



Kingstone Chronicle



May 2025



Alien Artwork

by Gracie, Robyn, Pippa and Theo J in Reception



Chronicle Team Welcome

Welcome to the Summer 1 Chronicle. This half term we have done lots of fun and exiting things such as a Mini Marathon, VE Day celebrations and the Year 3 trip to Oakerwood. Year 6 have been working super hard during their SATs week and are now enjoying their treat days - well done, Year 6.

Read on to see what else classes have done this half term.

By Izzy A and the Chronicle Team



Headteacher's Welcome

Although it has been a short half term, we have fitted such a lot in, and we have been making the most of the appearance of the sunshine by getting out and about!

During the past few weeks, the children have been fundraising superstars, supporting Herefordshire Samaritans with a mini-marathon, tackling new challenges with a residential to Oakerwood, and celebrating sporting success! We also had a range of activities to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. We had a brilliant whole-school tea party with some fabulous home-bakes, all to the backdrop of some incredible VE planters, courtesy of the very talented Mrs and Mr Morgan!



As well as all the usual activities, our wonderful Year 6 children took their Key Stage 2 tests (SATs). We work really hard to ensure that this week is as stress free as possible, but there are some inevitable nerves during this period! All the children absolutely rose to the occasion, and worked incredibly hard with amazing attitudes —I'm so proud of them!

Since the last edition, we have welcomed Miss Woods as Year 3 teacher, and Mrs Musisi as Pastoral Lead, to the KTPS staff team! Both have been amazing additions, and have been very busy already!

And finally, congratulations to Miss Exley, who has completed her training to become a Thrive practitioner, in between all her other responsibilities! We're so delighted to officially become a Thrive School, and know that it will have such a positive impact on driving forward our well-being agenda.

With best wishes,

Elissa Vigus



Reception

Our topic this half term has been:

Reach for the Stars!

The Moon

We carried out an experiment to find out why there are craters on the moon. We dropped rocks onto a cornflour mixture to represent the meteors hitting the moon, and saw craters being created before our eyes!



Earth

We have been finding out all about planet Earth, the planet we live on, and the importance of keeping it safe. We know that Earth is made up of land and sea, and that there are lots of different environments for the different animals and plants to live in. We have seen how litter can affect different creatures, and how dangerous it is for them when we leave rubbish lying about. We made our own informative posters and used litter pickers to collect any rubbish we found around school.



Our Solar System

We know that the planets in our solar system orbit around the sun. We have learnt that the planets are all different sizes and temperatures and that scientists send rockets into space to take photos and get information so we can learn more.



Mini Marathon

We took part in the whole school mini marathon this half-term, and really impressed everyone with our stamina, pace and enthusiasm.



VE Day

We planted red, white and blue flowers in our VE planters for the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We took part in a number of VE Day activities, and enjoyed ending the day sharing some lovely VE Day inspired cakes!



We have really enjoyed learning about space this half-term and have loved all of the opportunities we have had to become scientists!

Have a lovely half-term!

Mrs Perrin and the Reception Team.



Spring in Year 1

We have had a fantastic half-term in Year 1. We have had so much fun learning about our topic 'Under the Sea'. We have loved creating treasure maps, thinking about the seaside and learning about underwater animals.



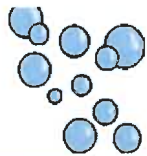
In English, we have been writing about the stories we read. We are really proud of the questions we wrote to Rainbow Fish. We also enjoyed making missing posters for the bear from 'The Sea Saw'. We loved displaying these around the classroom.

In Maths, we have been looking closely at 'teen' numbers. We have been using our knowledge of addition to 10 to solve addition to 20 number problems. We have even been challenging ourselves to write our own addition problems.

In our topic sessions, we have been exploring the Beebots. We have loved giving them instructions to follow and predicting where they will end up!

We have also been thinking about materials and their properties. We have been hunting around our outdoor area for different materials.





We had a great time celebrating VE Day! We learnt why we celebrate, and the importance of remembering those who fought in the wars.



We have been celebrating the children continuing their topic learning at home!



We loved having a football coach from Hereford FC! We have learned so many new skills.



We made the most of the sunny weather and have loved being outside!



Year 2

Year 2 have loved the warmer weather this half-term and, alongside our swimming lessons, we have been working on our athletics. We have been working on developing our speed, power and stamina when running. We have also been looking at throwing, catching and general agility. It gets so competitive, but everyone has really enjoyed pushing themselves to improve.



We have also managed to get outside for our learning in other subjects too. We have been outside when dyeing fabrics for our D&T unit so we don't end up accidentally painting our classroom! We're really looking forward to continuing this and tie-dyeing our own t-shirts!



We have been getting stuck into our Science learning this half-term. We are deepening our study of plants and living things around our school. We began our learning this half-term by splitting into teams and working to create fact files and posters about plants and what we thought people should know about them. This was a tremendous success and showcased our excellent scientific knowledge and amazing teamwork skills!



How quickly times flies when you're having fun! I cannot believe that we are about to enter our last half-term in Year 2 and Key Stage One! Have a lovely restful week off before a half-term that includes a beach trip, Sports Day and plenty of other exciting summer activities.

Mr Bull

Year 3

What a fantastic half-term we have had in Year 3! We have had lots of exciting opportunities and experiences, with a key highlight being our trip to Oaker Wood, where we developed our teamwork and problem-solving skills.

On our residential trip to Oaker Wood, we participated in a range of activities. Some involved facing our fears on the zipline and gladiator wall, while others tested our mental resilience and collaboration skills.



Throughout our trip we encouraged and supported each other to face our fears and challenge ourselves. We showed that we were ready, respectful and safe in all that we did. We had an amazing time and are looking forward to our next residential trip.



We also enjoyed working on our independence and using our forest school skills. We had fun toasting marshmallows around the fire and making yummy s'mores.



Design and Technology

In our DT unit, we have been focusing on textiles. We have been making pin cushions, using the flowers around our school as inspiration. We have followed a brief to make a functional item, thinking about the purpose of an eye-catching design. We have practised our sewing skills using back stitch and blanket stitch.



Writing

We have been focusing on instructional writing this half term. We have looked at how to create a calm mind and the steps we can take to achieve this. As a part of our learning, we followed a set of instructions to make a paper boat. We used these to practise some calming breathing techniques.



History

In History this half-term, we have been looking at the effects of World War Two on our local area. We have looked at key figures, including Rudolf Hess and Anne Frank, using the Little People, Big Dreams books. We also celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a tea party.



Science

We have been developing our knowledge of plants this half-term. We have explored what plants need to grow by carrying out an experiment that we can observe over time. We made predictions and discussed what made a fair test. We have also experimented to see how water travels through a plant.





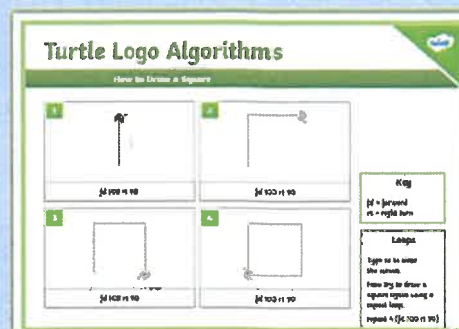
Year 4



Maths and Computing

In Maths, Year 4 have been focusing on decimal numbers and fractions. The confidence shown in converting fractions to decimals has been amazing. The children were able to demonstrate their understanding with concrete apparatus and pictorially. They used this knowledge to help with the addition and subtraction of money. Year 4 have also been working hard to learn all the times table facts, up to 12×12 , ready for the multiplication check in June.

In Computing, the children have been creating their own code, using Logo, to draw letters and shapes.



Keeping Active

Year 4 are a busy bunch and love to be active. They all put 100% effort into the fun run and were a credit to the class, with their stamina and can do attitude. Parachute games are always good fun and require the children to work together as one to enable to parachute move in the required way.

Science

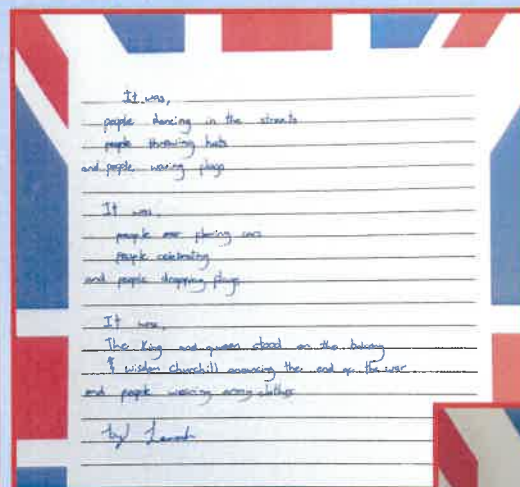
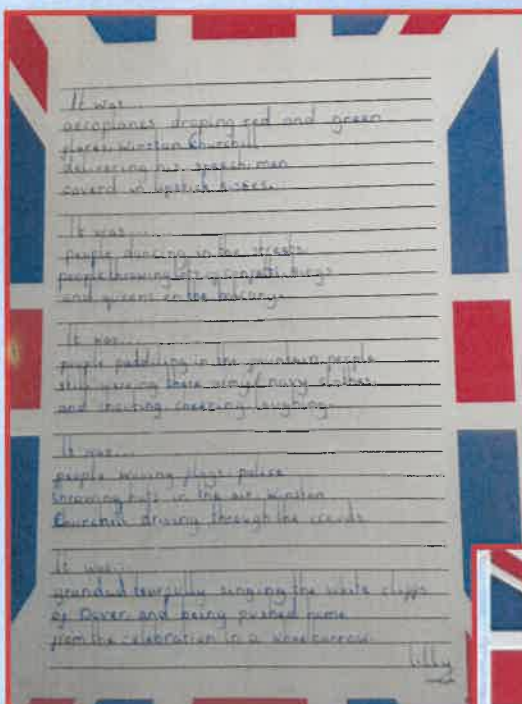
Observation and enquiry skills were put to the test this half term, when the children carried out a unit on states of matter. The children demonstrated that they could use thermometers with accuracy. Data was recorded, then conclusions drawn, when responding to the question, 'What effect does the temperature of water have on the speed that ice melts?'





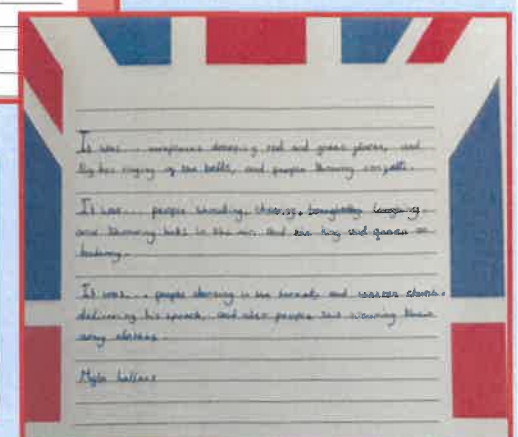
Creativity

The children in Year 4 can be so entertaining and creative, both on paper and in person. This was clearly demonstrated when they created and then performed a rap based on recycling. In Music, the children have been singing in rounds and learning about different ways in which songs can be structured for effect. In Art, the children have experimented with printing and collage to create a piece of art work to represent their time in Year 4.



**VE Day poems inspired
 by a poem about VE Day
 in 1945.**

The poet, Brian Moses,
 tells us in his poem
 about the things he saw
 on VE Day.



Year 5



This half term, Year 5 have been learning lots about our History topic, the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, through English lessons. We began by writing a setting description of a Saxon village including grammar features like fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to make out descriptions more vivid. More recently, Miss Donald was very impressed with the fantastic newspaper reports on the Viking invasion of Lindisfarne—the children's work showcased their excellent historical knowledge and great understanding of relative clauses.

In Maths, our focus has been on numbers with decimal places. We've learnt how to compare decimals, add and subtract, and understand how they link to percentages and fractions. We've also been focussing on improving our fluency and accuracy, when answering arithmetic questions. The Key Stage 2 Demathlon was another great celebration of Maths, which provided lots of fun and challenge!



In Science, we've been putting our practical skills to the test by planning and carrying out a number of investigations. In small groups, we designed experiments around thermal insulators, choosing our own question and thinking carefully about the method we'd need to carry out the investigation. In DT, we did an artist study of Anni Albers, a famous textile weaver. We've practised different weaving techniques and are looking forward to applying this learning to make a flower from different threads and a paper plate.



Another highlight of our half term has been our outdoor learning with Mrs Morgan! We've learnt important life skills like how to use a compass, how to read a key on a map and teamwork. We've also had a great time playing rounders to further develop our teamwork and to get our heart rates up!

We were lucky enough to take part in a Poetry Slam with Spoz, a published poet who delivers poetry workshops across the country. It was a lively, creative day, where children worked together to create and perform their own poems. The trip to the Hay Festival to hear Patrice Lawrence share the inspiration behind her storytelling and what it takes to be an author was also an exciting opportunity!



Year 6



This term has highlighted the remarkable efforts of our Year 6 children. This part of the year can often be quite challenging, especially with the SATs taking place, but our Year 6 cohort has truly risen to the occasion.

Throughout the last few weeks, it has been a joy to witness the students working hard, supporting one another, and embodying the role of outstanding role models for the rest of the school. They have really come together as a family, which has been evident during various events. From encouraging each other during the Mini Marathon to collectively celebrating VE Day, their camaraderie has shone brightly.

Most notably, during SATs week, each student demonstrated resilience and determination, and they all performed remarkably well. Their hard work and support for one another during this critical time has been nothing short of inspiring.

Photos below show the children coming together for VE Day, running the Mini Marathon, our SATs celebratory meal and our post SATs treat day.



Poetry Slam Day

In the final week of term, Year 6 took part in a Poetry Slam Day! On this special occasion, the fantastic poet Spoz visited our school and led an inspiring workshop with our Year 6 students. They spent the morning collaborating with Year 5 on various poetry styles, igniting their creative spirits before gearing up for a friendly slam competition against their younger peers.

For those unfamiliar, a poetry slam is a vibrant, competitive event where poets perform their work before a lively audience and a panel of judges. The performances are not just judged on the poem's content and style, but also on the delivery—capturing the audience's imagination with enthusiasm and flair!

We are pleased to announce that five of our talented students will represent us in the main competition this July. We can't wait to see their hard work and creativity shine on stage!



P.E and Forest School

This term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the wonders of Forest School and the great outdoors. They've been learning essential skills such as fire building and whittling while discovering the importance of caring for our environment.

In our orienteering sessions, students have been honing their map-reading skills and navigating their way through exciting challenges. It's a joy to see them develop their confidence as they learn to work with maps!

Moreover, teamwork has been the focus of our activities as the children engage in team-building games. One highlight involved a thrilling challenge, where they had to traverse from point A to point B without stepping on the ground—using tyres as their only means of support!



Hot Chocolate with the Head!

'Hot Chocolate with the Head' is always a highlight of my week. It is such a pleasure to hear about the ways in which the winners have impressed the adults in school by going above and beyond. We always have so much to talk about and we often lose track of time whilst chatting! A big well done to everyone who has made it into the hot chocolate pot over the last few weeks. I'm so proud everybody's hard work — keep it up! I look forward to welcoming more superstars into my office for hot chocolate and a chat next half term!

Mrs Vigus



Well done to... Poppy, Gabriella, George, Mason C, Theo, Mason M, Axel, Issac, Elena, Mikayla, Kaelan, Jacob, Logan and Lily.

Star Writers!

We very much enjoyed our Tea Party, to celebrate the fantastic writing that has happened across the school over the past few weeks! Although it's been a short half term, I've been so impressed with all the hard work, and loved seeing the high standard from all classes. All the children at the Tea Party were so proud of their achievements, and were excellent ambassadors for their class. I know that everyone has been working so hard. There were so many names on the shortlist in each class that the teachers had a really difficult time deciding on just one star writer! Well done to all the children who were recognised as super writers on their class' shortlist, but especially to the Star Writers who made it to the party; we had a wonderful celebration. I'm so delighted with the children's attitudes towards their work, and have loved sharing in the pride that the children have shown towards their achievements. Thank you for your fabulous hard work, everyone—well done!



Mrs Vigus

Congratulations to these Star Writers!

Reception: Matvii — for working really hard on his letter formation, especially in his Space Mission writing.

Year 1: Kacie — for a brilliant story map retelling 'The Sea Saw.'

Year 2: Louie — for writing a wonderful traditional tale with a twist. He has worked to include ambitious vocabulary and describes his settings and characters beautifully.

Year 3: Harper — for demonstrating a wide range of vocabulary in her writing which she also read beautifully to the class.

Year 4: Miles — for a brilliant piece of instruction writing all about his new classroom invention.

Year 5: Archie — for great improvement with his writing stamina and presentation.

Year 6: Zach — for his excellent progress in varying his clauses for his Alma work.



Out of School Achievements



We've had so many brilliant achievements to celebrate this half term! We celebrate these achievements during our key stage assemblies every week. We are really impressed by the range of activities that everyone has been getting up to out of school. Here are some of their amazing achievements...



As always, we have seen lots of swimming certificates this half term, from those just starting to learn to those being able to swim an impressive 25 meters! This half term we are celebrating:

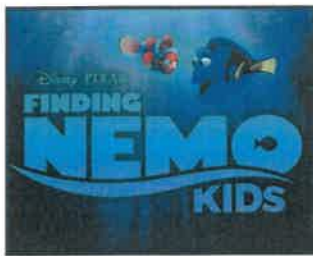
Nancy in Reception, Harvey and Florence in Year 1, Louie, Poppy C and Lily in Year 2, Mikayla, Sam and James in Year 3, Florence in Year 4.



We have seen lots of silver and bronze awards from our gymnasts this half term. We are saying a big well done to:

Otis in Year 1, Caitlin and Poppy C in Year 2, Harper and Charlotte in Year 3, Skye and Harper in Year 4 and Skye in Year 5.





A number of children have been treading the boards this half term in showing off their acting and singing skills in productions at The Courtyard in Hereford. We are so proud of you!

The Jungle Book - Evie in Year 1 and Max in Year 6.

Finding Nemo - Ollie in Year 1, Bella in Year 3 and Florence in Year 4.



We have had lots of football and rugby stars, including awards for 'Man of the Match' and medals for tournaments, well done!

Zack in Reception, Morgan and Vinnie in Year 1, Flo and Archie in Year 2 and Arnie and Robbie in Year 4.



We have had lots of other achievements this half term:

Reception - Hugo, Pony Showing (Pampered Pony) .

Year 1 - Isabelle, cheerleading and Florence, karate.

Year 3 - Sam, Alfie and Figgy, Cubs badges, Ethan, car experience day, Mikayla, trampolining.

Year 4 - Daisy, Level 8 Trampolining, Elliot, car experience day.



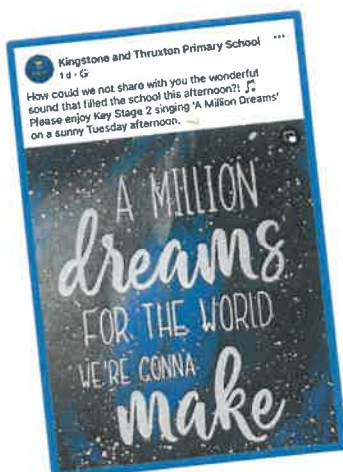
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We have loved using our brand-new Facebook page to share with you all the wonderful things that are happening in school. We have recently shared photos and videos of the Year 3 residential to Oaker Wood, the Mini Marathon Event and our VE Day celebrations! This week we shared a wonderful video of our Key Stage 2 Singing Assembly which was a big hit! We hope you are enjoying having an insight into the wonderful things that go on in our school.



We will continue to update this page regularly, so please do share it with friends and family who may like to see what we are getting up to! If you are not already, you may like to find the page and 'follow' us! If you click follow, you will be able to see as new posts are added.





Wellbeing Page



What's happening?

This half term, the pastoral team has welcomed a new member!

Mrs Musisi will be working along side Miss Exley to deliver pastoral support to all our wonderful children. Feel free to pop in and say a hello to us or equally, we are happy to chat via email. Both of us are excited for the future of the team and have exciting things planned. Please do email us or call the school, if you ever want to arrange a meeting, or if you want any help or support.



We want to say a huge Congratulations to our Year 6 children for completing their SAT's. We couldn't be prouder and we knew you could do it!



Mindfulness Club

Our mindfulness club is delivered by Emily and Nina who are our school WEST workers. This lunchtime club is a lovely opportunity for our children to participate in arts and craft activities, whilst also learning mindfulness strategies.



Here are some upcoming events during Half-term!

Sprees Farm*

FAMILY FUN DAY

Wednesday 28th May
10am – 2pm

Get ready for a day of bonding, making memories, and enjoying a wide range of fun-filled activities. Here's what you can expect:

 Animals
  Play Area
  Activities for all

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Sprees Equestrian
Bartestree Hereford - HR1 4BY

TCS Mini London Marathon

On Thursday the 1st of May, we participated in the TCS Mini London Marathon, which was a brilliant opportunity for all our children to get active and raise money for charity. We chose to support the Herefordshire Samaritan Charity, who we know will be extremely grateful for all the money raised. We are excited to announce that in total we raised £918! A big thank you goes to everyone who donated and participated in the event.



Looking ahead...

The Summer Term is always busy with a range of sporting events. We are looking forward to celebrating National Sports Week as well as participating in the Summer Games, which is always one of our favourite events.

Sport at KTPS

It's been another busy half term in our PE lessons! Reception have been focusing on athletics this half term in preparation for Sports Day. They have been working hard on their agility, ready for the obstacle race and their balancing skills for the egg and spoon race. Year 1 have also been working hard in their athletics and football unit, which has been delivered by Hereford FC. Year 1 always impress me with their athleticism and their PE vocabulary. Year 2 have loved going swimming this half term! We are all so proud of everyone's determination and hard work to achieve their badges. Well done Year 2! This half term Year 3 have been going to KHS where they have been focusing on their hockey unit. They have impressed everyone with their knowledge and skills throughout the unit. It's been brilliant to see how much progress our Year 4 class have made in their OAA unit. They have been challenged with numerous team building activities and orienteering challenges. Our Year 5 class have been busy with their OAA, search and rescue unit. It's been lovely to see them all work as a team as they've navigated themselves around the school grounds. Using their knowledge and skills from previous years, Year 6 have been focusing on rounders, run the loop. Every member of the class has shown great teamwork, sportsmanship and have showcased fantastic attitudes.



VE Day Celebrations

We celebrated VE day on the 8th of May 2025. 2025 was a special year for VE day because it was exactly 80 years since the war had happened. We celebrated by having a baking competition and all dressed up in red, white and blue. VE day stands for Victory in Europe where people came together to celebrate the end of WWII.



VALUES

This half term's value is loyalty.

We can be loyal towards our:

friends

Family

School

Clubs

**Loyalty is the
strongest glue which
makes a relationship
last for a lifetime.**



BY IZZY AND EVIE.

Crafts

Pompom Butterflies

1. First, get 1 big pompom and 3 little pompoms and stick them all together.
2. Secondly, take paper plate and cut it into quarters and put some patterns with either pens or paint.
3. Thirdly, stick the back of your paper plates to the back of your pompoms.
4. Next, get some pipe cleaners and bend the top. Then, stick them to your pompoms.
5. Finally, get your paper plates from earlier and stick them to the back of your pompoms.

By Aimee



VE Day Recipe

Ingredients

- 200g (7oz) plain flour
- 405g can light condensed milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 150g (5½oz) margarine or butter
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 6 tbsp strawberry conserve or jam
- 200g (7oz) icing sugar
- 100g (3½oz) margarine or butter, softened
- 2tsp vanilla extract
- 200g (7oz) mixed summer berries



BY GRAYCE

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4.
2. Place the flour, condensed milk, egg, vanilla extract, margarine and baking powder in a bowl and beat for 2-3 minutes until pale and fluffy.
3. Spoon into the tins and bake for approximately 25-30 minutes until springy to the touch and golden brown. Cool slightly and then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely.
4. Place one half of the cake onto a serving plate and spread with the jam. Sandwich together with the other half.
5. Beat the icing sugar, butter and vanilla with a few drops of water to bring the mixture to a soft consistency. Spread onto the cake. Arrange the berries on top in a Union Jack shape.

Jokes

When is the best time
to buy a trampoline?
Spring time.

Why couldn't the
flower ride a bike?
It lost its petals!

What do trees wear
to pool parties?
Swimming trunks!

What goes up when
the rain goes down?
Umbrellas!

What type of bow
can't be tied or
untied?
A Rainbow!

Which month of the
Spring is the politest?
The month of May.

By Taras

Wordsearch

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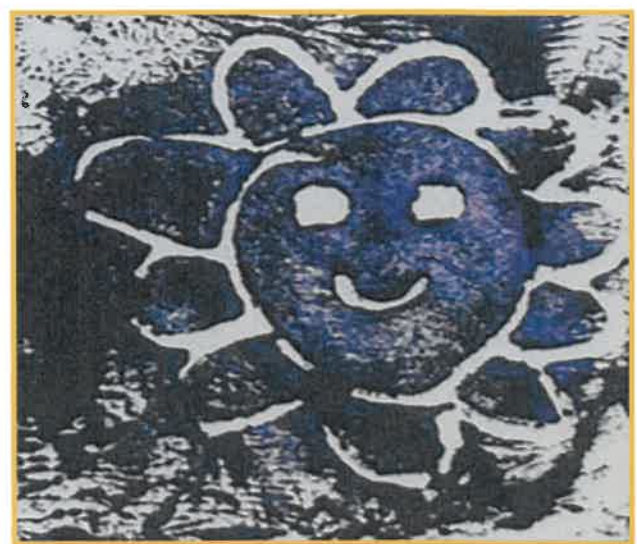
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