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Russia's invaded Ukraine—what now?

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By Ava H

It's official, Russia has invaded Ukraine, but what's going to happen in the future?

It happened a few weeks ago on Thursday when Vladimir Putin, (the president of Russia) moved his soldiers into the capital city of Ukraine: Kiev. Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelenskyy advised the people of Ukraine to stay indoors as much as possible as Russia expands the invasion. Many Ukrainians are fleeing Kiev, if not the country. They are fleeing to the neighbouring countries such as, Slovakia, Poland and Lithuania and have become refugees there.



How will this affect England?

Well, Russia supplies lots of gas for the rest of the world but, now that it's at war it won't be supplying it anymore. Therefore, there's going to be gas shortages and gas bills across the world. Luckily, England only gets 5% of its gas from Russia whereas other countries get its majority if not all of its gas from Russia.

England has put minor penalties on Russia such as the F1 – formula 1 and the champions league final which were originally being held in Russia has since changed and it will be held in Paris instead.

Did you know that Donald Trump congratulated Putin for making a move on Ukraine? Also, if you pronounce the capital city as K-e-e-y-e-v you might want to think twice as that is the Russian pronunciation and it is better to pronounce it K-e-e-v instead.



Make sure to stay up to date and always ask an adult if you're worried or confused.

The Winter Olympics

By Nat

As many people may know the Beijing Olympics were in February with many countries being awarded medals. Norway won the most medals with 37 (16 of which gold).

2,871 athletes competed in this year's Winter Olympics all with hopes of winning medals for their countries' in so many different sports such as: The Biathlon, Ski Jump & Snowboarding. Great Britain won 2 medals (1 gold). You can look at the medal tables



on olympics.com and look at replays from the games in Beijing as well as a calendar and a medallist chart.

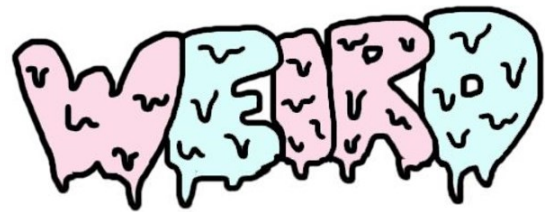
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15 Weird Facts!

By Nat



- You can buy a flying bicycle.
- Dolphins sleep with one eye open.
- Vacuum cleaners were originally horse drawn.
- Alfred Hitchcock was afraid of eggs.
- The fuller the fridge the more energy efficient it is.
- There's a LEGO™ bridge in Germany that you can walk across.
- For 20 years a cat served as the mayor of an Alaskan town.
- A woman who lost her wedding ring found it 16 years later on a carrot in her garden.
- Sunglasses were originally designed for Chinese judges to hide their facial expressions in court.
- Cotton candy was invented by a dentist.
- The Apollo 11 crew used hundreds of autographs as life insurance.
- The Queen owns all the swans in England.
- A meteor exploded over Earth with the force of 10 atomic bombs and everyone missed it.
- Bumblebees can fly higher than Mount Everest.
- Someone tried to sell New Zealand on eBay!

What's been happening in Alma?

By Laurel

1. Year 4's production on Shakespeare's Twelfth Night was amazing and the dancing was great!
2. Purim has happened and everyone's costumes were so good and Miss Ester's board was so cool!
3. Alma has had a crazy amount of en-



tries for the science fair and a huge well done to the winners and also everyone who entered, we are sure that everyone did great!

Interview with Ms Ahmed

By Ava D, Carla & Tal

Q: Where were you born, and what is your ethnic background? In addition, do you mind telling us a fact about it or your favourite food from it?

A: *I was born in Somalia which is a country in East Africa. It's a very hot and sunny climate with beautiful beaches. I came to the UK when I was a baby and have lived in Barnet ever since. My favourite food from Somalia is seasoned rice with slow cooked lamb and vegetables.*



Q: What made you want to become a teacher?

A: *When I was in primary school, I had a really amazing teacher who made learning fun and was so kind to me every day. She inspired me to want to do the same for others.*

Q: What was your favourite subject in



school?

A: *English literature because I love poetry and reading. I also loved PE.*

Q: What hobbies do you have?

A: *I recently taught myself how to knit. I also enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles and the latest one I completed was 1000 pieces.*

Q: What is your favourite sport, and do you play it regularly?

A: *I like to play netball. I used to play a lot when I was in secondary school. Now I play with a group of ladies once a week and it's really fun.*

Q: What is your favourite thing about Alma?

A: *I love the friendly and warm atmosphere and how helpful everybody is.*

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

By Alex

On the 2nd to the 5th of June, the Queen is going to be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee but what does that mean? The Platinum Jubilee is celebrating the Queen serving the commonwealth countries for 70 years. She is longest reigning British monarch ever, followed by Queen Victoria.



Two different things will happen to celebrate. The first is 'The Queen's Green Canopy'. This celebration is something that the queen herself has encouraged everyone to do. 'Plant a tree for the Platinum Jubilee' is the motto. The second thing is the 'Platinum Pudding Competition'. Bake a cake/pudding for the Queen. The best cake will be chosen for the Queen to taste and judge.

Dora's Big Sleep Out!

By Ava H

Year 6 pupil Dora Burnton is doing all she can to help Ukraine all the way from England. She knew she had to do something to help the innocent civilians of Ukraine. So she decided that like a young boy in London, she was going to sleep outside for 30 days to raise money for Ukraine! She moved her tent to her garden and took her pillows and duvet, (and her dogs of course) outside. She has an experience of raising money for charity since when she was just in year 1 she cut her hair for children suffering from cancer across the world! She just had her first practise out-



side and we think it went well! I talked to Dora and asked her why she thought this was important to raise awareness and she said: "It's important because people are fleeing their homes and we can't just ignore it." She and her whole family are so proud and year 6 sure is too! If you're interested in donating towards Ukraine, simply search up: Dora's big sleep out then click the link and donate there! If it doesn't come up you can ask Dora to tell you the link!

International Women's Day

By Ava H

This term we celebrated International Woman's day. Here are some fun facts about how International Women's Day was established:

1. Up until 1913, international women's day (or IWD) was a national event held to celebrate just the working women. But Clara Zetkin, a theorist, proposed the idea of IWA and since then it has been an international event.
2. Did you know the word 'feminist' was created by a man?
3. A young woman was told by a train driver that she could never be a train driver since she had to get her hands dirty, after this she worked hard and became a train driver!



Animal News

By Alice and Annbel

Animal discovery

There has been a new animal discovery, it is a little monkey called the Popa Langur. The Popa Langur was found medium-sized eating a leaf on a tree. The monkey was

found in central Myanmar. The Popa Langur was named after its home Mount Popa. The animal mostly eats fruits and leafy plants.



Storm Eunice

By Carla & Grace



We've all been affected by Storm Eunice, from broken fences, trees falling over and much, much more. Sticks, twigs and debris

have been scattered all over the UK - and over 60,000 houses lost their electricity and it took just over 48 hours to restore it.

Storm Eunice hit western England and made landfall in Cornwall on Friday 17th February 2022 where waves lashed the coast, sending plumes of spray dozens of metres into the air.

Staying Safe Online

By Nat & Ava D

In February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. Here are our top 5 tips for staying safe online:

1. Don't share personal information online. e.g. photos with your school logo on
2. Use different passwords for different sites and apps
3. Use a mixture of numbers, symbols and letters for a strong password
4. Don't meet up with people you see online in real life.
5. Block people who are unkind to you online



Use these 5 tips to stay safe and remember to be careful and get an adult to help if you are struggling.

Film Review: Sing 2

By Alex, Annabel and Alice

Sing 2 is a fun PG rated family movie that everyone will enjoy. It's about a group of talented animal singers going to Red Shore City to fulfil their dreams. Once they arrive, they meet a musical producer called Jimmy Crystal. Will they convince the world renowned and heart-broken lion to join their performance and sing once more?

Themes in this movie are: love, adventure and music healing the soul.



We recommend this movie for all ages but especially 7+. You will enjoy singing and dancing along to this musical extravaganza!

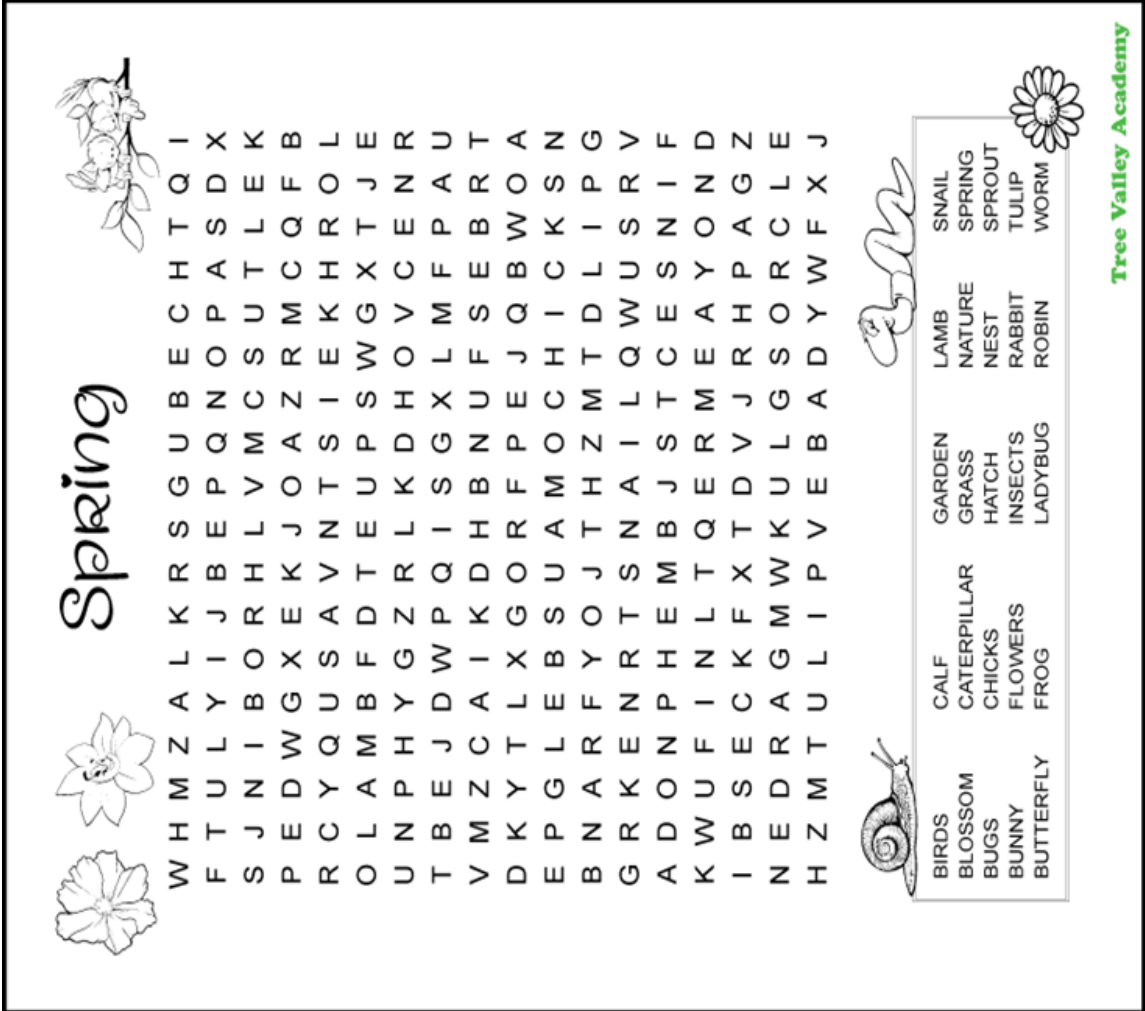
Overall this is an amazing movie and it is rated 5 stars.



Puzzles Page

By Tal

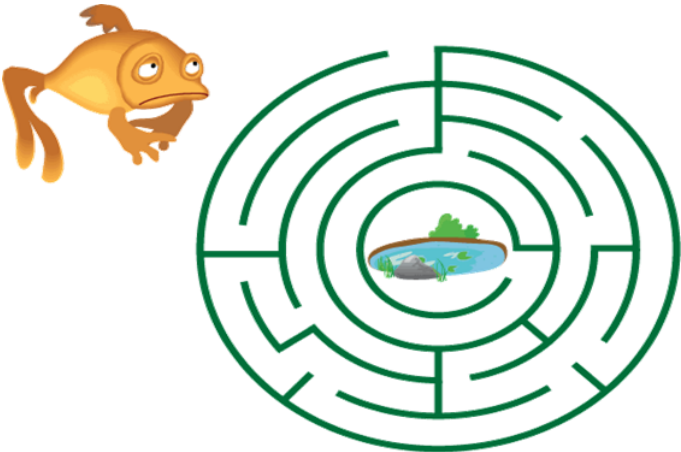
Spring is here! Let's celebrate with a Spring themed wordsearch. Try to find the words from the list below on the wordsearch.



Spring

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| BIRDS | CALF | GARDEN | LAMB | SNAIL |
| BLOSSOM | CATERPILLAR | GRASS | NATURE | SPRING |
| BUGS | CHICKS | HATCH | NEST | SPROUT |
| BUNNY | FLOWERS | INSECTS | RABBIT | TULIP |
| BUTTERFLY | FROG | LADYBUG | ROBIN | WORM |

Start with the boat and try to get out [like a maze].



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