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For Curious GRANDMONTeers

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P.3 Experiential Learning Day! Our P.3 students embarked on a global adventure right at school. From K-pop dancing in South Korea to playing handball in Australia, it was a truly magnificent morning filled with fun and excitement!

























ICEBOX CAKE

DO WITH PARENT

Biscoff Icebox Cake is a creamy and cold summer treat. You can switch Biscoff for Nutella, peanut butter, or any spread you love.

Why is it called an "icebox" cake? Great question! It's called "icebox" because people long ago used wooden boxes filled with ice. Read more in Vol.1, No.2 of the Grandmont Gazette! CLICK HERE



Try it with Miss Caren!

INGREDIENTS



cream cheese



Biscoff spread



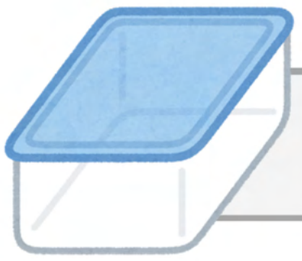
honey



butter



Biscoff biscuits



any small box or bowl

STEPS

1



Put 3 Biscoff biscuits in a bag and crush them into small crumbs.

2



Mix the smashed biscuits with butter. Press the mixture to the bottom of the box.

3



Mix 120g of cream cheese, 1 tablespoon of honey and 2 teaspoons of Biscoff spread.

4



Put the mixture in the box. Then, smooth the top.

5



In a bowl, warm 2 teaspoons of Biscoff spread at 600W for 20 seconds. Then, pour it on top.

6



Put it in the fridge for 1 hour. Enjoy!

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Word of the Month!

perseverance

by Miss Caren





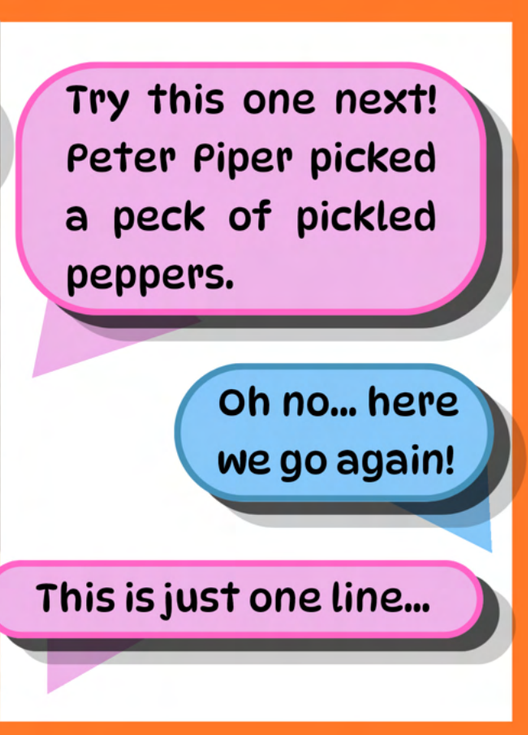












Perseverance (堅毅)

Perseverance is when you keep trying even though it is hard.

"She sells sea shells by the seashore" is a **tongue twister**.

Tongue twisters are phrases that are tricky to say quickly.

🏆**Challenge:** Try to master the "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers" tongue twister over the summer!

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Book Recommendation OF THE MONTH

Miss Caren's Reading Nook



Title: *The Most Magnificent Thing*

Writer and Illustrator: Ashley Spires

Read along!

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Themes:

- perseverance and not giving up
- handling frustration and anger
- creativity and problem-solving



Synopsis

A little girl and her best friend love to make things. One day, the girl decides to make the MOST MAGNIFICENT thing. She plans, gathers, and builds. But it doesn't work. It's all wrong! She gets mad and then quits. Will she make something truly magnificent in the end?

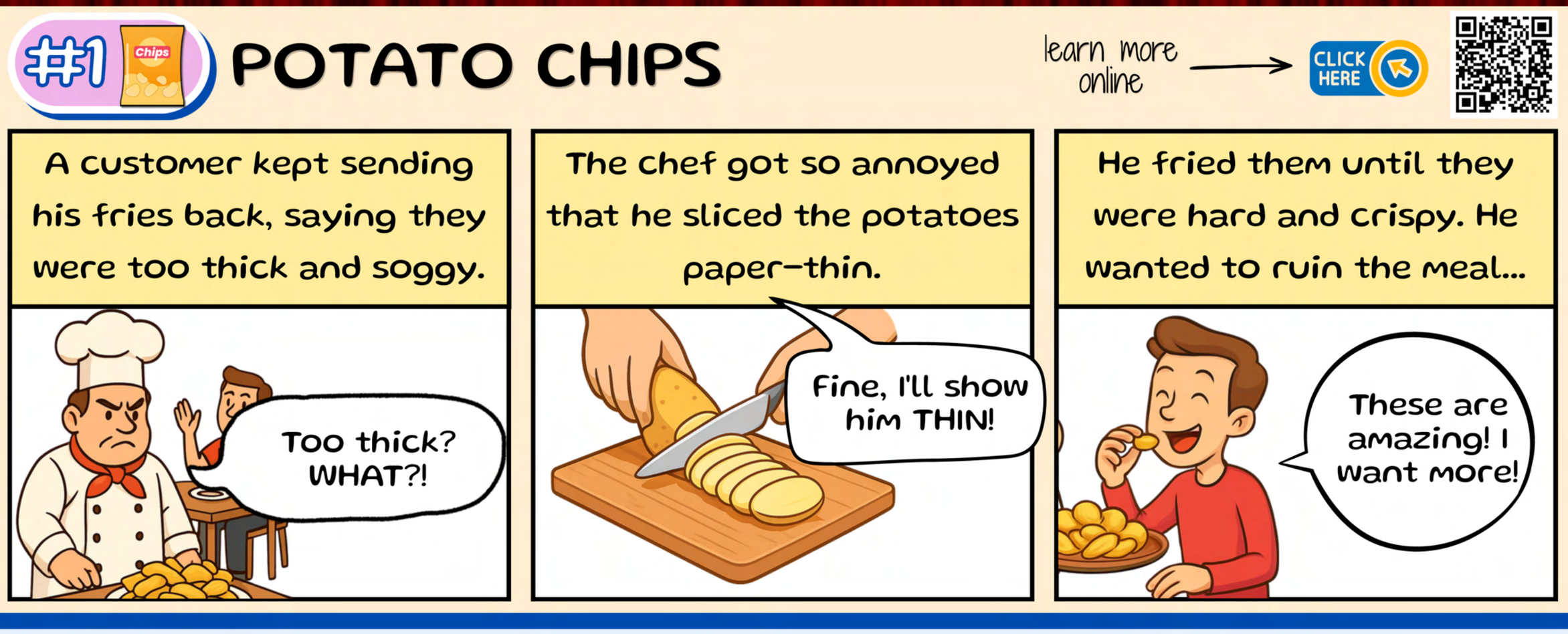
Did you know?

THE OOPS! HALL OF FAME

Did you know? Some of the world's most famous inventions were accidents!

#1 POTATO CHIPS

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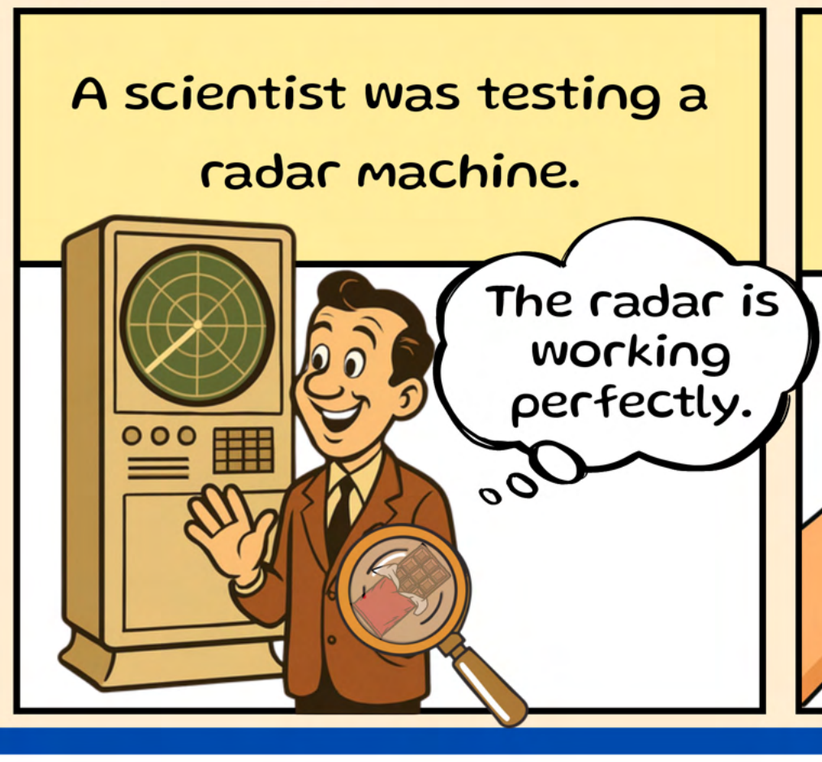
#2 PENICILLIN

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#3 MICROWAVE OVEN

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Fun Corner : Magnificent Word Search

The words below are hidden in the puzzle. Find them all out!

~~BEST~~ PERSEVERANCE MAGNIFICENT TRY

BREAK CREATIVITY OOPS FIX

O	H	L	F	E	X	L	I	S	M	A	P
T	O	Q	I	X	B	V	B	E	A	M	D
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AMAZING AUSSIE ANIMALS

by Mr Newman







Map of Australia

Kangaroos and **koalas** live in Australia. But there are more amazing and interesting animals that live there too!



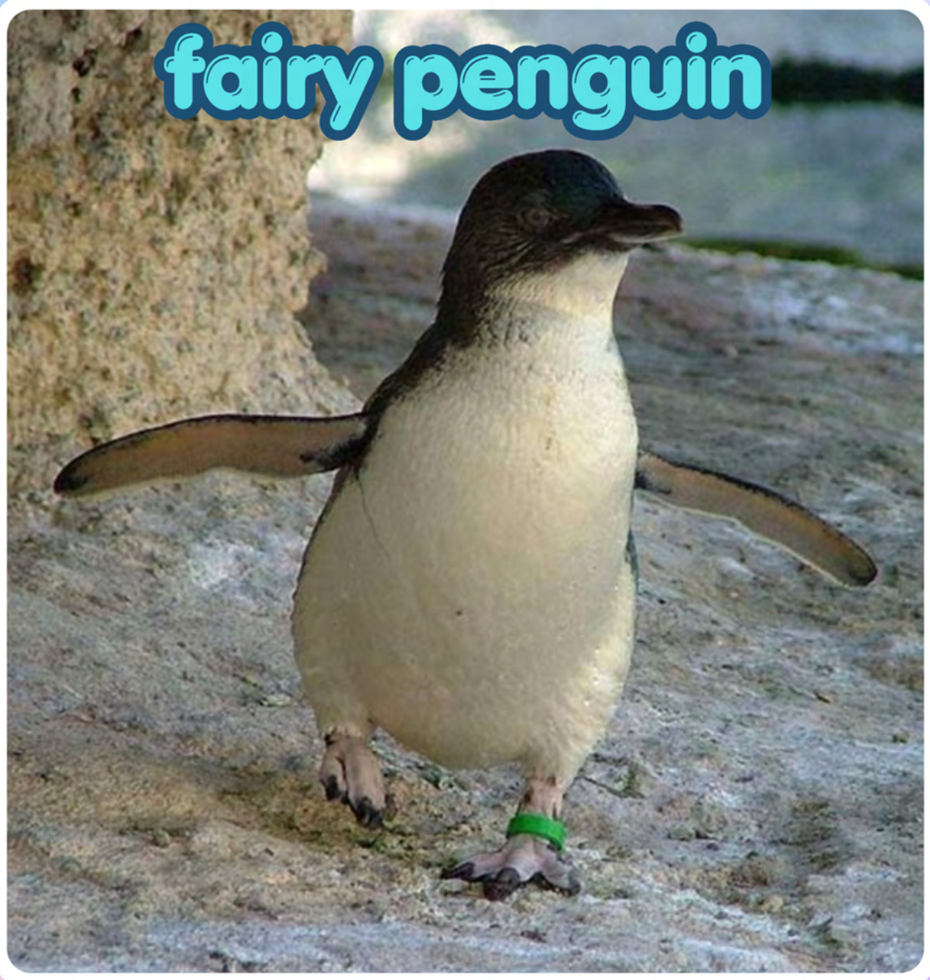
This is an **echidna**. They love to eat ants with their long tongues. They are spikey.



This is a **dingo**. They are native dogs. They do not bark. They have orange fur.



This is a **platypus**. They look like ducks mixed with beavers. They live in rivers.



This is a **fairy penguin**. They are the smallest penguins. They love to hop.



This is a **bilby**. They look like skinny rabbits with long tails. They are cute.



This is a **rainbow lorikeet**. They are colourful parrots. They like travelling with friends.



This is a **sugar glider**. They can jump and glide. They have long furry tails that keep balance.



This is an **emu**. They are giant birds with strong legs. They can run very fast but they cannot fly.



This is a **quokka**. They look like small kangaroos. They are friendly and always look happy.



This is a **wombat**. They are large animals who love to dig holes. They may be fat but they are fast!

Now you know many **Australian** animals!





AUSTRALIA TRIP 2026

Snapshots from Perth, Australia!

by Mr Newman



The famous **quokka**



Perth's black swans

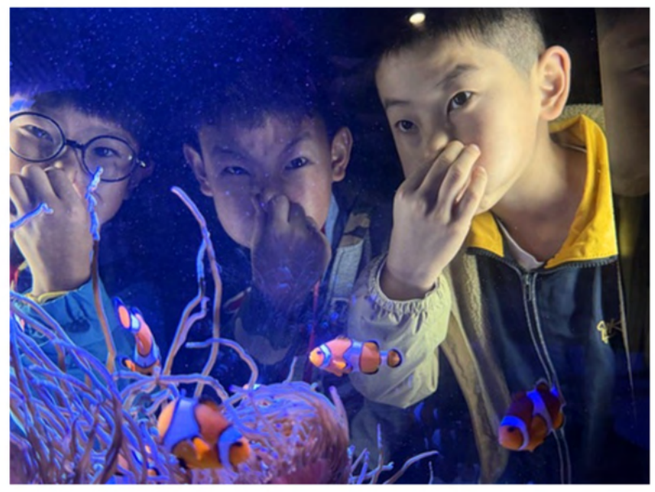


Grandmont students with our new friends from Providence Christian College











Enjoying a Chinese dinner in Oz



Mal, our Aussie tour guide



Experiencing farm life













Looking out over the vast Indian Ocean

GAME CENTRE

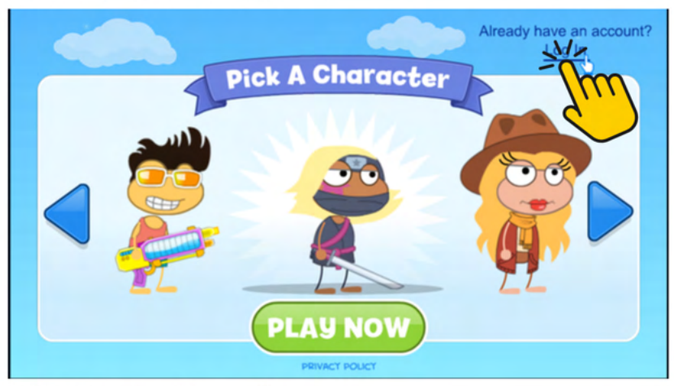
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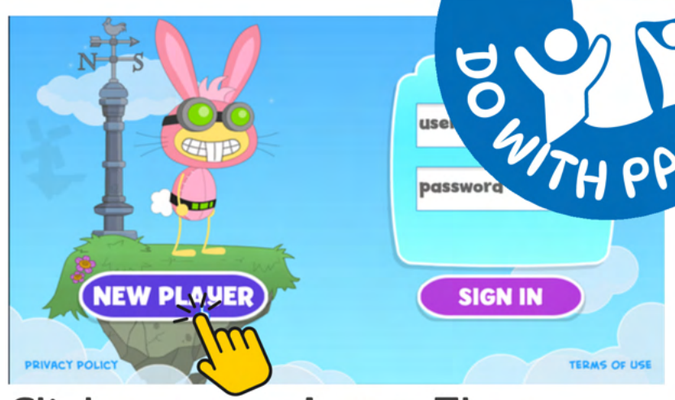
Poptropica is a free online game where you can create your own character and explore different islands. Each island has a special mission where you can solve puzzles, talk to characters, or complete quests to save the day!

Are the words too fast? Let's make them slower!

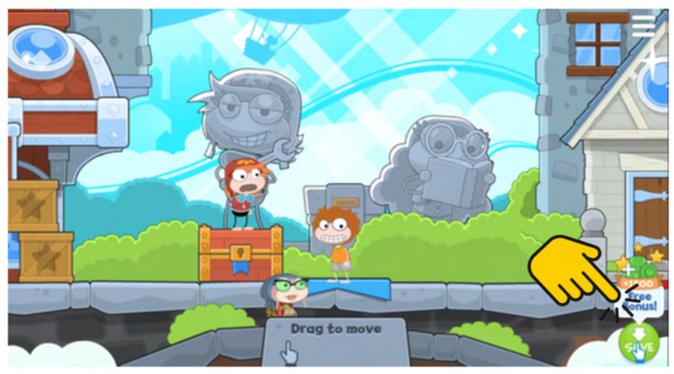
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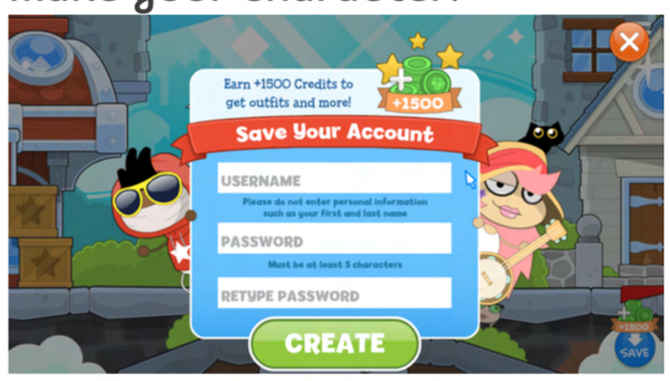
Click on **log in.**



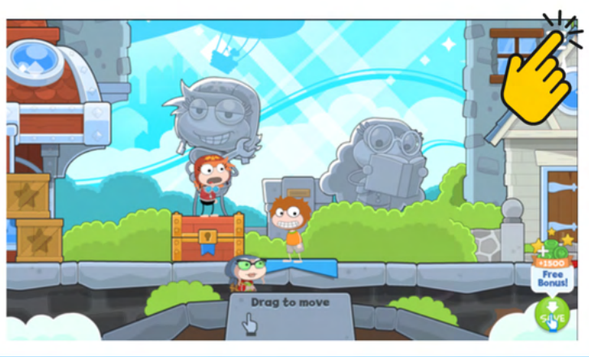
Click on **new player**. Then, make your character.

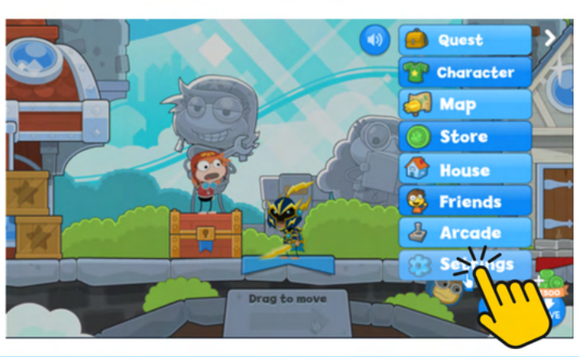


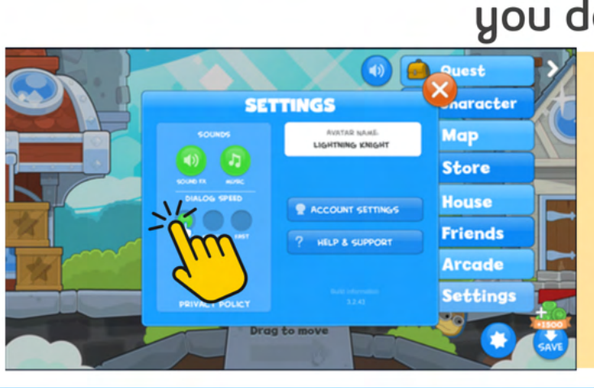
Click on **save**.



Create **username** and **password.** Write them down so you don't forget!







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Best for ages 8-12

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Reccommended by our English Ambassador

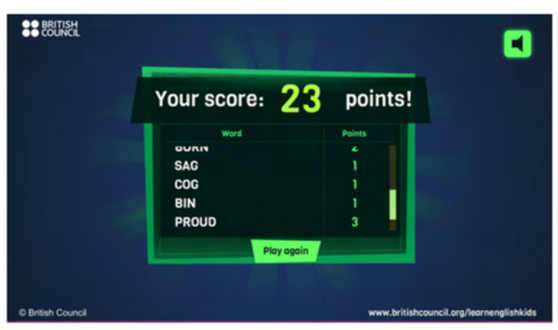
A fun quiz that asks you questions about your personality. At the end, it tells you which Harry Potter character you are most like.

How to play:

1. Scan the QR code above.
2. Click the green flag on Scratch.
3. Answer the questions honestly.
4. See your result! Share it with a friend.



A free word game from the British Council. You will see a lot of letters. Using those letters, you will have to make as many words as you can before time runs out! Can you beat Miss Caren's score?



Good for all ages

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SCIENCE

MAGIC TRICKS THAT ARE ACTUALLY SCIENCE!

BY MISS CAREN

Magic 1: Invisible Ink



What you need:

- grape juice
- small bowl
- cotton swab
- white paper
- baking soda



grape juice

What to do:

1. Mix 1/4 cup of baking soda with 1/4 cup of water in a bowl.
2. Dip the cotton swab into the mixture.
3. Use the cotton swab to write a secret message on the paper. Let it dry completely.
4. Paint over it with grape juice.

Why it works:

Baking soda dries clear. When you change its acidity (with grape juice), the juice reacts and turns into a different colour!

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Photos: Upstart Media Ltd.

Magic 2: Unpoppable Bubbles



What you need:

- water
- dish soap
- sugar
- bowl and spoon
- bubble wand

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What to do:

1. Mix 1 cup of water, 2 tablespoons of dish soap, 2 tablespoons of sugar in a bowl.
2. Stir gently until all the sugar is melted.
3. Dip your bubble wand into the mixture.
4. Blow a bubble.
5. Wet your hand with the bubble mixture. Then gently catch the bubble on your wet hand. It won't pop! You can even bounce it gently.

Why it works:

Regular bubbles pop when they touch dry skin because the water evaporates. The sugar makes the bubble thicker and stronger. When your hand is wet with the same mixture, the bubble doesn't lose water.

P.2 My Menu

See more online!

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Class

Our P.2 students put on their mini chef hats and unleashed their imagination. Inspired by the book *Souperman*, they each designed a café/restaurant menu featuring starters, main dishes, desserts, and drinks. Here are some of our students' works!

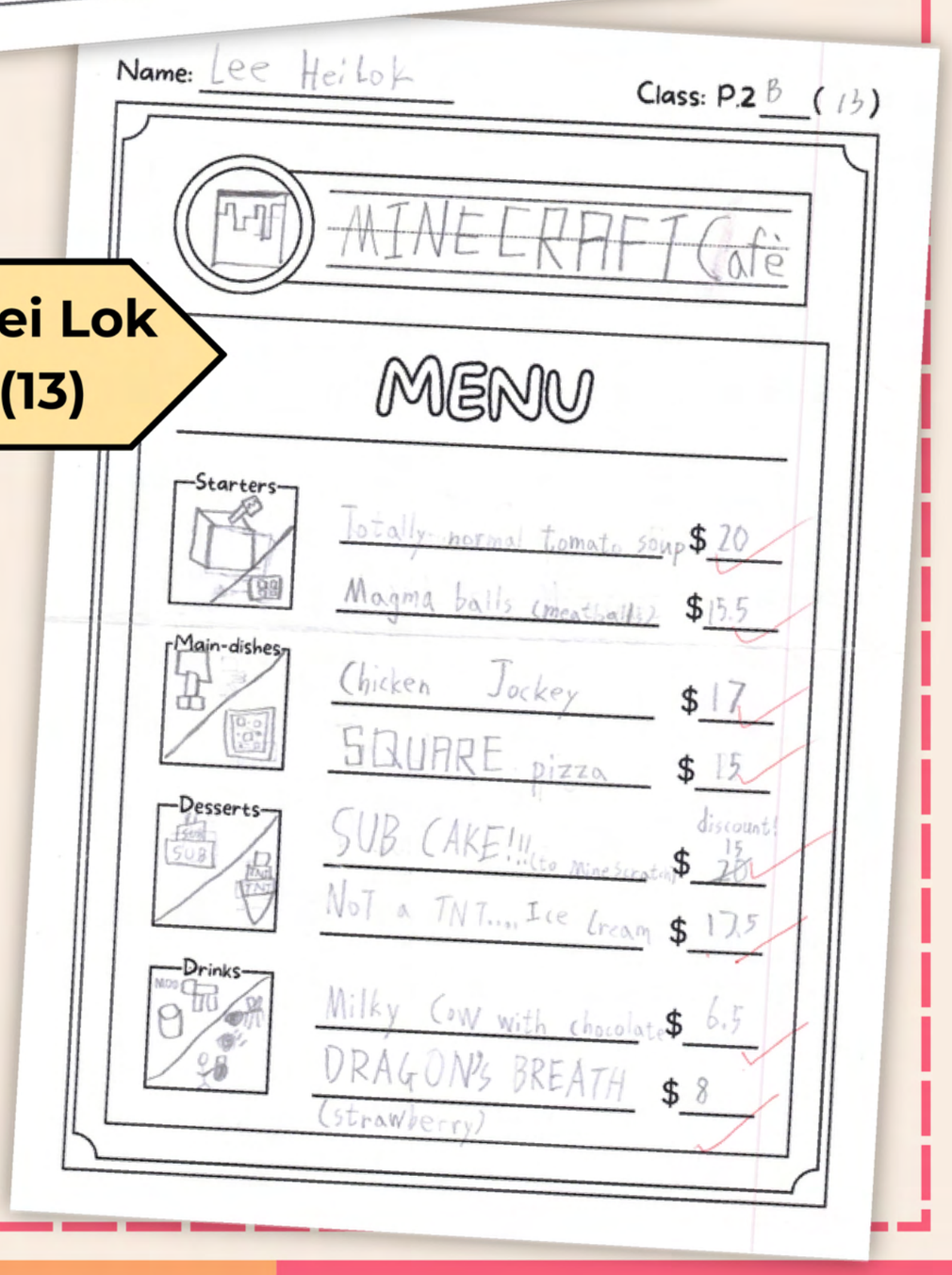
Menus



Cheung Wai Kit
2E (5)



Lucas 2B (8)



Lee Hei Lok
2B (13)

MOVIE TICKET

MOVIE REVIEW

BY MR NEWMAN

THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE

The Super Mario Galaxy Movie Review



movie poster

By Mr Newman

Mario and his friends go on an adventure in space!

In the last movie, Mario and Luigi defeated the big bad guy, Bowser. Bowser was shrunk to a small size and now he lives in a toy castle within Princess Peach's castle.

But Bowser has a son! His name is Bowser Jr.



Bowser Jr. wants to free his father. He also wants to impress his dad by doing many bad things.

Bowser Jr. has built an amazing PLANET! And he wants to capture Princess Rosalina to steal her power for his new planet.

Rosalina is captured and her Lumas are lonely. One Luma travels to find Princess Peach and ask for help.

Princess Peach and Toad set off for an adventure into space and to beat Bowser Jr. They explore the galaxy!



shrink/shrunk



capture



impress



galaxy



know

Meanwhile, Mario and Luigi are left in charge of the Mushroom Kingdom. But do you think they are good at being leaders?

I wonder if Bowser has learnt his lessons from the first movie and changed into a good guy?

In this movie we meet new characters including Yoshi and Star Fox. They are so funny. They will make you laugh and laugh!

This movie is about **friendship** and second chances. People can change to being good people, if we give them a chance.

You will love this movie if you are a fan of the Mario games. There are so many characters and items that you will know.

Characters 角色



Mario



Luigi



Princess Peach



Toad



Bowser



Princess Rosalina



Bowser Jr.



Yoshi



Star Fox



Lumas

Score ★★★★½

It is a movie that will make you laugh and smile.



ENGLISH READING COMPETITION

Congratulations to this year's winners!

We received so many wonderful entries this year. Your reading and retelling made us laugh, think, and feel.

2025-2026 Winners' Photos











See more online!

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Scan the QR code for the full list of winners' names and watch this year's submissions!

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Well done, GRANDMONTeers!

You Asked?

Miss Caren answered!



Why are pineapples yellow?
Question from Leah 4B (10)



Pineapples are yellow because of a change that happens as they grow. When a pineapple is young, it is green from chlorophyll, which helps the plant make food. As the fruit gets ripe and sweet, the green colour fades away. Then, a bright yellow colour from carotenoids (the same thing that makes corn yellow) appears. The yellow colour tells us, "I am ready to eat!" It also helps animals spot the pineapple so they can eat it and help spread the seeds.

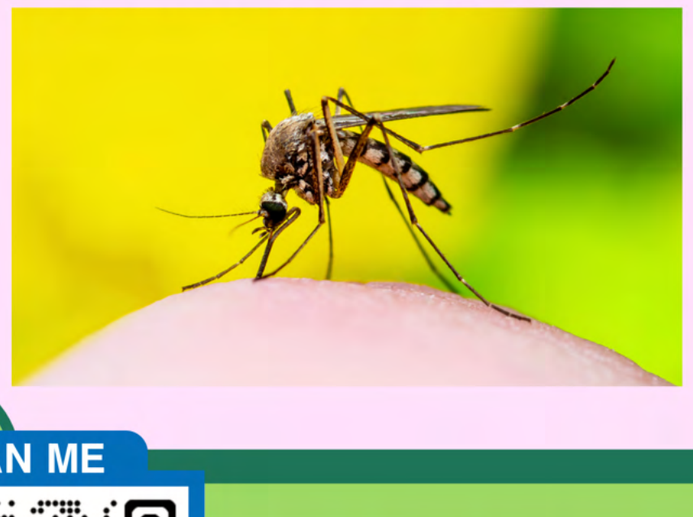
How many koalas does Mr Newman have?
Question from Zoey 3C (25)



Real koalas? Zero! Koalas are endangered, which means there aren't many left in the wild. Mr Newman would never keep a real koala as a pet. But koala plushies? He has four! They are hiding around the English Room. Here are some more cool koala facts!

- Koalas eat eucalyptus leaves, which are poisonous to most animals. BUT koalas can digest them!
- A koala's fingerprint is so close to a human's that even scientists can get confused. 😮

Why do we get mosquito bites in summer?
Question from anonymous



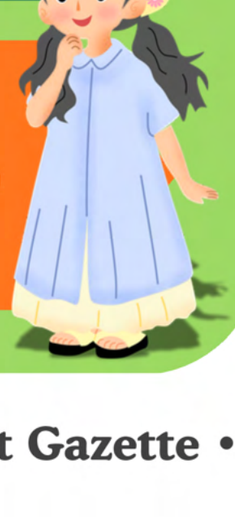
Only female mosquitoes bite! They need the protein from your blood to make eggs. Mosquitoes like to go near sweat, heat, and the carbon dioxide you breathe out. That's why they love summer since we're outside, running around, and getting sweaty! To avoid bites, wear light-coloured clothes and use insect repellent.



Did you know? Mosquitoes are the deadliest animals on Earth because they spread diseases like malaria and dengue fever.

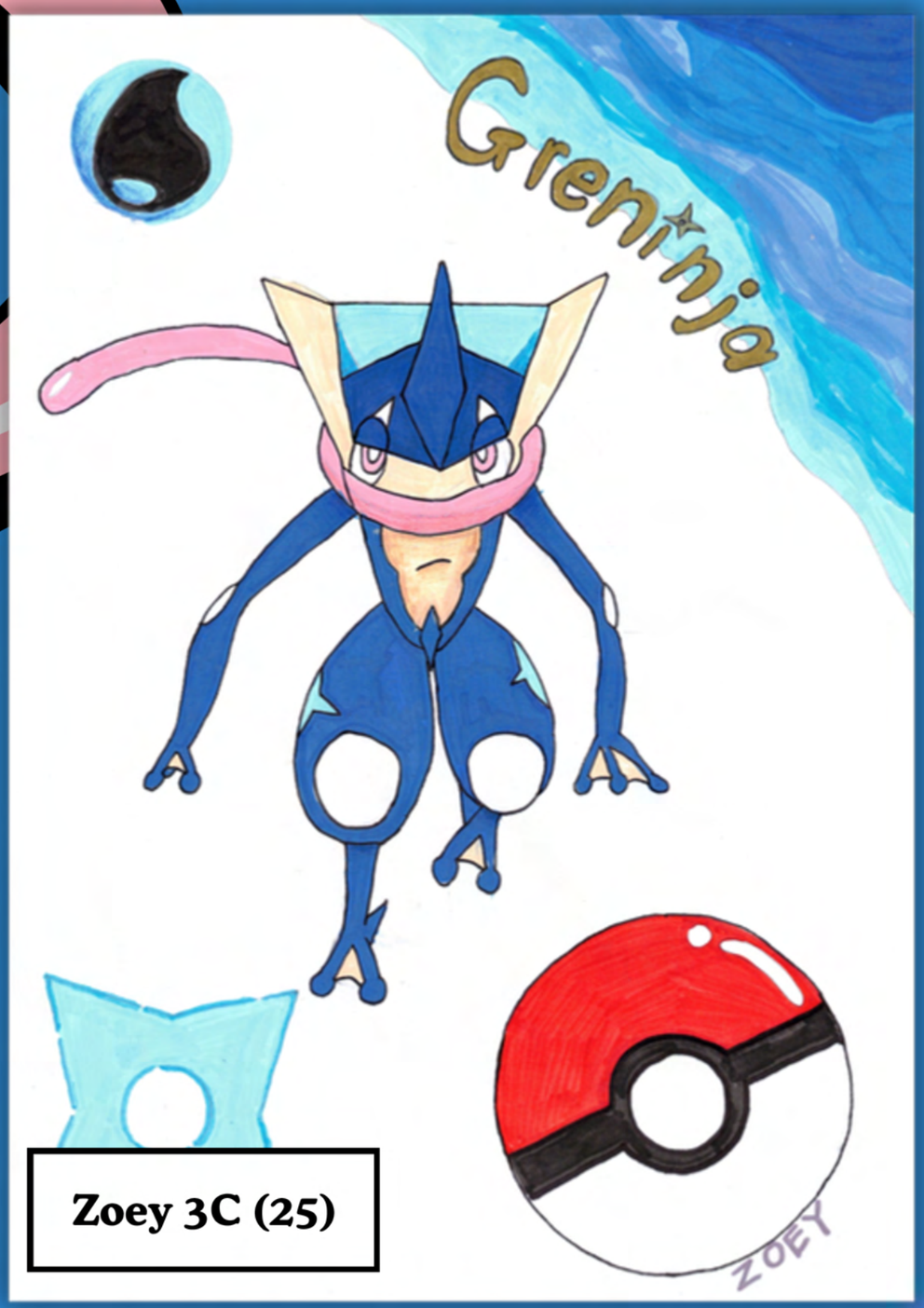
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What if we can go to the future? How do airplanes fly?
Grab a question slip from the English Room door or fill out this Google form to have your questions answered in the next issue!



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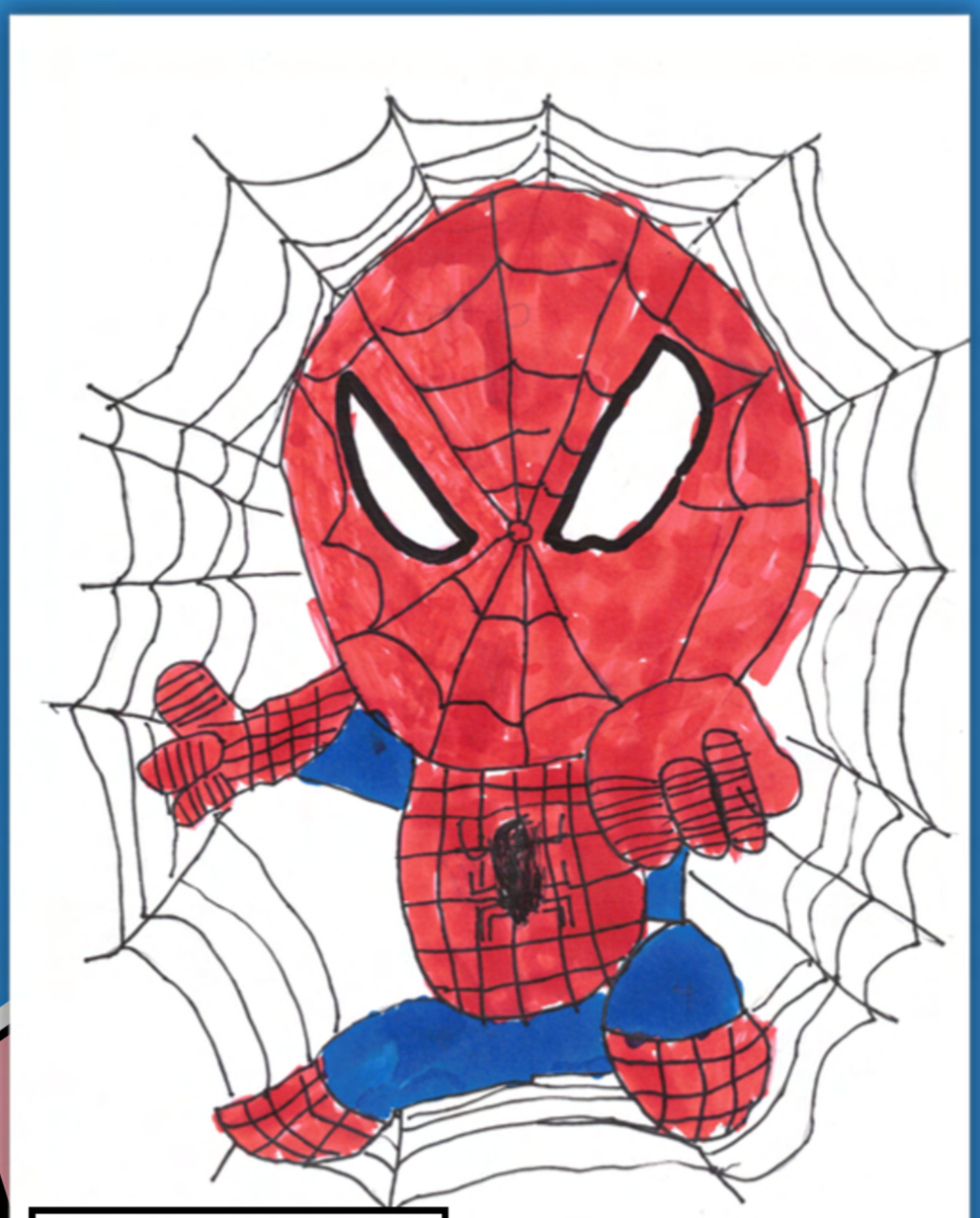
MY FAVOURITE CHARACTER



Zoey 3C (25)



Siu Yu Tung Rainy
1C (20)



Lee Pak Ngo Rice
1C (15)



Lui Chung Hin
1A (15)

Congratulations on finishing a wonderful school year! You've read, created, and grown so much. Have a brilliant summer holiday full of books, adventures, and family. We'll see you in September!

Check out other Grandmont Gazette issues here

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Summer Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all six?

START

Read a book with a character who can fly.

Title:_____

_____

Character name:_____

_____

Find a leaf bigger than your hand. Then, measure it with a ruler!

Size: _____cm

Find a flower that you've never seen before.

🎨 Draw it here:

Read a book with a one-word title.

Title:_____

Read a book with a talking animal.

Title:_____

_____

Find a cloud that looks like something.

It looked like a _____.

🎨 Draw it here:

FINISH

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