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Spring Is
Here!

St Patrick's
Day



Let's Visit
Ireland



WHEN
IS ST
PATRICK'S
DAY?

ST PATRICK'S DAY

A GREEN HOLIDAY

WHEN IS IT?

St Patrick's Day, or the **Feast**¹ of St Patrick, is on March 17th every year. This year, St Patrick's Day is on a Tuesday.



HOW DO PEOPLE CELEBRATE?

St Patrick's Day is a holiday in Ireland. That means people don't go to work, and children don't go to school. Many people go to church on this day. In cities there are **parades**⁸ and concerts. But St Patrick's Day is not only celebrated in Ireland, but all over the world. In some cities in America, like New York and Chicago, there are very big celebrations with parades and lots of green. People wear green clothes and **shamrocks**⁹, drink green drinks, and even the rivers are green. It's a day of fun for everybody.



A LEPRECHAUN

WHO WAS ST PATRICK?

St Patrick is the **patron saint**² of Ireland. He was born in Britain but, when he was 16, pirates **captured**³ him. They took him to Ireland. Patrick was in Ireland for six years before he **escaped**⁴ and went back to Britain. But, after a few years, Patrick went back to Ireland. He told the Irish people about **Christianity**⁵ and built **churches**⁶ and schools.



THE RIVER IS GREEN.

TASK

What are these words? The letters are in the wrong places!
Write the correct words in the sentences.

- 1 AISTPER 2 ICSIRHTAYTIN 3 ERNGE
4 REAASPD 5 TBARNII

- A** On St Patrick's Day, people wear clothes.
B St Patrick was born in
C When he was 16, Patrick was taken by
D There are big and concerts on St Patrick's Day.
E Patrick told Irish people about

VOCABULARY

- 1 **feast** [fi:st] (náboženský) svátek
- 2 **patron saint** [,peitrən 'seint] svatý patron
- 3 **to capture** ['kæptʃə(r)] zajmout
- 4 **to escape** [i'skeip] uprchnout
- 5 **Christianity** [,kristi'ænəti] křesťanství
- 6 **church** [tʃɜ:tʃ] kostel
- 7 **to celebrate** ['selibreit] (o)slavit, oslavovat
- 8 **parade** [pə'reid] slavnostní průvod
- 9 **shamrock** ['ʃæmrək] jetel

IRISH CREATURES¹

IRELAND IS A COUNTRY OF MANY LEGENDS. DO YOU KNOW THESE IRISH CREATURES?

LEPRECHAUNS²

Leprechauns can be nice, or they can be bad. They usually have red hair, a red beard, green clothes and a green hat. Everybody in Ireland knows that leprechauns have lots of **gold**³. But where is it? At the end of the rainbow, of course. If you catch a leprechaun he might give you three **wishes**⁴, but be careful what you wish for.



BANSHEES⁵

Banshees are very noisy. If you hear a banshee **screaming**⁶, someone in your family will **die**⁷. Nobody really knows what Banshees look like. They look like women, but some people say they are tall. Some people say they are short. Some people say they are young. Some people say they are old. The only thing people know is it's not good news to hear one in the middle of the night.



PÚCAS

A púca is a naughty little **goblin**⁸. They can have white or black **fur**⁹. They can change what they look like, so often they look like horses, goats or other animals. Sometimes a púca will try to give you a ride on its back. This is a bad idea. The púca will take you on a **wild**¹⁰ and scary trip, and then bring you back where you started. But after that, you will never be the same again.



TASK



Read and listen (CD Track 4). What creature is it? Leprechaun, banshee or púca? Write L, B or P.

- 1 This creature might give you three wishes.
- 2 This creature might look like an animal.
- 3 Is this creature tall or short? Young or old? Nobody really knows.
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- 4 This creature can have black fur.
- 5 This creature has a lot of gold.

VOCABULARY

- 1 creature ['kri:tʃə(r)] bytost
- 2 leprechaun ['leprəʊ:n] zlomyslný skřítek z irské mytologie
- 3 gold [gəʊld] zlato
- 4 wish / to wish [wɪʃ] přání / přát si
- 5 banshee ['bænfɪ:] víla ohlašující smrt, smrtka
- 6 to scream [skri:m] křičet, ječet
- 7 to die [daɪ] zemřít
- 8 goblin ['gɒblɪn] skřítek
- 9 fur [fɜ:(r)] srst
- 10 wild [waɪld] divoký

TASK 2 THE LEPRECHAUN'S¹ GOLD²

Tip: Are there words you don't understand? The vocabulary on pp. 6–7 will help you.

A leprechaun has a bag of gold **buried**³ somewhere here. Can you find it?

✿ The bag of gold is buried on a square with no trees or **shamrocks**⁴.

✿ In the 8 squares around it there are two trees.

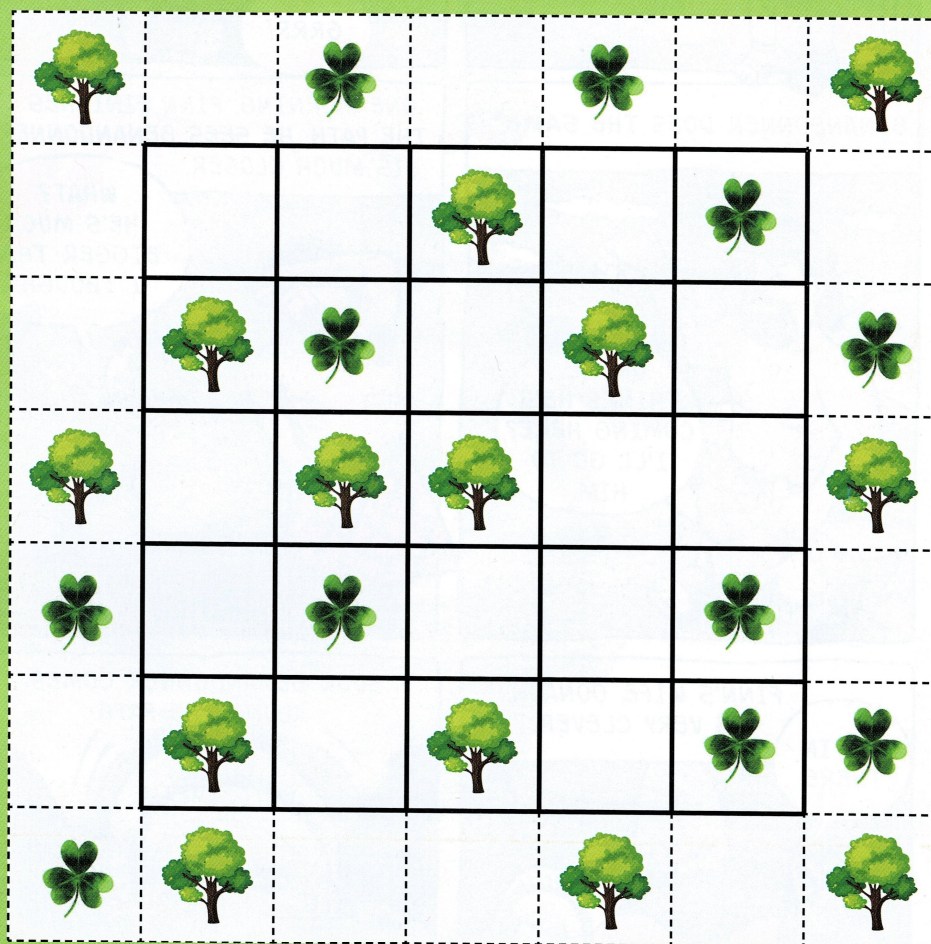
✿ In the 8 squares around it there is one shamrock.

✿ The square with the gold doesn't have any **dotted**⁵ lines.

ANSWER & WIN

SEND US YOUR
ANSWERS TO TASKS
1 AND 2 BY MARCH
31ST. TWO OF YOU
WILL WIN A PRIZE!

**Write the correct words
under the pictures.**

**VOCABULARY**

- 1 **leprechaun** ['leprəkɔ:n]
zlomyslný skřítek z írské
mytologie
- 2 **gold** [gəʊld] zlato
- 3 **to bury** ['beri] zakopat,
zahrabat
- 4 **shamrock** ['ʃæmrɒk] jetel
- 5 **dotted** ['dɒtɪd]
přerušovaný, tečkovaný

ACTIVITIES

ST PATRICK'S DAY; SONG

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LISTENING, READING, VOCABULARY



Activity 1

Listen to the song "Saint Patrick's Day Song". Circle the words that you can hear.

Great Britain 17th of March 23 island parades pirates ship
Ireland shamrock green hat leprechaun dancing music



Activity 2

Read the sentences from the song. Tick the correct sentences.

- ☐ The story of St Patrick's Day began* so long ago
- ☐ The seventeenth of April is when this joyous holiday is celebrated happily
- ☐ Patrick was only sixteen when the pirates captured* him
- ☐ And made his trip when he was twenty-three
- ☐ And made it back to Britain, it was the only home he knew
- ☐ Patrick had a vision* to return* to Ireland
- ☐ On this day the Irish dress in many shades* of green
- ☐ It's music and dancing for everyone

*GLOSSARY

to begin – to start

to capture – to catch

vision – an idea

to return – to go back

shade – a type of a colour

Listen to the song "Saint Patrick's Day Song".
Scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/2Ur05k6.



Read the song lyrics in Recording Scripts (online).



People wear green clothes this day.



St. Patrick built churches and schools.

green colour

Ireland

17th March

St Patrick's Day

St. Patrick

snakes

built churches, schools

shamrock



Leprechaun

pot of gold



St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the 17th of March in Ireland.

parades



There is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

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