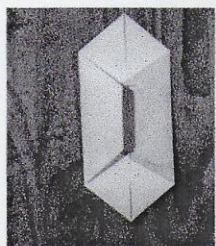


How to make an envelope note

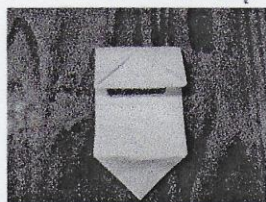
1. Fold an A4 piece of paper in half and open back up to form a line.



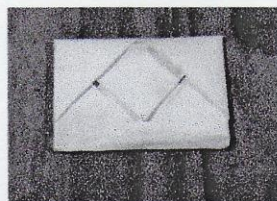
3. Fold each side to the middle



5. Fold the top down again



7. Fold the bottom up and tuck it into the little slot.



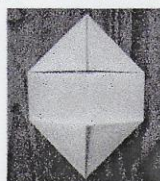
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What you need:

1x A4 piece of paper

Colouring pens or pencils to decorate.

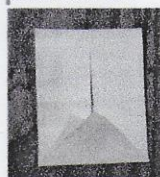
2. Fold each corner in like shown



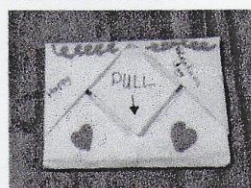
4. Flip over and fold the top down



6. Flip your envelope over and fold the bottom up a bit like the picture.



8. Decorate and write a message on the inside and give it to your valentine.



Valentine's Word Wheel Answers by Jasmine Newth and her Mum

The 5-letter word is HEART

3-letter words: art, tar, hat, rat, the, are, tea, her, eat

4-letter words: hear, tear, hate, heat, hare

5-letter words: heart, earth

Football Quiz Answers by Sam McGroarty

1: Harry Anderson (Bristol Rovers)

2: Josh Coburn (Bristol Rovers)

3: Nigel Pearson (Manager of Bristol City)

4: Erling Haaland (Manchester City)

5: Marcus Rashford (Manchester United)

6: Aaron Collins (Bristol Rovers)

Answers to Word and Vocabulary Games

Homonyms

Fly	a small insect with wings (noun)	to move through the air using wings (verb)
Ruler	a measuring tool (noun)	someone that rules a country or state (verb)
Sink	a bowl shaped plumbing fixture (noun)	when an object goes below the surface (verb)
Nail	a pointy metal spike (noun)	found at the end of your fingers (noun)
Park	a place to play on equipment (noun)	when you position a vehicle into a space (verb)
Palm	the inside of your hand (noun)	a tropical tree (noun)

Hink Pink

Paperback thief - book crook

Lengthy tune - long song

Closet to keep a sweeping tool - broom room

Light red beverage - pink drink

Small buzzing insect that is not wet - dry fly

Large group of people that are noisy - loud crowd

A stinging insect that doesn't cost money - free bee

A rabbit that tells jokes - funny bunny

Odd one out

Pineapple	banana	<u>peanut</u>	cherry
Seed	bush	tree	<u>cloud</u>
Rabbit	squirrel	<u>forest</u>	mouse
Van	motorbike	car	<u>plane</u>
Butter	milk	<u>egg</u>	cheese
Parsley	chives	<u>pepper</u>	thyme

We hope you enjoyed reading this issue of MNPS News as much as we have enjoyed producing it.

**Are you looking forward to the Spring as much as we are?
We're fed up of the long, cold, dark and rainy days!**



What do you want to see in future issues of MNPS News?

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please don't forget, you can place any jokes, riddles, ideas, short stories, reviews, features, pictures, recipes, craft ideas...anything really into the box in the library.

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