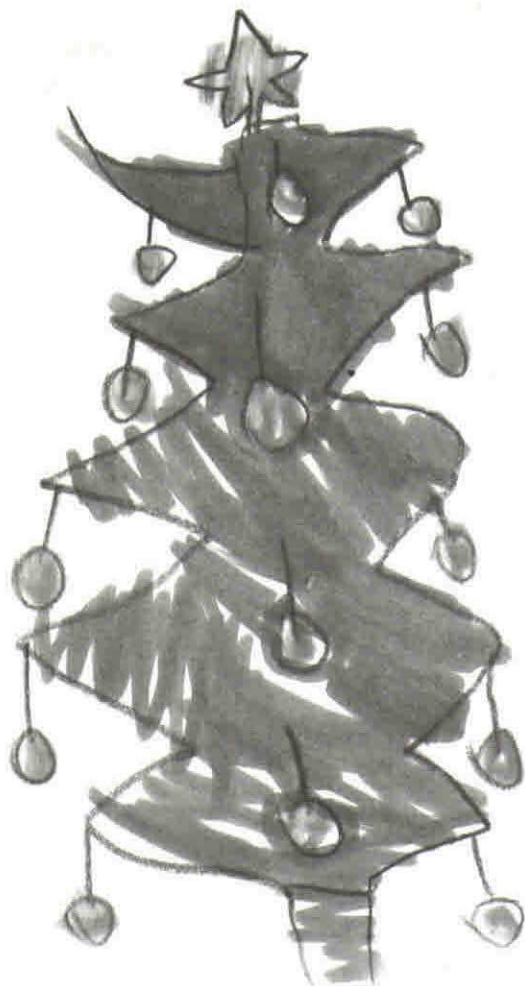


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*Happy
Holidays
2009!*



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PANDA
by Coral, aged 12



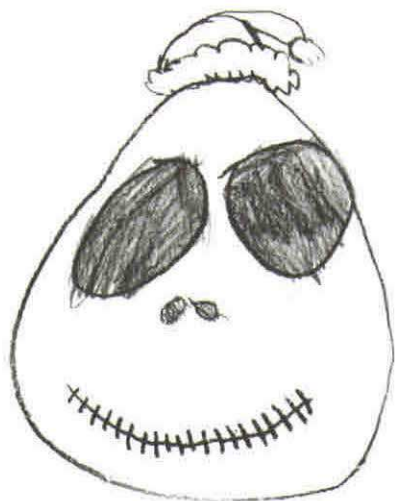
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Favourite Christmas Movies



The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)

This is an animated movie. Jack Skellington is the Pumpkin King of Halloween but he is bored of that and wants to make Christmas. So he kidnaps Santa Claus and takes over his job. My favourite character is Sally who is made of fabric and is always coming apart.



The Snowman (1982)

This is another animated movie about a boy who makes a snowman which comes alive in the night. They become friends and have an adventure together. My favourite bit is when they go flying together over the houses and the sea.

Words and pictures by Kitty, aged 7

Poems for Christmas

GINGERBREAD MEN

10 fat gingerbread men all looking fine,
One was eaten and then there were nine.
Nine fat gingerbread men, one was out of date
He got sold half price and then there were eight!

Eight fat gingerbread men, thinking life was heaven.
One snapped in half and then there were seven!

Seven fat gingerbread men stirring up the cake mix.
One fell in and then there were six!

Six fat gingerbread men hoping to survive.
James ate another one and then there were five!

Five fat gingerbread men sitting on the shore.
One went soggy and then there were four!

Four fat gingerbread men on the Christmas tree.
One fell off and then there were three!

Three fat gingerbread men, which one's on the menu.
My Dad ate one and then there were two!

Two thin gingerbread men say with a sticky bun
One got stuck to it and then there was one!

One lonely gingerbread man was thinking he should run!
So I quickly ate him and then there were none!!!

by Aidan, aged 11

FATHER CHRISTMAS

F is for fun, at Christmas we play
A is for advent, a door every day.
T is for tree, that shines really bright.
H is for holly, to give you a prickly fright!
E is for Eve, Christmas is best.
R is for robin, with his red breast.

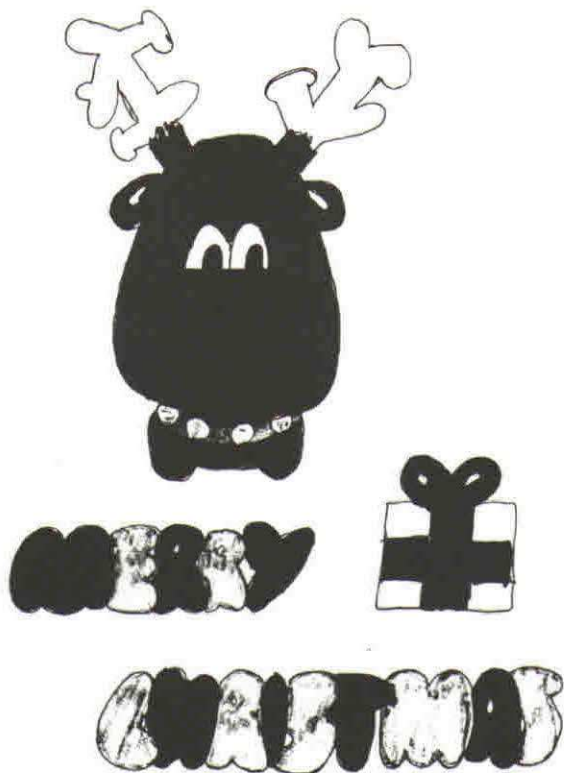
C is for cracker, out pops a hat!
H is for happiness, we like that!
R is for reindeer who fly through the night.
I is for ivy, growing up high.
S is for snow, magical and white.
T is for toys, that come in the night.
M is for mince pies for Dad to eat!
A is for almonds, my tasty treat!
S is for Santa Lovely Father Christmas!

by Aidan aged 11.

MEMORY OF CHRISTMAS

Trees dying for the winter, the nights are drawing in.
Soon it will be snowing and soon it will be Christmas.
The tree, the decorations and the lights all in our living room.
Lamb in the oven, trifle in the fridge and the warm smell of cinnamon is floating around the house.
Last night I was dreaming and hoping for all the presents I would like to receive, when the night had passed to my eyes all my wishing had paid off, so I had what I wanted and more. When the day had passed I was sad as I have to wait another 365 days to experience all this again.
Though I will always have the memory of this day in my head I will know that not every Christmas will be the same as the last.

by Leilani, aged 13



*Savanna
Paye*

by Savanna

PRESENTS

P is for pies, tasty and hot
R is for reindeer Santa has got.
E is for eating, nuts and cake.
S is for shiny decorations we make.
E is for everything covered in snow.
N is for Nutcracker, we saw the show.
T is for tinsel, red and blue.
S is for stocking, full of presents for you!

by James, aged 9

Christmas Word Search



CANDY
CAROLS
HOLLY

IVY
MERRY
PRESENTS

REINDEER
SANTA CLAUS
SNOWMAN

STOCKING
TURKEY
XMAS TREE

Christmas Jokes

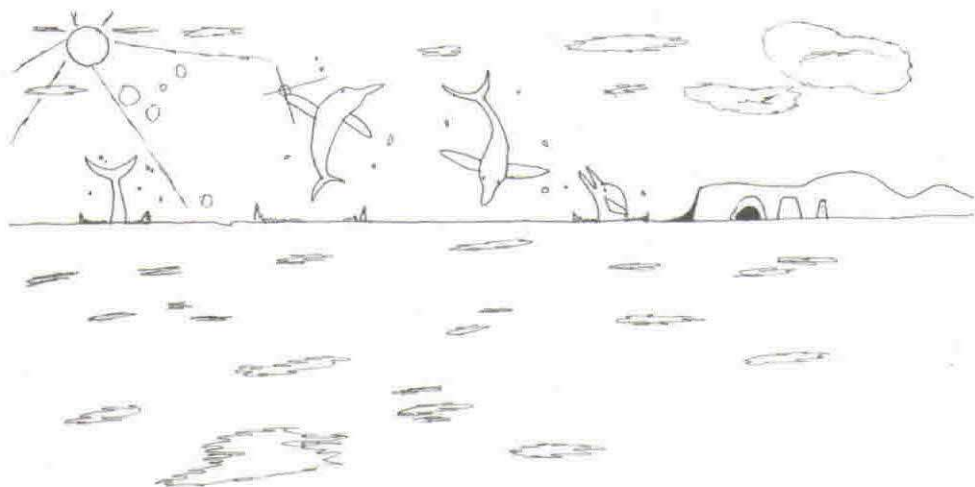
What do you call a penguin in the desert?

Lost!

Why did the reindeer wear sunglasses at the beach?

Because he didn't want to be recognised!

Pen Pals



Dolphins off Dorset Coast by Daniel, aged 12

While the Children's Pages editor and NL co-ordinator take care to verify that all pen/pet-pal correspondents are EO members, they are not vetted in any way 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. Pet-pals must include the full name and address of the owner.

Hello! My name is Rachel and I am 6 years old. I like : animals (mainly ponies!), fairies, the Simpsons, drawing, reading, tennis, and lots more! I would really like a pen pal around my age, boy or girl, that I can talk to and share my interests with! Please write to me! J PS I will try to write to everyone that I can! X **Ref: GO01**

My name is Cherise, I'm 14 in January. I've been home educated since 2005. I like playing my PSP, keyboard, and using the computer. I'd like to find pen pals 12 years+, girl or boy. All letter's answered. **Ref: GO02**

Hey, I'm Ayesha. 14 years old. I live in Wales. I've got a boy cat Jess, 2 older brothers, Beau 16 and Henery 22. Things I enjoy, travelling places, dancing at festivals, playing the guitar, swimming or walking at the beach, photography, wild life and reading. Would love anyone aged 13+ boy or girl, with similar interests, promise to reply. Love Ayesha x **Ref: GO03**

Hi my name is Leilani. I am 13 years old (14 in January). I have been home-ed all my life. I love reading. My hobbies are gardening, fashion, photography and Nail Art. I love listening to music, my favourite artists are Lady Gaga, Cheryl Cole, Alexandra Burke, Paramore. The list is endless, lol. I have 2 dogs, 2 birds and tons of fish. I have Facebook, Bebo, Twitter and MSN, but I much prefer writing and receiving letters. I would like pen friends aged 10 – 16 Girl or Boy, I don't mind. Well that's enough from me. I can't wait to hear from you and I promise to reply to everyone ! Have a merry Christmas and happy New Year !bye xXx **Ref: GO04**

Hi my name is Aaron. I'm 13 and I'm looking for a pen pal aged 12 to 14, and my hobbies are Roblox which is a free Lego building game. And I like watching TV. My favourite film is Small Soldiers. Ok bye for now. Hear from you soon. **Ref: GO05**

My name is Kayte. I am 14. I love all things Japanese. My favourite bands are An Cafe, Aicle, Perfume, Alice Nine, Canzel and more. I can write and speak Japanese. I love drawing Anime. I love Anime films like "Death Note" and "Spirited Away" XD I like MSN, Bebo and Facebook. I am looking for a pen pal aged 13 or 14. **Ref: GO06**

Hi my name is Mirinda. I'm a 15 year old girl. I have just gone back to home education having been at school for 7 years. I love reading, writing and drawing. I would love to have pen pals who are going to HES-FES next year but it is not essential. My favourite thing at the minute is Goape and I would love to hear from other people who have done it. I'm happy to hear from anyone who wants to write and will try to write back to everyone. **Ref: GO07**

Hello, my name is Molly, I am 9. I enjoy horse riding, dancing, playing on my Wii, computer games and Spanish (I'm not very good at it!). I don't like Hannah Montana, Bratz, Barbies or High School Musical. I would reply to a girl 8+ years. **Ref: GO08**

Hi my name is Lauren. I am 10 years old, nearly 11. I love animals. I have 2 dogs and 3 cats. I like Hannah Montana, drawing, swimming, dancing, and going on my trampoline. I would like a pen pal aged between 8 and 12. Girls only please. PS I've been home educated all my life. **Ref: GO09**

Hi, my name is Edward and I'm 10. My interests are competitive swimming, football, Lego, Airfix modelling, my DS and playing on the computer – especially Runescape. My fave authors are Lemony Snicket, Philip Pullman and JK Rowling. I would like a pen pal aged 9-11. Hope to hear from you soon. **Ref: GO10**

Hi, my name is Tadhg, (pronounced Tige). I am 9 and I am looking for a pen pal aged 8+. I like board games, reading, playing guitar and keyboard, riding my bike and cooking. Hope to hear from you soon. Tadhg. **Ref: GO11**

My name is Emma. I am 12 years young. I have Facebook, MSN and email. I'd like anyone any age. I am a vegetarian. I love mermaids, (h20), and Hannah Montana, ballet, drama and tap. I like swimming. **Ref: GO12**

Hi my name is Rhiannon and I am 9 years old. I like maths, English and writing. I live on a smallholding with lots of animals. My favourite books are Rainbow Magic. I like listening to music from Hairspray and Duffy and I like watching Ooglies and MI High. I would love to receive letters from girls aged between 8 and 10. Hope to hear from you soon. Rhiannon xx **Ref: GO13**

Hello, I am Aidan (nearly 12). I would like pen pals around my age or older (boy or girl) please. I like games/tabletop games, reading, Scouts, being outdoors, drawing, fantasy books, biking, history/archaeology, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Tolkien, writing stories, gardening, Indiana Jones and lots of other hobbies. Hope to hear from you soon. **Ref: GO14**

Hello, I am James (age 9). I would really like a pen pal around my age (boy or girl). I have always been home educated. My favourite things are rabbits, reading, nature, Lego, writing stories and comic books, drawing, cooking, cub scouts, space and aliens, being outdoors, camping, hiking, sport, Ben 10, superheroes, animation. Please write soon. **Ref: GO15**

Hello, I am Joseph (age 6). I would like boy pen pals any age please. I like dinosaurs, cars, playing outdoors, drawing, painting, colouring, stories, baking, gardening, Beaver Scouts, Lego, dressing up, soldiers and knights, trains, chocolate and fun. **Ref: GO16**

Hi, I'm Jonah and I'm 11 years old and will be 12 in January. I like playing on Xbox live and Halo/Star Wars and I play the Cello. I love to read fantasy like Harry Potter and Skullduggery pleasant. I have undiagnosed Aspergers, and would love to write to anyone similar. I have just started being home educated. I would like to receive a reply from a boy or girl aged 11 plus. Reply soon, Jonah. **Ref: GO17**

Hi guys out there. My name is Ella and I am 10. I love singing, dancing, design and technology, art and writing. I also love acting and would like to be an actress. My fav colour on earth is blue. I do go to school but I will be HE next year as I want to finish year 6 with my friends. I am really excited about it. I would love to write to someone, thank you for reading. **Ref: GO18**

Hi, my name is Corinne (a girl) and I'm 15 years old. I've been home ed for 2 years and I love it! I like reading, animals (I have a 3 month old puppy called Jess who I love very much – even when she playbites!), playing XBOX 360 with my brother and sister, watching tv and going on the computer. I have email. I would like a pen pal, girl or boy, any age. I'll reply to all letters. Hope to hear from you soon. **Ref: GO19**

Hi, my name is Cameron, I am 8. I love jumping on my trampoline, riding my bike and diving at the pool. I also love to play Star Wars Battlefront on my pS2. I have 2 pet gerbils and a cat. I like reading adventure stories, my favourite author is Enid Blyton. I am looking for a pen pal, boys age 7 - 10yrs. I hope to hear from you soon! **Ref: GO20**

Hi I'm Bethany and I'm 13 years old. I have been home educated for just over a year and I am enjoying it a lot. I love to read most things, from Cathy Cassidy books to the Twilight saga. I think History is really interesting. I love playing on the computer, especially playing on the Sims 1, 2 and 3, and I love all kinds of music. I would like to receive letters from girls or boys aged 11+. I cannot wait to hear from you! **Ref: GO21**

Pen-Pals Form

If you would like to contact a pal from this issue of the Children's Pages (Issue 191) or would like to request that an advert, article or other item be included in the next issue, please complete the form below.

My name is _____

Could you please:

- Send me the details for pal numbers: GO - ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____
- 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 a stamped sae to:

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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.

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