





Spring is Here

As animals raise their sleepy heads,
And blossoms burst from flower beds,
Nature starts to raise a cheer.
Winter's over, spring is here!

Bees begin to buzz along.

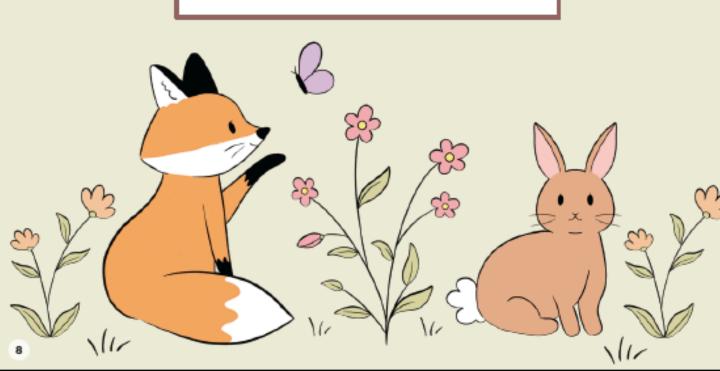
Birds start chirping happy songs.

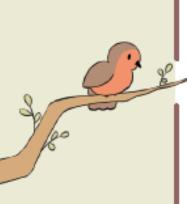
Nature fills my eager ear.

Winter's over, spring is here!

Sunshine smiles down from above,
And all the land is filled with love.
It's the best time of the year.
Winter's over, spring is here.

Emma Stuart





The Olympic Games



When did the Olympics begin?

The Olympic Games first began over 2700 years ago in Olympia in ancient Greece.



Ancient Greek Games

The Greeks took part in the games to celebrate the Greek gods
Zeus and Hera. Only men and boys were allowed to take part.
The events included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus
and chariot racing. Winners were given a special crown of olive
leaves and went back home as heroes.

Modern Olympic Games

In 1894, the International Olympic Committee was formed and the Olympic Games would start again two years later. The Games have taken place every four years since 1896. At each Olympic Games, a special torch is carried in a relay and a flame is lit. The symbol of the games is five linked rings in blue, yellow, black, green and red.

Olympic Medals

Today, medals are awarded to athletes for each event. The athlete that comes in first place gets a gold medal, the athlete that comes in second gets a silver medal and the athlete that finishes in third place gets a bronze medal. The top three athletes stand on a podium to get their medals in a special ceremony.



I thought a thought,

But the thought I thought,

Wasn't the thought I thought I thought.

If the thought I thought I thought had been the thought I thought,

I wouldn't have thought so much.

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,

A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked,

If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,

Where's the peck of pickled peppers that Peter Piper picked?

Wheelchair Rugby

Wheelchair rugby is a unique sport that will be featured at the Paralympic Games. It was first created in 1976 in Winnipeg, Canada as an alternative to wheelchair basketball. It is a sport which combines the different skills found in basketball, handball, and most of all, rugby. It is a tough, physical game which first appeared at the Atlanta Paralympic Games in 1996 as a demonstration sport. It later made its debut at the Sydney Paralympic Games in 2000.

The sport consists of two teams of up to 12 players, with a maximum of four competing on the court against each other. The aim of the game is for players to pass a ball between them in a bid to cross the opposition's goal line to score. On each possession, teams have 40 seconds to score a goal. The ball can be carried, dribbled or passed in any

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way except by kicking.

One point is awarded to

the team when a player

carries the ball over

the goal line.

Tokyo Paralympic Competitors

Ryley Batt

Chris Bond

Andrew Edmondson

Ben Fawcett

Andrew Harrison

Jason Lees

Josh Hose

Jayden Warn

Mick Ozanne

Jake Howe

Richard Voris

Shae Graham



"How did you get here?" Marty swept the robo-spider into his dustpan. It didn't seem to matter how careful the Insect Innovation Team was, their robotic experiments always escaped from the lab. Marty would have to return the robo-spider as soon as he'd finished cleaning the deck.

Everything was operating as normal on board the Interplanetary Explorer. The technicians sat with their eyes glued to their monitors, busily analysing data. Dispense-a-trons plonked their way around, delivering meals.

This was the Interplanetary Explorer's first mission to the Gallactic Observatory and Research Base (GORB) on Saturn's moon, Titan. Everyone on board was looking forward to exploring new territory.

Captain McTaggart finished meeting with the maintenance crew and settled into his chair on the bridge. He was ready to commence the landing phase of the mission.

Sitting with him at the control station, Bronson, Amari and Zion were keeping a close eye on the radar.

Just as the captain was making himself comfortable, the





technicians at the bow of the ship seemed troubled. Some were looking out the window and exclaiming, while others began tapping furiously at their keyboards.

"Captain McTaggart," said Bronson, "communications with GORB appear to be down."

The captain was about to speak when they all saw it! Dozens of dwarf-speedstars were heading their way!

Within minutes, the Interplanetary Explorer was surrounded.

"What's going on?" bellowed the captain. The dwarf-speedstars had been sent by GORB, but he had no idea why.

There was a growing sense of unease among the crew.

"Sir, I'm picking up some kind of disturbance near Titan," said Amari.

"There are a number of objects moving towards Saturn's rings," added Zion, a little panicked.

At that moment, amid the crackling in his headphones, Captain McTaggart could just

make out someone speaking. GORB communications were back!

- *A-huh... Mmm... I see..." The captain nodded. He turned to his jittery crew.
- *OK. So, GORB says that several rogue asteroids have been flung from their orbit in the asteroid belt. They are hurtling towards Titan. GORB is concerned the asteroids may break up further as they are drawn to Saturn's rings.

They've sent out their fleet of dwarf-speedstars to guide us safely to the base. As

you know, the speedstars are renowned as having the strongest force fields in
existence. When their force fields lock together with our force field, we will be
totally protected. There is no way any rocky body will be able to penetrate
that barrier!"

Feeling somewhat relieved, the crew cheered and refocused on the final leg of their journey.

How to Build a WORM FARM

Why Use a Worm Farm?

Worm farming helps us to recycle our food scraps and to reduce the amount of waste we put in our bins. This reduces how much rubbish

gets sent to landfill and, in turn, reduces the pollution that destroys our streams and oceans. Building a worm farm is also lots of fun!



Materials

- Two boxes (one with a lid)
- Shredded paper
- Compost
- Compost worms
- Watering can
- Water



Procedure

Gently place one of the boxes on the ground. Choose a shady location to prevent your worms from overheating.

Carefully poke some small holes in the base of the second box. Place this box on top of the first box.



Mix the shredded paper with the compost. Generously spread this mixture over the base of the top box. Water the mixture until it is moist.

Delicately pour the worms over the top of the paper-and-compost mixture.
Position the lid on the top box.

your plants.



Once the worms are settled, feed them food scraps such as fruit and vegetable peels.



Every few weeks, collect the liquid in the bottom box. Add some water, and then pour the liquid onto



What Is Pokémon?

Pokémon is a Japanese media franchise centred around fictional creatures or pocket monsters known as 'Pokémon'. Pokémon create products such as video games, trading cards, animated TV series, movies, toys and more.



Pokémon Animation

The animated TV show 'Pokémon the Series' features the adventures of Ash and his Pokémon best friend Pikachu, along with many other friends and Pokémon. Their story has also extended to include a series of full-length animated films.



Pokémon Trading Card Game

The Pokémon Trading Card Game lets players collect and build decks of cards to use in games to 'battle'. Each card depicts a Pokémon along with information or 'stats' about that Pokémon.



Pokémon Video Games

There are many different Pokémon-themed video games. Some are very detailed role play and quest games, while others are quick and simple puzzle games.

Fact File - Gemstones

Classification

- a type of precious stone
- usually a mineral that has crystallised
- come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours

What are they used for?

- jewellery such as rings, necklaces and earrings
- protective amulets and good luck charms
- creating positive energy

What do they look like?

- structure made of crystals
- can be transparent, translucent or opaque
- contain inclusions (pockets of other materials trapped inside)

How valuable are they?

- valued according to their weight, measured in 'carats'
- price per carat varies according to the gemstone
- the more perfect the stone, the more valuable it is

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Fact File - Elephants

Classification

- mammals
- two species –
 African and Asian
- lifespan of 50-70 years

Size and Appearance

- large, bulky bodies covered in thick, grey skin
- large ears which help regulate temperature
- long trunks, used for lifting objects

Habitat and Lifestyle

- found in Africa and Asia
 - live in grasslands, rainforests and deserts
 - stay in groups called herds, led by the oldest female

Pance Diet and Eating Habits

- herbivores eat leaves, twigs, bamboo and roots
- forage for around 16 hours a day
- can eat 150 kg (300 lb) of food per day

