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WORKSHEETS FOR THE WEEK

Comprehension Activity: Monday, April 27

QUESTION TIME

How well have you read this month's paper? Here, in Question Time, as well as testing your memory and retention skills, we also test your imagination and creative skills. We base this activity on our 'Your Health is Your Wealth' feature on pages 11-14.

- 1. What do our immune systems do?
- 2. What c-word is given to an illness or disease that can be passed on?
- 3. What is another more common term for GP, or General Practitioner?
- 4. What does the old Latin saying: 'Mens Sana in Corpore Sano' mean in English?
- 5. How much water should children aged between 8 and 12 drink daily?
- 6. What type of food will you find at the top of the food pyramid?
- 7. What type of food will you find at the bottom of the food pyramid?
- 8. What is one of the most important ways of avoiding infectious diseases?
- 9. Where did the COVID-19 coronavirus first start?
- 10. What is your favourite fact in this month's feature, and why?

Narrative Writing Activity: Monday, April 27

DEAR DIARY

In this writing activity, we want you to keep a weekly diary of your life -- what you are getting up to, what you are enjoying doing, what you do and don't like about this time, how you feel about the COVID-19 crisis, and what you think about schools remaining closed throughout the country. Basically, we want you to write down your thoughts and feeling about ... well ... everything. This diary will be a very special thing to look back on in the months and years ahead:)

Dear Diary,	

SO MANY MISTAKES!

This week's grammar activity is based on a great story about a bot who discovers a valuable diamond a number of years ago. Read through the article and see if you can spot the 10 spelling mistakes.

DIAMOND IN THE DIRT

10 SPELLING MISTAKES

After travelling to a local basebal tournament, 14-year-old Kalel Langford decided to paid a viset to the nearby Crater of Diamonds State Park.

This park is home to the world's only diamond-bearing site, where you can search for and keep any gems you find.

Within half an hour of arriving at the park, Kalel discoverd the 7th largest diamond found at the Park since it opened in 1972.

While walking near the East Drain, a section in the southern section of the area, Kalel spotted a shiney, dark-brown stone.

'Its colour was so dark that we weren't sure if it was a diamond, but we knew we needed to have it looked at,' Karl's father Craig explaind.

The family took the stone to the Diamond Discovery Centre in the park, where Kalel was thrilled to learn that he had found one of the biggest dimonds in the park's history!

The diamond has a frosted appearance, is shaped like a kyte and is worth thousands of dollers.

Kalel named his gem Superman's Diamond. Superman was called Kal-El when he was born on the planat Krypton.

MY FAVOURITE BOOK EVER

Book reviews are all about what you thought of a book. They don't tell just the story, and they certainly don't give away the ending. Your sentences could begin with: I thought ... I liked when ... My favourite part was when ... I found ... I didn't like ... I laughed when... and so on.

ut what you thought, not just wh	ese sentence starters, you know you are talki at happened.
A drawing of my book cover	
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FILL IN THE BLANKS

This week's cloze test is all about ants! We've made it a bit trickier by taking out 8 words. This is called a cloze test. Read through the words first and make sure you understand them. Then, read through the article. Make sure you think about the best place to put a word, not the first place. Careful as you go, as some words may fit in a few places, while other words will only suit one place.

THE BUSY LIFE OF ANTS

female journey heads underground carrying eggs food baby

Ants are social creatures that live in groups known as colonies. These colonies are often located 1
They are headed by a Queen who lay thousands of 2
The ants which we often see are worker ants, or wingless females.
They hunt for food, look after the nest, care for the 3 ants as well as carry out many other roles.
The male's only role is mating with the 4 after which they often die.
Ants are capable of 5 objects 50 times their own weight. If we were able to do this, we would be able to lift a car over our 6!
Ants are very good at finding 7 A scout ant will leave the nest and search until it finds something it can eat. It then leaves a scent on its return 8 that will guide the other ants to the food.

ALPHABET POEMS

This week's challenge is to compose (write) an alphabet poem. With an alphabet poem, the first letter of each line begins with a letter of the alphabet. So, A, B, C, D, E, and son on. Today's Alphabet Poem theme: THINGS THAT MAKE ME HAPPY

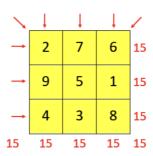
(If you find this a little tricky, feel free to just use a section of the alphabet (A-S, for example)
A
В
C
D
E
F
G
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J
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<u>L</u>
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Q
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<u>S</u>
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X
Y -
Z

MAGIC SQUARES

What is a Magic Square?

In a Magic Square, every row, column and diagonal all add up to make the same total.

In this yellow magic square, the sum is 15. That means each row, column and diagonal all add up to make 15.



Now, try these. We've given * clues to help you know where to begin.

1) The sum is 34.

7			14
2	13	8	*
			5
9	6		

2) The sum is 42.

	18	*	9
8		15	14
		10	
6		13	

3) The sum is 68.

32		6	
		20	16
18	*	12	24
8	28		

4) The sum is 50.

	13		20
18	*		6
	10	14	
	16	12	

DID YOU KNOW ...?

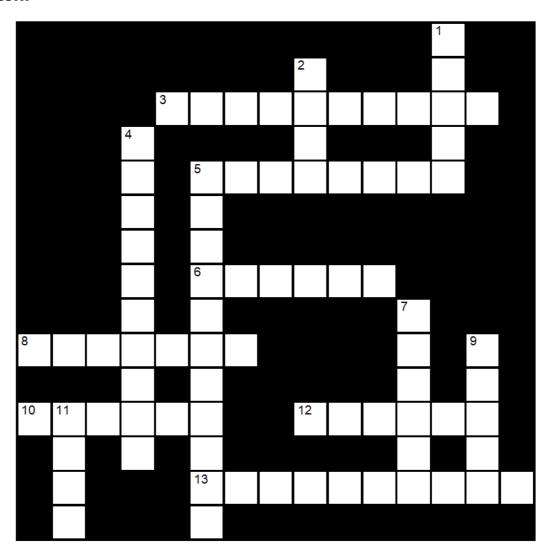
Every issue of *News Flash* is packed full of facts and figures. Things you never knew before waiting to surprise and amaze you on every page. Why not record the Top 4 things that you learned from this issue. When you do, make sure to draw an illustration to go with them.

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1. NOW I KNOW The famous Danish children's author Hans Christian Andersen became friends with famous English children's author Charles Dickens. He even visited him once.	
2. NOW I KNOW	
3. NOW I KNOW	
4. NOW I KNOW	
5. NOW I KNOW	

Cloze Test Activity: Friday, May 01

WORD WORK TIME

This week's word work activity is in the form of a crossword. Read the clues and insert the correct words in the grid. All answers can be found in your April issue of News Flash.



Across

- The light-producing organ at the end of the gulper eel's tail. (10)
- 5 This rare stork is to be found in Zambia. (8)
- 6 What is the Malay word for 'kick'? (6)
- 8 In which Irish county is Ballyshannon? (7)
- 10 Who discovered vaccination? Dr Edward _____ (6
- What is the Japanese word for 'flower viewing'? (6)
- Hans Christian Andersen died in this city. (10)

Down

- 1 In what month is World Health Day 2020 (5)
- Where were the 1960 Olympic Games held? (4)
- Who is the famous PA in the James Bond films? Miss _____ (10
- 5 Which country are the world champions in rugby? (5,6)
- 7 What river flows through Prague? (6)
- 9 What colour are the flowers of the wild garlic plant? (5)
- 11 Hamburg, New York, is beside which lake? (4)

Recount Writing Activity: Friday, May 01

A DAY IN THE LIFE ...

In April's issue of *News Flash*, we look at the role of a personal assistant. This week, we want you to imagine you are the personal assistant of a very important business person. The only trouble is, they treat you more like a slave than an assistant. I wonder what you could do to change their mind?