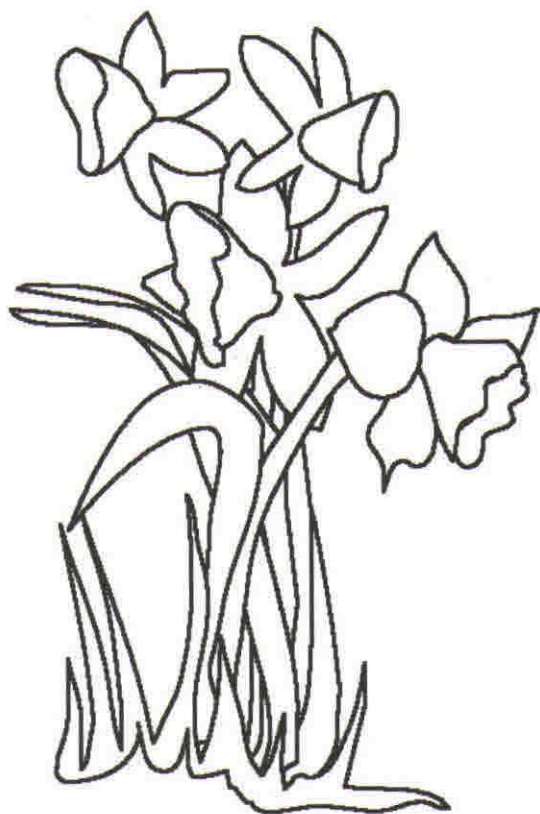


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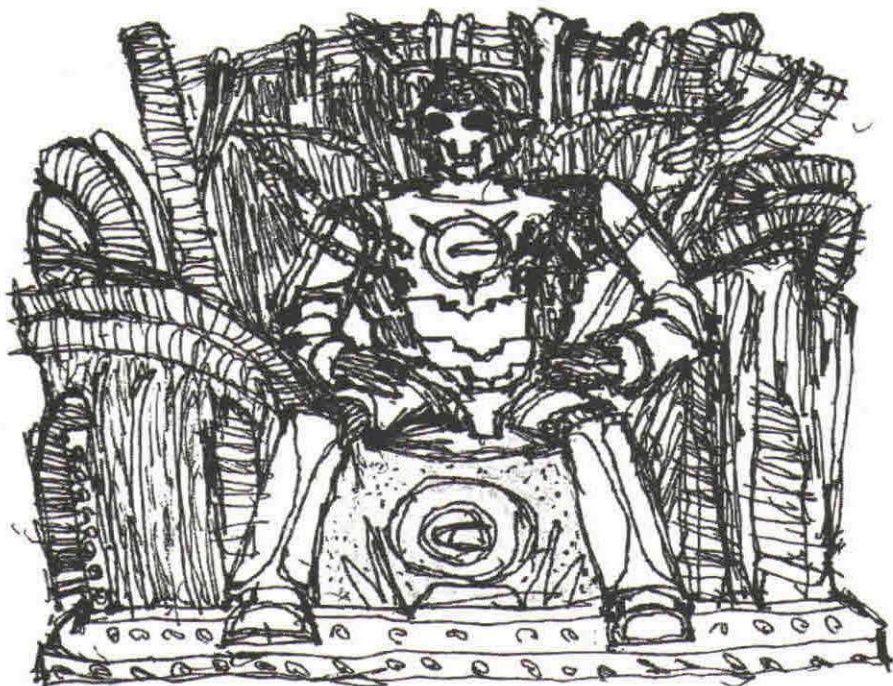
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EDITORIAL

Hello, my name is Katie Gibbs, I'm 13 years old and I live in London. I have 2 sisters, called Ruth and Anastasia and 1 brother, Josh. I'm the oldest though! I also have 2 guinea pigs called Reepicheep and Caspian (as in Prince Caspian and Reepicheep the Mouse). I am a Christian and I like reading and writing and Just William and baking (enjoy the recipes!) and horses and my favourite period in history is the Middle Ages (perhaps the Tudors) but I don't like maths (or porridge). I have been home-educated since the end of reception. I'm learning to play the piano and to speak French. I go to Guides. Happy Easter!!!



Submitted by Ato Leo Ame, Age 9

April through history.

2nd 1805 Hans Christian Anderson, author of 150 fairy tales is born.



3rd 1043 Edward the Confessor is crowned king of England.



6th 1199 Richard the Lion Heart dies.



10th 1912 The RMS Titanic sets sail on it's first and last voyage.

14th 1898 Marie and Pierre Currie discover a new element radium.

15th 1452 Leonardo De Vinci painter, sculptor and scientist is born.

16th 1724 1st Easter observed.

22nd 1509 Henry VIII becomes king of England.

Fact file: Giraffe

Name: Giraffe

Species: Mammal

Height: males can be 16 to 18 feet (females are slightly smaller.)

Weight: males weigh 1,700 kg

Habitat: Grasslands, savannahs, or open woodlands. They prefer places with a lot of acacia growth.

Diet: Giraffes eat the top leaves of acacia trees and drink lots of water. A large adult male can eat up to 100 pounds in a day and drink 12 gallons in 1 sitting!

Life Span: roughly 20 to 25 years.

Fun Facts: Every single giraffe has unique pattern. The tongue of an adult is 18" long, and black. Every step a giraffe takes is about 15 feet long. A giraffe's heart is 2 feet in length and weighs 2 pounds. It beats about 170 times/minute! Giraffes have never been observed bathing. The giraffe shares its scientific family with only one other creature, the okapi (bottom right).



Easter puzzles.

Word Search.

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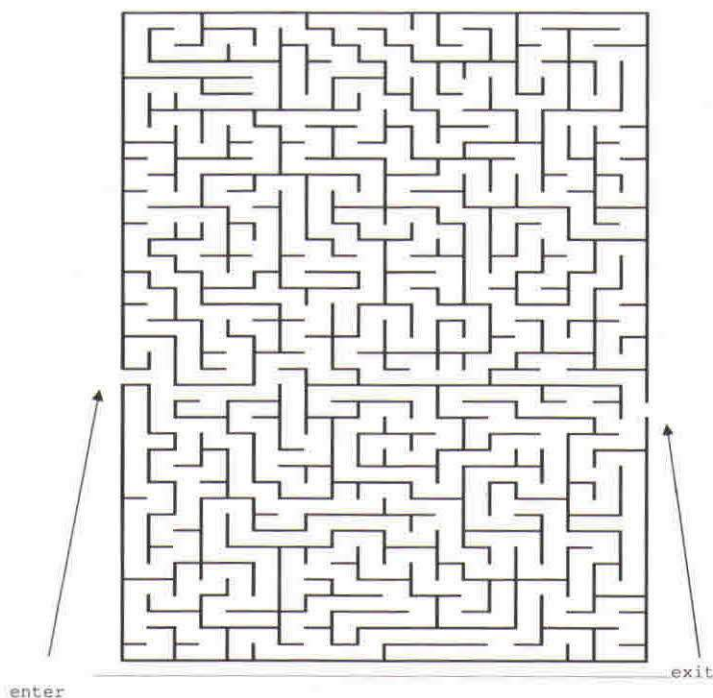
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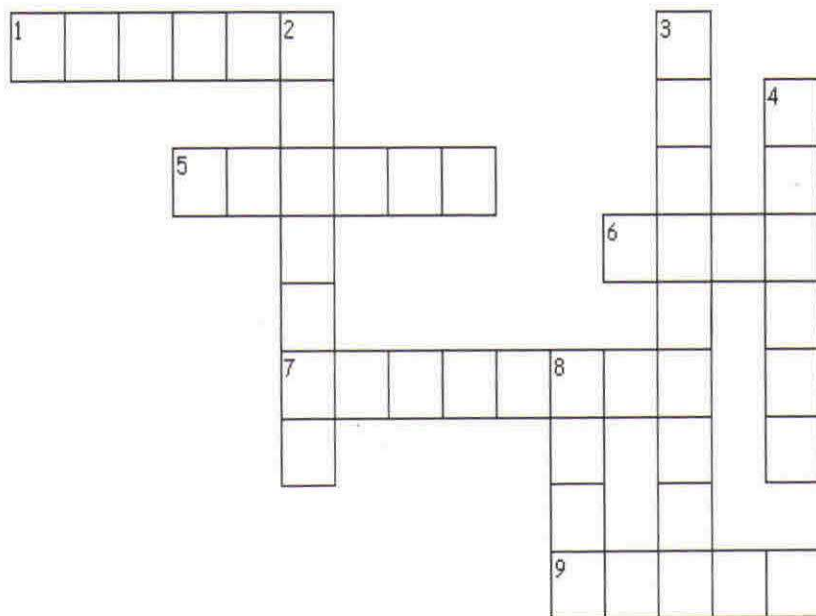
GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS

Maze



Spring Crossword



Across

1. Hatch from 6
5. Sweet little flowers of orange, yellow, purple and white
6. When chocolate, yum!
7. Mixed up Tudor lip gives spring flower
9. Soft and cuddly hides the eggs

Down

2. Fall in April
3. Appears in ponds
4. Festival occurs in spring
8. Wobbly-legged fluffy baby

Dingbats

0,...2,3,4

1 _____.

lis 10 me me

2 _____.

Must get here
Must get here
Must get here

3 _____.

Roger

4 _____.

(Answers on page 14 if you get stuck)

Pen - Pals

NB While the Children's Pages editor and NL co-ordinator take care to verify that all pet/pen-pal correspondents are EO members, they are not vetted in anyway and it is the responsibility of parents to oversee any replies your children send or receive. Children are reminded that they should consider the feelings of others when writing or responding to letters.

Hi, my name is Leah and I am 13 years old. I love swimming, singing, animals, reading, (Enid Blyton), gymnastics and musicals like High School Musical, Britannia High and Camp Rock. I would like a pen-pal aged between 13-15 female. Oh and I am a Christian. Thanks. Ref: CO24

Hi my name is Ethan, I'm five in April. I love trains, trains and more trains. I also like scary monsters, playing chase, jumping on beds, and playing outside and riding my scooter. I love getting letters in the post. I would love a pen-pal of any age but especially would love to hear from anyone my age or close to it. Please write to me. Ref: C001

Hi my name is Lucy, I'm 10 years old (I'm 11 in August). I have two rabbits and one cat. I love animals and babies, I would like someone who is about 10+. I like drama and swimming. I have MSN but not Bebo or Facebook. I am looking for some new friends. P.S I've only just started Ref: C002

Yo! My name's Corin, I'm 8 years old! I have a 13 year old brother and a fish called Goldie. I'm mad on Ancient Egypt and I like Yu-Gi-Oh games and my mates Joe and Oliver! I would like a pen-pal 7-10 years old. Ref: C004

My name is Joey, I am 6 years old. I am interested in cars, especially HotWheels. I like camping and going to festivals. I like music, cakes, playing drums, dancing, drawing, talking a lot and paper planes. I do free range education but I'm not a chicken and I don't lay eggs. I would like a pen-pal, boy or girl. Ref: C005

Hello, my name is Holly, I am 6 years old. I like HSM, art, playing magic, writing and playing my violin. I have never been to school. I have a cat of my own, who is called Popcorn. I would like pen-pals aged 5-10, boys or girls. Ref: C006

Hello, my name is Jamie and I am 13 years old. I have one cat called Buttons, a hamster called Peanut and seven fish. I have been home educated for about two months now. My hobbies are playing my X-box 360 and playing on the computer. My favourite band is Motley Crue and I am VERY interested in cars. I would prefer an e-pal but a pen-pal would be ok. Anyone from the ages of 12 to 14 would be welcome. Thanks. Ref: C007

Hello, my name is Marie-Roselle and I am 5 years old. I went to school for one week and I am home educated now. I am just learning to read and write so I would really like a pen-pal, boy or girl 4-7 years old to write to me so we can learn together. ☺ I can also speak German fluently so if anybody who is learning the language would like to write to me they are also welcome. I have a dog Suki and we have a pond with fish and frogs. I love ballet, disco dancing and horse riding. I collect flowers and I love all things nature – but I also like to play with cars, pirates and construction toys. Please write soon. Marie. Ref: C008

Hi my name is Tom. I am 14 years old, and I have just started to be educated at home. I enjoy photography, cycling, scouts, swimming and playing on my PS3. I would like to write to boys or girls aged 13-15 years. I shall answer all letters. Ref: C009

Hi my name is Fiona and I am fourteen years old. I have been home educated for five years and my hobbies are rollerblading, swimming and studying religion. I am looking for a pen-pal aged 13-16 years old, male or female. Ref: C010

Hello, my name is Karen and I am eleven years old. I have been home educated for five years and I think it is great. I like reading, history, cycling, rollerblading, taekwondo and making model aeroplanes. I will reply to all letters and I would especially like pen-pals aged nine to twelve, boy or girl. Look forward to hearing from you. Ref: C011

Hi. My name's Leila and I'm 14 years old. I've been home-educated for a year and a bit now and before that, I'd been living in France since I was 8. I am cat mad and I like everything and anything to do with them! ☺ I love reading books and my favourite ones are the Warrior Cat series and Tokyo Mew Mew. Apart from cats and books I like drawing, cooking, writing stories, Manga and going on the computer. I also have a very strange obsession with swords... ☺ I'd like a pen-pal any age, any gender and I'll reply to anyone who writes. Ciao. Ref: C012

Hi, I'm George, now 9 years old. I'm looking for a pen pal, I don't care what age you are. I like football, music, lego, playing the Wii and DS and I love darts! I've been home educated since October '08. Ref: C013

Hello, my name is Abbey and I'm nearly 14 years old. I have always been home educated. I love listening to music, my favourite artists are Avril Lavigne, Lily Allen and Katy Perry. My other hobbies include reading, writing, horse riding and swimming. I am looking for a male or female pen-pal aged between 14-16. Hope to hear from you soon! ☺ Ref: C014

Hey there. My name is Katelyn. I am 10 years old. I've been home-ed since September. My hobbies are swimming, piano, ballet and tap and modern. I love playing with babies (real ones). I have a sister who goes to school, a dog and a mad cat. I would like a pen-pal of any age, boy or girl. I will reply to anyone who writes to me. Looking forward to hear from you. Bye for now!
Ref: C015

Hi! My name is Graham and I am 14 years old. I returned to home educating almost a month ago and am busy getting ready to start my GCSEs. I have lots of interests including reading (my favourite authors include Robert Muchamore, Anthony Horowitz, Su Taylor and Malorie Blackman), going to the cinema, writing reviews, newspaper articles and letters, listening to all sorts of music, swimming and I also really enjoy "Heroes" the fabulous television programme! It would be great to hear from boys or girls over the age of 12. I will reply to all letters. Ref: C016

Hi! My name is Rebekah and I am almost 16 years old. I have only just started being home educated and I will start to sit my GCSEs at the end of next month. I have lots of interests and passions including fashion, reading just about any sort of book, reviewing fashion blunders and hits, shopping, MSN and Bebo-ing!!! I also love poetry and learning German. It would be great to hear from anyone, boys or girls aged around 14 and over. I will reply to all letters. Ref: C017

Hi! My name is Jessica and I am almost 13 years old. I have been home educated for almost 4 years now. My interests/hobbies include reading, animation, stamp collecting, drawing cartoons/illustrations and writing short stories. I would love to hear from anyone, boys or girls of any age over 12 years old and I will reply to all letters. Ref: C018

Hi my name is Elly, I am 11 years old. I like doing street dance, trampolining, football and netball but my favourite sport of all time is horse riding. I have 1 cat (really cute) and 2 hamsters (also cute), I like to play on the computer and watching TV!!! I play the drums and am coming up to doing my grade one exam!!! I will respond to all letters, I am looking for pen-pals aged 10-12, girls or boys. I can't wait to hear from you xxxxx Ref: C019

Hi, my name is Jessie-Anne, I'm 14 years old. I've just started to be home educated. I have a 17 year old sister who is studying animal care. My favourite hobbies are listening to music, singing (ear plugs required!), I also like habbo hotel, MSN, cooking, arts and crafts and Dr Who. I'm looking for a pen-pal of any age, boy or girl. Promise to write back. Bye. Ref: C020

Hi my name is Jovi, I'm a 13-year-old boy and am looking for a pen pal 12+. I have been home educated for four months and really enjoy it. I do have MSN and Bebo. I like Doctor Who, Torchwood, SJA's, The Simpson's, Family Guy, American Dad and Futurama. I also enjoy most music (R 'n' B, Hip-Hop, etc...). I like playing computer games (X-Box, Play station, Nintendo Wii etc..). I have two cats and a dog. I love riding my bike (brmxing at any skate park) and I don't mind mountain biking. So you know about me so I want to know about you, hope to hear from you soon bye!!!!!! Ref: C021

Hi my name is Taben, and I'm a boy. I am ten years old. I live with my mum, dad, brother, two cats and a dog. The things I like are Xbox, computers and riding my bike. You've heard about me so I would like to hear about you! Ref: C022

Hello my name is Aaliyah I am 6 nearly 7, I would like a pen pal girl or boy, I have been home educated for 1 year. I like camping, going fishing, horse riding, ice skating, riding my bike, I love to draw and sing and dance I love High School Musical. I have a pet kitten called Millie. I really want to receive a letter and would love to practice my writing so please please write to me. Ref: C023

Pet pals

Hi my name is Flopsey, I'm a 7-month-old rabbit. I'm a mini lop, I'm looking for some new bunny friends. I've got a brother called Binke. Please could you be my pet pal? Bye bye. (Owner's name Lucy) Ref: C003

Harry's Top 10 Wildlife Garden Tips:

1. Build a pond, one of the best things to do for nature. You will need to dig a hole in the size of your pond, put gravel on the bottom and plant some native water plants. Remember to make at least one slope at the edge so froglets can climb out.
2. Build a log pile, do not take this apart to look more than once a week and never in winter, so that you do not disturb hibernating frogs and toads. This is good for seeing frogs, toads, worms, snails and more.
3. Put out bird food, I recommend suet pellets, mealworms and peanuts. Also try making your own bird food by melting lard and mixing with seeds or other bird food.
4. Plant wildflowers, these are fantastic for any garden big or small. But remember to cut and sprinkle the seeds in Autumn.
5. Plant a bush or tree, I recommend buddleia, as this is also good for butterflies. This is good for various insects and birds.
6. Leave an area of long grass unmown. Although easy it is marvellous for wildlife. This is good for hoverflies, crane flies, garden spiders, moths, froglets and lots more.
7. Plant nectar rich flowers, including lavender, seedum or sunflowers. This is good for bees, hoverflies, butterflies and more.
8. Make a rockery. This is good for many different invertebrates.
9. Make or buy a bird box. There are lots of different varieties for different types of birds.
10. Get a bird table and/or a birdbath.

By Harry Forbes, age 10.

Book Reviews

'Midnight Over Sanctaphrax' by Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

Midnight over Sanctaphrax is the third part of an awesome action-packed fantasy adventure series, named the Edge Chronicles. In this book young Captain Twig finds himself caught up in a weather vortex when he has trusted a catbird to lead him to his long lost father, Cloud Wolf. He is then told by his father about the great storm heading for Riverise to rejuvenate the Edge, however something stands in its way; something that is home to hundreds of academics; something that, if not unchained, will mean darkness throughout the Edge, the great floating city of: Sanctaphrax.

Now Twig and his apprentice must find his crew and find out what it was that he forgot when the Edgedancer (his sky ship) crashed. I think this book would suit anyone with a taste for fiction and graphics and a love for imagination. This is one of the best books I've read so far, magnificently illustrated and grippingly written. 10/10! Review by Ato Leo Ame, Aged 9.

'Inkheart' by Cornelia Funke.

Meggie, a 12-year-old girl, thinks her father Mo is an ordinary bookbinder, until extraordinary things begin to happen...

Mo has a special talent- when he reads aloud the characters come to life! One night, a stranger arrives at their house, with a warning, and now Meggie and Mo must begin an amazing adventure, to finish a story that began 9 years ago, when Meggie's mother vanished deep into the pages of a book... and a sinister villain emerged...

This book is set in Germany and Italy ...And another World! I loved this story. There are two more books and they are quite thick! (Cornelia Funke has also written The Thief Lord, set in Venice.)

'100 Cupboards' by N. D. Wilson

A 12-year-old boy named Henry, who has lost his parents, moves in to stay with his aunt and uncle and 3 girl cousins (who live in a town, also called Henry.) Then, over night, he hears a strange tapping noise and the next morning finds, behind the plaster in the wall above his bed, 99 cupboards!

Then Henry, and his cousin Henrietta, discover that the cupboards are actually portals to other worlds, some safe and interesting, some less so. But what does it all have to do with Henrietta's mysterious grandfather, whose door has been locked since his death 2 years ago? Though this book was sometimes hard to understand, I liked it a lot.

'The secret of the forth candle' by Patricia St. John

This book is about a little poor African girl called Aisha. She makes friends with a European girl called Petra.

Aisha has an adventure, which includes four advent candles, the Christmas story, breaking her leg, and becoming a Christian through a nurse at the hospital.

I like the bit when the nurse tells her about Jesus.

Review by Anastasia Gibbs, age 9

'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo.

Kensuke's Kingdom is about Michael who is on a world trip with his parents and dog. When Michael falls overboard and is washed up on an island in the Pacific with no food and no water and no one but his dog to be with, he gives up all hope of living. And then he realises that he is not alone on the island and there is someone out there. This someone is happy to give food to Michael, but not happy about Michael trying to attract boats.

Will Michael ever see his parents again? And will Michael's food giver let him stay on the island?

Review by Ruth Gibbs age 11

Game reviews

Monarchy, the Game of Kings

This is a card game for 2-4 players. The cards are the faces of the kings and queens of England. Every one is dealt some cards, the rest are placed, face down on the table. Then you pick one up and put one down every go until you have all sets of houses or names (i.e. the Tudors or the Henrys) We learned the kings of England from playing this game! Age 8+

Ticket to Ride

In this game you have a board of North America with cities on it, and the cities are joined by train routes. You collect cards every turn, if you choose (but only 2) and use them to build with your little trains on the routes between cities on the board. But other people can build on the route you want! And you only have so many trains to use! This game can be very nerve-racking! For 2-5 players. Made by Days Of Wonder. www.Daysofwonder.com Age 8+

Settlers of Catan

This is an every thing game. A board game (there is a board, that you build on). a dice game (when the numbers you have built on are rolled then you get cards), so a card game. A trading game (you can trade cards) and use the cards to build things on the board and the more you build the more points you get! But beware sevens! If you have more than seven cards, you lose half of them! For 3-4 players (though there is an extension, which takes it to 6). First to 10 points wins. Age 10+

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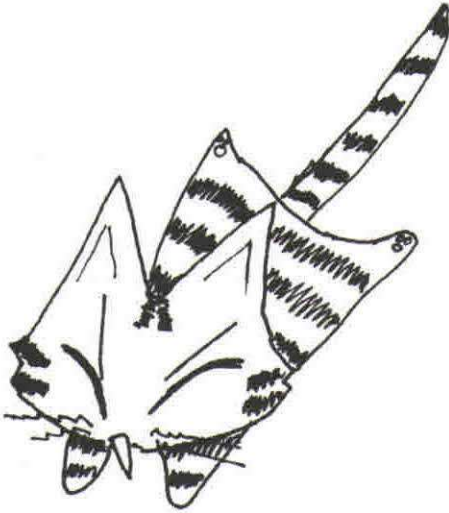
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Children's Forum:

There is a Children's Forum on the EO website for the children of EO members to chat and make friends – Message boards include: Age up to 11; Age 11 to 16; Age 16 – 18; Suggestions Board; Roleplaying Board. To join the forum, both children and a parent need to register on the forum and the parent needs to complete and return the permission form sent to the child's email address. The registration link is here:

<http://forum.education-otherwise.org/ucp.php?mode=register>

Or for more information email: childrensforum@education-otherwise.org



Sandstorm. Submitted by Leila Mezni

JOKES

I was reading this book the other day.
'The history of glue'. I couldn't put it down!

Schoolteacher: name 2 days of the week that start with T.
Student: today and tomorrow!

Why did the fly, fly?
Because the spider spied 'er!

I phoned the local rambling society today. The person on the other end
of the line went on, and on and on.....

What did Cinderella say when her photos were late?
Some day my prints will come!

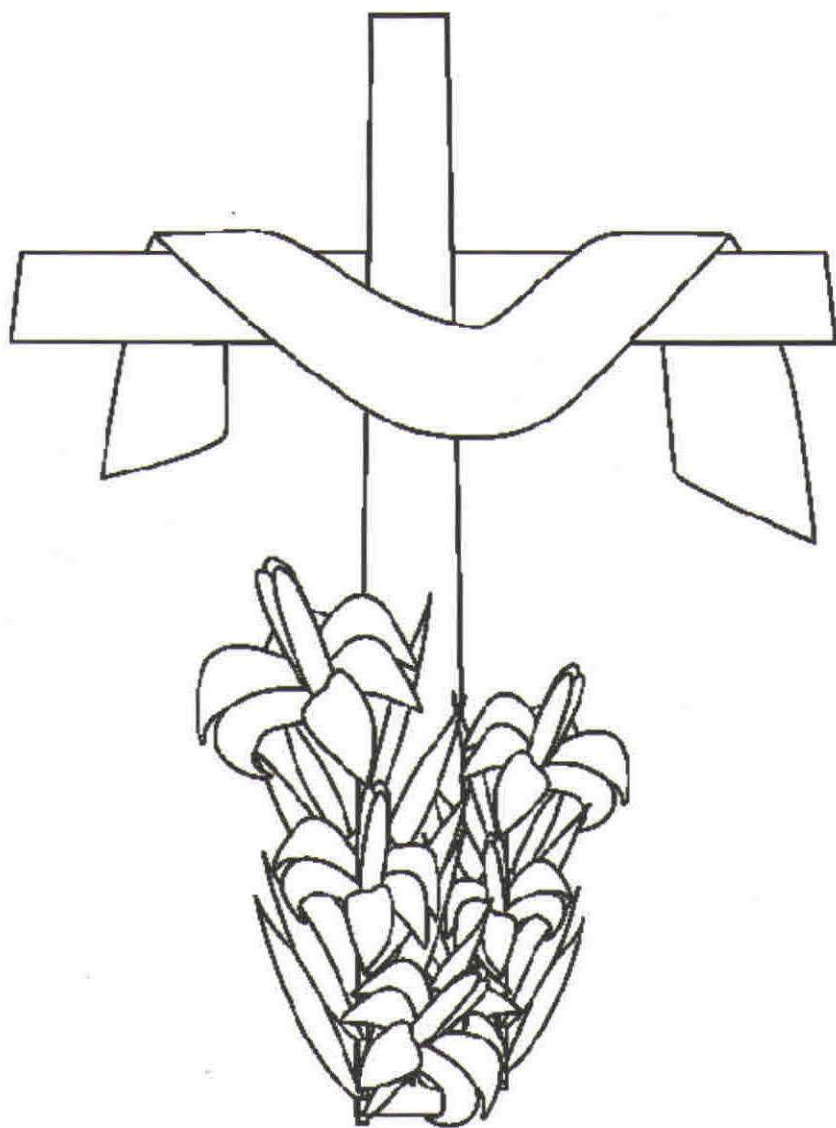
A monster decided to become a TV star so he went to see an agent.
"What do you do" asked the agent. "Bird impressions" "What sort of
birdi impressions?" "I eat worms."

What did the werewolf eat after he had his teeth taken out?
The dentist!

Colouring Pages



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Dingbat answers

1 No one

2 Listen to me

3 The Three Musketeers

4 Roger, over and out

Recipes

Easter Nests

Crumble 5 shredded wheat into crumbs. Melt 100 g milk choc. This can be done in a Pyrex bowl in the microwave, 30 secs at a time set on high, or in a glass bowl over a saucepan of simmering water on the stove. The choc needs to be broken up first. Mix the choc and shredded wheat in a bowl. Get a large teaspoon of the mix, and put into a little paper case. Push your finger (clean!) into it to make a rough nest shape. Put 2-3 mini eggs in to the hole and put into the fridge to set.

Chocolate Biscuits

225g soft margarine or sunflower spread
100g castor sugar (granulated sugar works fine)
1 teaspoon vanilla essence
225g self-raising flour
50g drinking chocolate powder
½ packet chocolate drops (optional)

Cream the margarine and the sugar together in a bowl. Add the vanilla essence and mix in. Add choc drops here if you want them (we often don't have any and the biscuits are fine without them) Sieve in the flour and drinking chocolate powder and mix in.

Take a large teaspoon amount and form it into a rough ball shape (this bit is messy!)

Place on a baking sheet. There is no need to grease the sheet. Push down each ball gently with a fork. Bake for 7-8 minutes at gas mark 5 / 190 degrees Celsius



By Lucy Gibbs

Pen-Pals Form

If you would like to contact a pal from this issue of the Children's Pages (Issue 187) or would like to request that an advert, article or other item be included in the next issue, please complete the form below.

Child's name is _____

Could you please:

- Send me the details for pal numbers: **CO** - ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____
- Put my attached advert for a pal in the next issue. *(Delete whichever doesn't apply).

EO Family Membership No: _____ Today's Date: ____ / ____ 2009

Address: _____

Postcode _____

Parent / Guardian's name (please print) _____

Parent's Email Address _____

I give permission for my child/ren named above to advertise for a pen-pal or reply to an advert in EO's Children's Pages. I understand that once contact details have been given out by EO, the responsibility for contact with the other family and how and when this happens is mine.

Signature _____

Please either post this slip, **with an sae** to:

EO Children's Pages, PO Box 325, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE34 3XW

or

ask your parent / guardian to send an email to eochildrenspages@education-otherwise.org from their personal email account with all the details on the form above. Please ensure the permission statement above is copied in full, followed by their full name.

Please note that the email address used to send this request must be listed on the membership database which will show the email address you listed on your new member or renewal form. If you have changed your email address since then, or want to register your email address, please contact the Database Administrator before sending off this form. Her email address is: database@education-otherwise.org.

Your child's home and or e-mail address will NOT be printed in any future issues. Each pal will have a reference number for members to respond to via the Children's Pages Co-ordinator.

YOUR child's safety is OUR Priority!