

Robin Hood

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Who was Robin Hood?

For over 600 years Robin Hood has been character widely known in popular culture, however, his identity has always been a mystery. No **authentic** records of his activities can be found, only five **ballads** tell us about the legend of this English outlaw. The tales of Robin Hood vary from song to song but he is generally known to be a **dispossessed** noble who robs from the rich to give to the poor.

Songs of Robin Hood's adventures were widely known in taverns but there are few historical references of him. This could mean that Robin was an important figure to the poorer masses but not so to the **aristocracy**. Today, most scholars accept Robin as a **literary** invention, based on the characters of many real-life outlaws.

The story of Robin Hood has evolved from the earliest ballads into the tale most often portrayed in film and television today:

Robin Hood returns to England after serving under King Richard in the Crusades. He soon discovers that the people are struggling under the **tyrannical** rule of King John, Richard's brother. King John is taxing the people to pay for the expenses of war – a very costly venture. Robin Hood and his friends, the Merry Men, take it upon themselves to correct this **injustice** and steal back the tax money. Robin and the Merry Men are declared **outlaws** and forced into hiding in Sherwood Forest. While on their adventures they meet characters like Friar Tuck and Maid Marion, who prove to be **formidable** allies. They also encounter the evil Sheriff of Nottingham, who relentlessly tries to **thwart** Robin Hood's **righteous** plans.

In the end Robin Hood remains an outcast, helping the people from outside the law. Robin is a **vigilante** – like Batman. He steals from the rich to give back to the poor. This concept has always appealed to the masses and so Robin's story has stuck around for a long time.

Question time!

Q: In your opinion, is Robin Hood a good person?

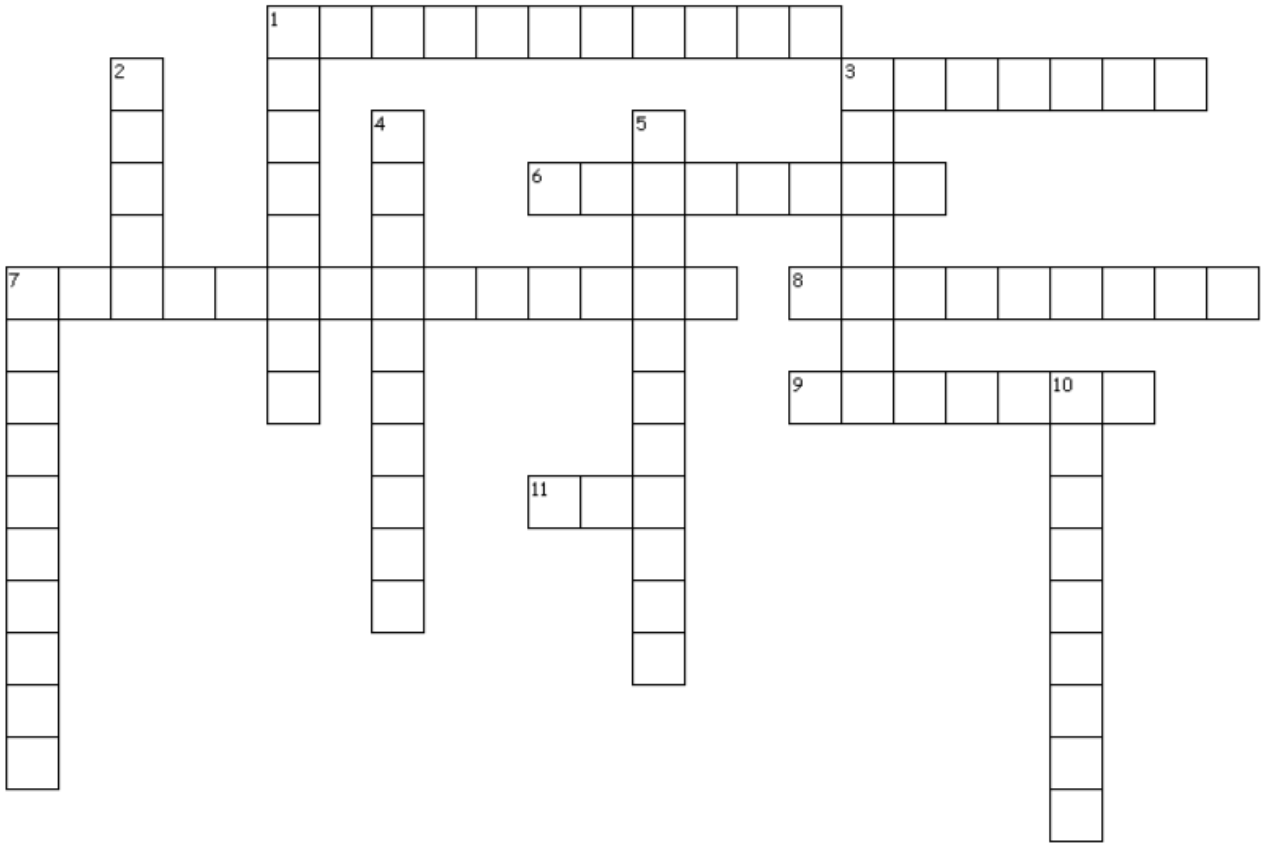
Think about the context Robin Hood was living in, other vigilantes in popular culture, and how he would appear if he were around today.

Activity: Write down the underlined words from the comprehension in alphabetical order and look up their definitions in the dictionary.



Who was Robin Hood? – CROSSWORD

Read the comprehension to find the answers to the crossword below.



Across

1. Which king is fighting the Crusades?
3. Where were songs of Robin's adventures known?
6. What are Robin's friends commonly known as?
7. Where does Robin hide when he is declared an outlaw?
8. What kind of hero can Robin be described as?
9. Who is constantly trying to thwart Robin's plans?
11. What is King Richard's costly venture?

Down

1. Who is taxing the people?
2. Robin is generally known to be a dispossessed _____.
3. Who does Robin steal from to give to the poor?
4. Who does Robin fall in love with?
5. The tale of Robin Hood is well known to the poor but not so well known to whom?
7. Approximately how many years old is the tale of Robin Hood?
10. Name one of Robin's allies.

Dance Monkey

They say oh my god I see the way you shine
Take your hand, my dear, and place them both in mine
You know you stopped me dead when I was passing by
And now I beg to see you dance just one more time

Ooh I see you, see you, see you every time
And oh my I, I like your style
You, you make me, make me, make me wanna cry
And now I beg to see you dance just one more time

So I say
Dance for me, dance for me, dance for me, oh, oh, oh
I've never seen anybody do the things you do before
They say move for me, move for me, move for me, ay, ay, ay
And when you're done I'll make you do it all again

I said oh my god I see you walking by
Take my hands, my dear, and look me in my eyes
Just like a monkey I've been dancing my whole life
And you just beg to see me dance just one more time

Ooh I see you, see you, see you every time
And oh my I, I like your style
You, you make me, make me, make me wanna cry
And now I beg to see you dance just one more time

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And when you're done I'll make you do it all again

They say
Dance for me, dance for me, dance for me, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh
I've never seen anybody do the things you do before
They say move for me, move for me, move for me, ay, ay, ay
And when you're done I'll make you do it all again

Ooh (all again, all again)
Woah-oh, woah-oh, oh
Ooh (all again, all again)
Ah ah, ah ah, ay

They say
Dance for me, dance for me, dance for me, oh, oh, oh
I've never seen anybody do the things you do before
They say move for me, move for me, move for me, ay, ay, ay
And when you're done I'll make you do it all again

They say
Dance for me, dance for me, dance for me, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh
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They say move for me, move for me, move for me, ay, ay, ay
And when you're done I'll make you do it all again
All again



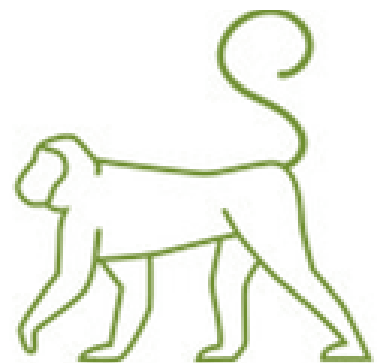
SING-A-LONG!

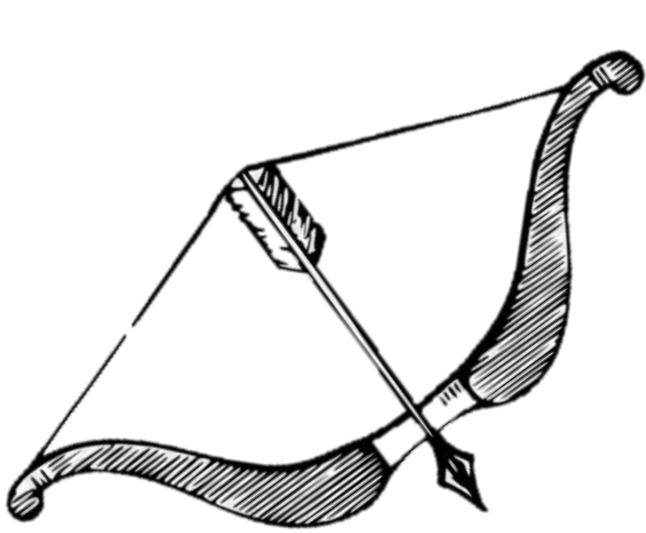
Learn the lyrics to sing-a-long
with Robin and his friends!



Most primates prefer warmer climates, but the Japanese macaque, also known as the snow monkey, lives in the colder regions of Japan and loves the snow!

What other animals love the snow? Draw a picture of your favourite animal that lives in the cold.

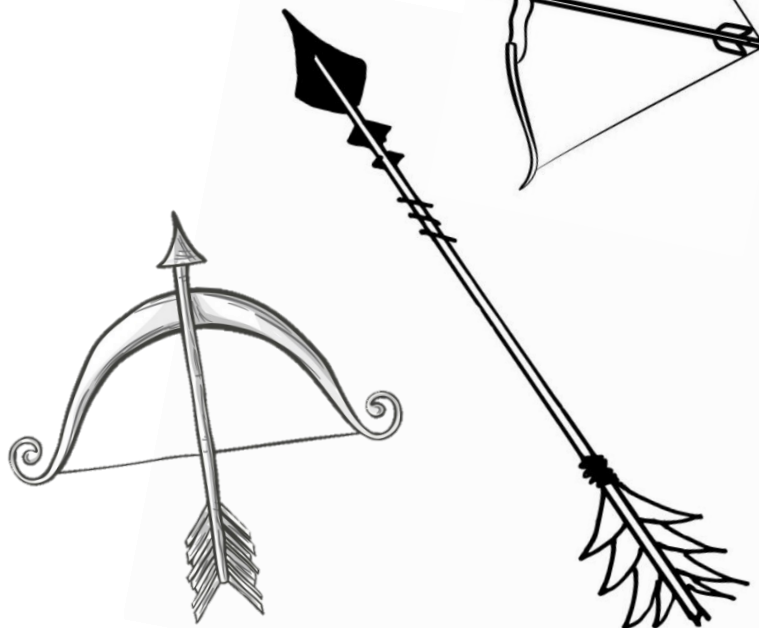
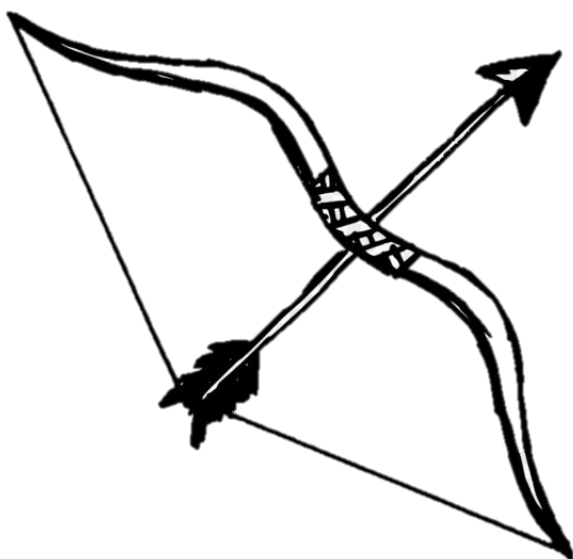
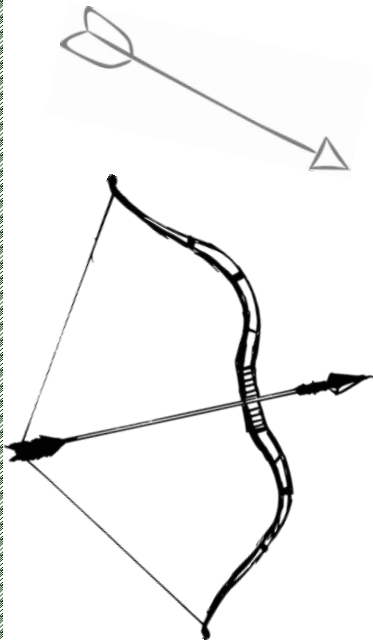
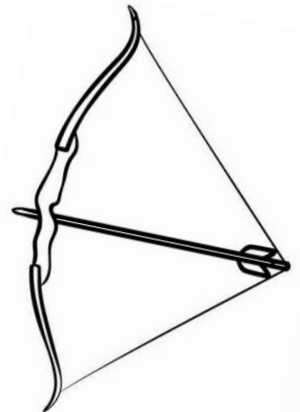
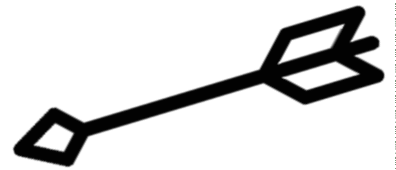




DID YOU KNOW

Splitting your competitor's arrow with another arrow is known in archery as a 'Robin Hood,' who is said to have performed this stunt himself.

Draw a comic strip telling a story about you competing in a game of archery against Robin Hood!



The Archery Range!

Robin Hood is at an archery competition with his Merry Men and a few others. Friar Tuck is having trouble keeping up with the scores – Help him figure out the maths below!



1. Robin shoots 60 arrows but only 10% hit the target. How many arrows hit the target?

2. Little John has 75 arrows and shoots 40 of them. How many does he have left?

3. The Sheriff hits the target 5 times but misses 20 times. What is his ratio of hits to misses?

4. Maid Marion hits the centre 10 times, the outer ring 4 times, and misses twice. How many arrows did she shoot altogether?

5. If there were 200 arrows to begin with, how many are left?

A Million Dreams

I close my eyes and I can see
A world that's waiting up for me
That I call my own
Through the dark, through the door
Through where no one's been before
But it feels like home



SING-A-LONG!
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They can say, they can say it all sounds crazy
They can say, they can say I've lost my mind
I don't care, I don't care, so call me crazy
We can live in a world that we design

'Cause every night I lie in bed
The brightest colors fill my head
A million dreams are keeping me awake
I think of what the world could be
A vision of the one I see
A million dreams is all it's gonna take
A million dreams for the world we're gonna make



There's a house we can build
Every room inside is filled
With things from far away
The special things I compile
Each one there to make you smile
On a rainy day

They can say, they can say it all sounds crazy
They can say, they can say we've lost our minds
I don't care, I don't care if they call us crazy
Run away to a world that we design

Every night I lie in bed
The brightest colors fill my head
A million dreams are keeping me awake
I think of what the world could be
A vision of the one I see
A million dreams is all it's gonna take
A million dreams for the world we're gonna make

However big, however small
Let me be part of it all
Share your dreams with me
You may be right, you may be wrong
But say that you'll bring me along
To the world you see
To the world I close my eyes to see
I close my eyes to see



Every night I lie in bed
The brightest colors fill my head
A million dreams are keeping me awake
A million dreams, a million dreams
I think of what the world could be
A vision of the one I see
A million dreams is all it's gonna take
A million dreams for the world we're gonna make

For the world we're gonna make

**Have you had an exciting dream lately? Was it about fire-breathing dragons or sparkly unicorns?
Draw a picture of the last great dream you can remember.**

An Spideóg

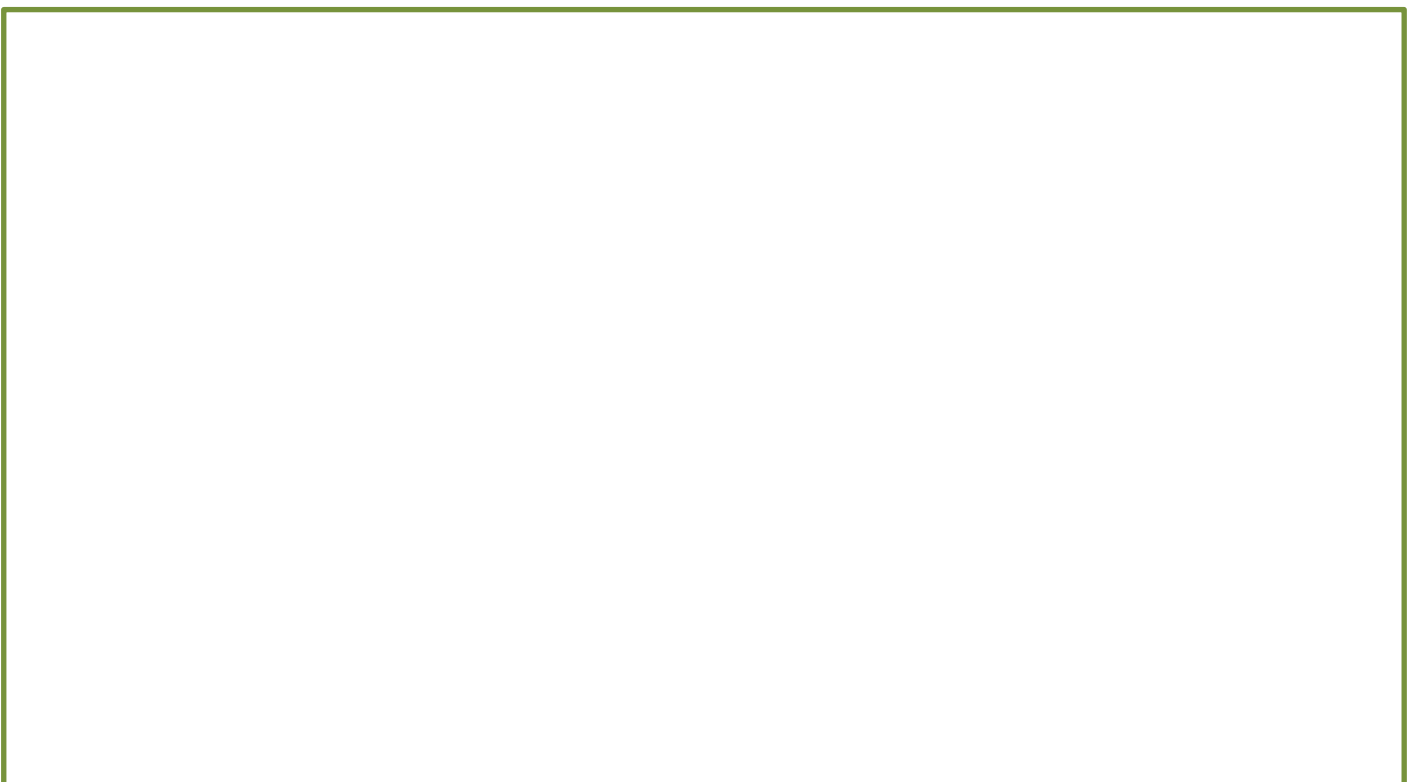
The robin is one of Ireland's most widespread garden birds. Robins can be found anywhere from densely populated cities to rural towns. The population of robins in Ireland is estimated at four million. It is a member of the thrush family. The robin's bright red breast and round body make it hard to miss among other Irish wildlife. Baby robins are usually brown and don't get their red breasts until after their first moult. As it gets colder outside it fluffs up its feathers to stay warm giving the robin its iconic shape.

The robin's song is a wispy, slow melody, which include 'seeps' and 'ticks', and often described as melancholic. Robins are omnivorous. Their diet includes insects and some fruits and it enjoys visiting bird tables. Robins are confident and friendly and might even eat fruitcake from your hands!

Robins nest almost anywhere, from a cavity in a tree to a misplaced hat at the bottom of the garden! Nests are built by female robins and they are responsible for incubating their eggs for up to fourteen days while the male finds food. Robins are also very territorial and do not like it when other robins try to nest in their area. When confronted by another robin it will puff up its feathers to appear larger and ward off the intruder. In fact, robins are so territorial they can often be seen attacking anything red!

Irish robins may be very bold and friendly towards humans but robins on the mainland are very different – European robins are often characterised as shy and keep their distance from human activity. The reason for this is unknown but it's good to see the Irish welcoming spirit in all of the flora and fauna!

Activity: Draw a picture of a robin using the description above.



An Spideóg – Cúpla Ceisteanna

1. Where can robins be found?

2. What bird family do robins belong to?

3. What do robins do when it gets cold?

4. What do robins eat?

5. What different jobs do the female and male robins do?

6. How are robins on mainland Europe different to robins in Ireland?

Activity: Write down the underlined words from the comprehension in alphabetical order and look up their definitions in the dictionary.

Let's go Bird Watching!

The study of birds is called **ornithology**. It might be cold outside and some birds have hidden themselves away for the winter, but there are still lots of birds to be found!

Use the questions below to describe a bird you've found outside. Don't forget to draw a picture in the space above!

Is it a big bird or a small bird?

What colour is the bird?

Does the bird have any interesting attributes? (e.g. long neck or yellow beak)

Where did you find the bird?

What did the bird sound like?

Have you seen this bird before?

What is the name of this bird? (Hint: Use an ornithology book or Google it using your description.)



CLIMATE CHANGE

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is the main greenhouse gas responsible for climate change.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere for growth, convert it to sugars and wood and release pure oxygen back into the atmosphere.

Unfortunately, trees are being cut down in huge numbers worldwide and forests are being destroyed by fires.

So what can I do?

People all over the world are working together to plant more trees to rewind the effects of climate change. Smaller plants can also absorb CO₂.

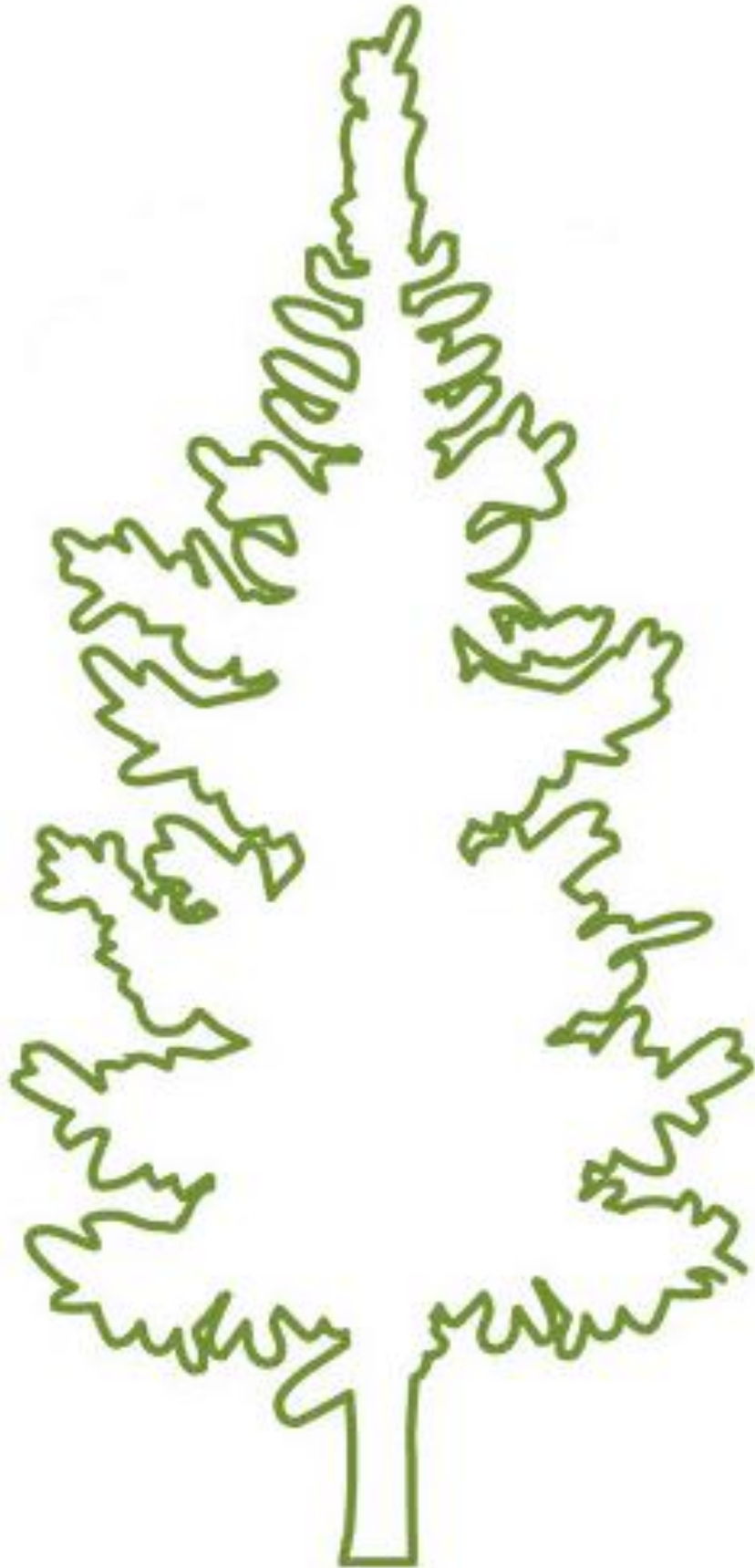
Go to your nearest garden or DIY centre and buy a packet of seeds to start growing your own plants.

Or, gather your own seeds from the fruit and vegetables you eat! You can use Google to find out how to prepare your seeds.



Decorate the tree!

Use colouring pencils, paints, glitter, crepe paper, and anything you can get your hands on to make your tree special. Cut it out and make a wall display with more trees to create a forest! (Hint: Print the tree off in a few different sizes to create a more diverse wood!)



I'll be there for You

When all the tears are rolling down your face
And it feels like yours was the only heart to break
When you come back home and all the lights are out, ooh
And you're getting used to no one else being around

Oh, oh, I'll be there
When you need a little love, I got a little love to share
Yeah, I'm gonna, I'm gonna, I'm gonna come through
You'll never be alone, I'll be there for you
I'll be there, I'll be there for you
I'll be there, I'll be there for you
Oh, I swear, I got enough love for two, ooh, ooh, ooh
You'll never be alone, I'll be there for you

When it's Friday night and the drink don't work the same
You're alone with yourself and there's no one else to blame
When you still can't feel the rhythm of your heart
And you see your spirit fading in the dark

Oh, oh, I'll be there
When you need a little love, I got a little love to share
Yeah, I'm gonna, I'm gonna, I'm gonna come through
You'll never be alone, I'll be there for you
I'll be there, I'll be there for you
I'll be there, I'll be there for you (I'll be there for you)
Oh, I swear, I got enough love for two, ooh, ooh, ooh
You'll never be alone, I'll be there for you

When you're lost down the river bed, I'll be there
When you're lost in the darkness, I'll be there
I'll be there when your heart is breaking
You'll never be alone, I'll be there for you
I'll be there

I'll be there, I'll be there for you (I'll be there)
I'll be there, I'll be there for you (ooh, ooh, I'll be there)
Oh, I swear, I got enough love for two, ooh, ooh, ooh
You'll never be alone, I'll be there for you, oh
I'll be there, I'll be there for you (I'll be there when your tears are falling)
I'll be there, I'll be there for you (I'll be there, can't you hear me calling?)
Oh, I swear, I got enough love for two, ooh, ooh, ooh
(When your heart is breaking)
You'll never be alone, I'll be there for you, ooh

I'll be there for you, ooh
I'll be there for you, ooh
You'll never be alone, I'll be there for you
I'll be there for you, ooh
I'll be there for you, ooh
You'll never be alone, I'll be there for you



SING-A-LONG!

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Do you have a favourite colour? There are many different shades of each colour, like fire engine red or Egyptian blue, so there's a lot to choose from!

Lincoln green is the colour of dyed woollen cloth in Lincoln, England, a major cloth town during the high Middle Ages. Lincoln green is associated with Robin Hood and his Merry Men in Sherwood Forest as this was the colour they were often described as wearing.

"Ireland" and "green" often go hand in hand. The 1960's song "Forty Shades of Green" by Johnny Cash repopularised the idea of Ireland as a green-fielded haven.

Can you name all of the shades of green below?

Art project: Draw and colour a Venn Diagram to illustrate the primary and secondary colours.

 _A_A_H_T_	 M_N_	 _O_E_T
 J_D_	 _I_I_I_N	 E_E_A_D
 _H_H_L_	 L_M_	 _H_R_R_U_E

MEGA WORD SEARCH

Can you complete this incredibly difficult word search in less than 10 minutes?

Archer

Friar Tuck

Merry men

Pantomime

Christmas

King John

Mill Theatre

Robin

Crusades

Little John

Nottingham

Robin Hood

Dundrum

Maid Marian

Outlaw

Sheriff

D O Z O Z R N E R T A E H T L L I M V A H C C S I V A U I C
L B L X U D D G I F N K Q F O B H T R Q R V Z J V N Y K N K
W J S G N L O B Q O Q Y C U R T D E I S S J Y C U H G F K K
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F Q T R T V N L P O W L M Q L Y V O U U O T O Z D Y G N F S
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O R Y T I I A H C R V O W L L Y L B Z Y P L P M M W S O F J
I B L V N S A I W N O Q L U E F P L L D R V E U N B E J M Z
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O G Z L H R M U D M U Z I A S N I A W L F D M S K J A L G S
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D E H H M L L M F I G R J O O D G C O U W P Y W V K U T H U
P O F C V G Y C C Z M E I S G V J E D T Q K O Q Q F R I O X
M E X F B A H Z U D N Z R A S R S A I S N P J Y J F C L A E
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F C P T V P A M L X L N N C K X W W U E B N J Z R D U H Z G
M X N E B C I X U D D E J W M U W W L F O S I E Z C B N Y K
J C O A C R Y R P Q M C N K C U T R A I R F H C J N P J O P
K K K W S W R E P Y U I T L C V V Q T S D C O A Z Y H A J I
U F H P E L V I R Y G M K J Q T Z F X O R X M Z G A F T D Q
M X G N T O U R D C O S L M V O W K O A S H E R I F F S K E
Y Q G I U V E K W S N M C R V S G W J U O O S D D G M M U J
U N R L R M N E J N W F F Q C G H G S V C W F Z F H Z B W Z
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H I U R N J J O P B W H S A X J R N M P T Z O V E O G I I W

DID YOU KNOW

An archer can also be called a **Toxophilite**, a word that originates from the Greek for 'lover of the bow.'

The word derives from Greek **toxon**, which referred to both a bow and arrow, and **philos**, meaning "loving."

τοξοφίλος



You might know where to find Nottingham Forest on a map of England, but can you find the following locations in Ireland?

Mark the map with the letters A, B, C, D, E where you think they should go.

A: MacGillycuddy Reeks

B: Croagh Patrick

C: Newgrange

D: Lough Neagh

E: Dundrum Town Centre

Activity: Can you name all 32 counties in Ireland?

Robin Hood and his Merry Men wish you happy holidays and a wonderful New Year! Families and friends all over the world gather together for all kinds of celebrations and festivities.

Using the template below, write a postcard to one of the characters wishing them well this holiday season. Talk about what you'll be doing during the holidays and what you think they might be up to.

The image shows a postcard template. The front of the postcard is a large blank white area. The back of the postcard is divided into two sections by a horizontal line. The top section of the back has a vertical line on the left side, a horizontal line at the top, and a rectangular box in the top right corner. Below the horizontal line are five horizontal lines for writing. The entire postcard is framed by a green and white striped border.



Name that archer!

Can you name each of these fictional arrow-wielding warriors?

A: _____

B: _____

C: _____

D: _____

E: _____

Shotgun

Homegrown alligator, see you later
Gotta hit the road, gotta hit the road
The sun it changed in the atmosphere
Architecture unfamiliar
I can get used to this

Time flies by in the yellow and green
Stick around and you'll see what I mean
There's a mountaintop that I'm dreaming of
If you need me you know where I'll be

I'll be riding shotgun underneath the hot sun
Feeling like a someone
I'll be riding shotgun underneath the hot sun
Feeling like a someone

The south of the equator, navigate it
Gotta hit the road, gotta hit the road
Deep-sea diving 'round the clock, bikini bottoms, lager tops
I could get used to this

Time flies by in the yellow and green
Stick around and you'll see what I mean
There's a mountaintop that I'm dreaming of
If you need me you know where I'll be

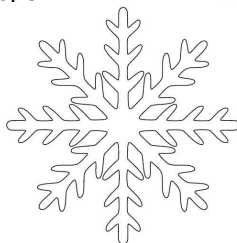
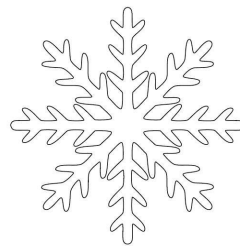
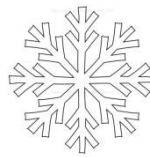
I'll be riding shotgun underneath the hot sun
Feeling like a someone
I'll be riding shotgun underneath the hot sun
Feeling like a someone

We got two in the front
Two in the back
Sailing along
And we don't look back

Time flies by in the yellow and green
Stick around and you'll see what I mean
There's a mountaintop that I'm dreaming of
If you need me you know where I'll be

I'll be riding shotgun underneath the hot sun
Feeling like a someone
I'll be riding shotgun underneath the hot sun
Feeling like a someone
I'll be riding shotgun underneath the hot sun
Feeling like a someone
I'll be riding shotgun underneath the hot sun
Feeling like a someone, a someone, a someone, someone

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ACTIVITY: To ride shotgun means to sit in the passenger seat alongside the driver in a car. Have you ever taken a long drive? If so, where? And if not, would you like to? Write a short story about a long drive to your favourite place (or to a completely made-up place!) Talk about what you would see out the window of your car along the way and why you were going to this place.



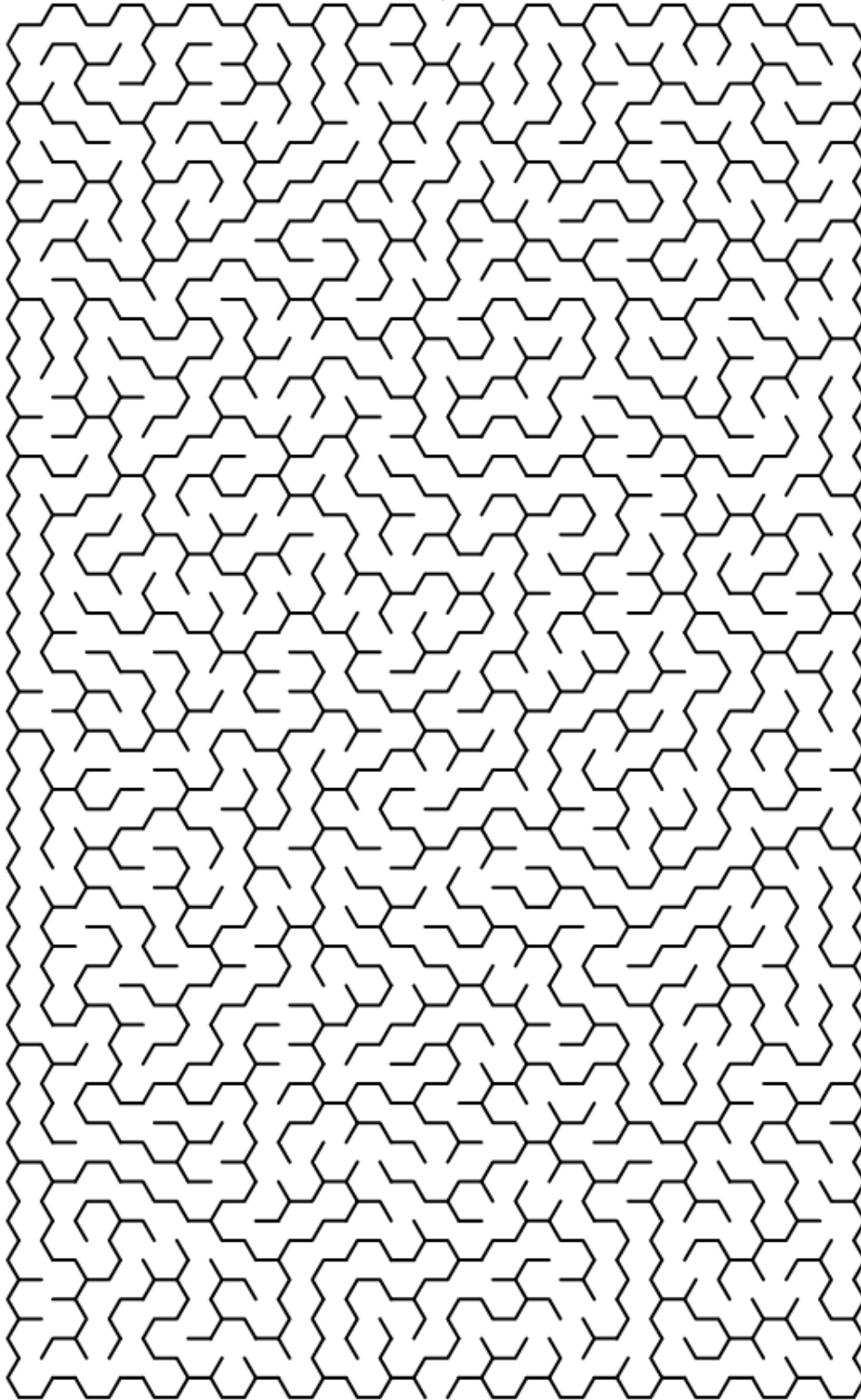
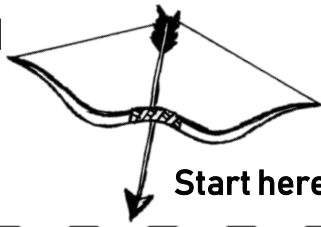
AN SNEACHTA

Thit sneachta bog bán
Anuas ón spéir,
Nuair a bhí mé i mo luí
Ar mo leaba aréir.

Tá an sneachta bog bán
Anois i ngach áit,
Ar gach teach agus crann,
Gach sráid agus páirc.

Beidh spórt agus scléip
Agam féin agus Seán
Ag súgradh inniu
Sa sneachta bog bán.

Help Robin Hood find
his way through
Sherwood Forest!



Finish!



CLASS PROJECT:

DESIGN YOUR OWN POSTER FOR ROBIN HOOD

It can be any size (the bigger the better!)

Bring it with you on the day of the show, OR you can send us a picture of it, OR you can share it on your school Facebook or Twitter – but be sure to #tag us so we can share it too!

What you need to put on your poster:

**Robin Hood
d/r Mill Theatre
Winter 2019**