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Keeping New Zealand Growing

hello everyone welcome to summer

I hope you have all enjoyed your last term at school even though you are tired there's always something to learn.

Well we have had it so wet and yukky for so long and now it is very very HOT!! Our poor plants have been nearly drowned through the winter with all that rain and now they are so thirsty we are watering them every day!

Did you all have those huge thunderstorms? A thunderstorm is a storm with lightning and thunder. It's produced by a cumulonimbus cloud, usually producing gusty winds, heavy rain and sometimes



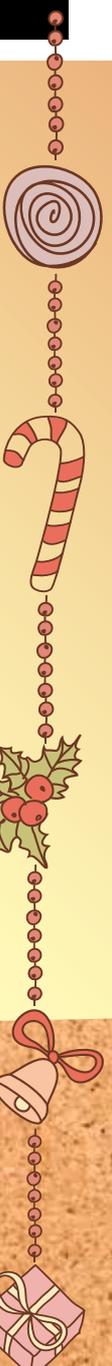
hail. Thunderstorms come from hot air coming up underneath rain clouds when it meets the cold air! They often happen in summer when we get hotter weather.

Lightning is an electric current so be careful because you can get a shock. Within a thundercloud way up in the sky, many small bits of ice (frozen raindrops) bump into each other as they move around in the air. All of those collisions create an electric charge and finally they build up to a big zap of lightning and that is what we see!

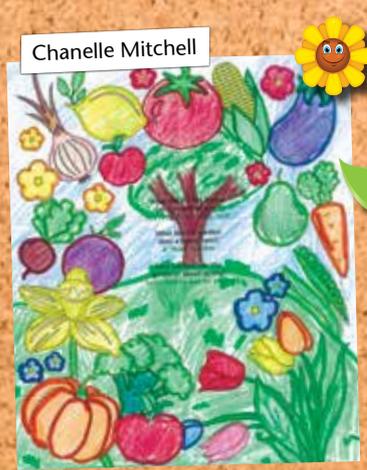
Have you ever rubbed your feet across carpet and then touched a metal door handle? If so, then you know that you can get shocked! Lightning works in the same way.

Anyway, summer is here and so is Christmas... almost! Did you know... That in NZ the Pohutukawa tree is thought by many people to be our native Christmas tree and if it flowers early it is a sign there will be a long hot summer – and yes they are just starting to flower now so have a look around! In fact look around in general – the birds are chirping and building nests everywhere, the bees are buzzing around, all the trees and plants are looking so awesome – so many colours and the perfumes especially from the roses – they are just so beautiful so make sure you go exploring – looking-listening-smelling – you will be amazed!

Enjoy your holidays everyone and we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe new year. Remember to sunblock and don't get too much sun and drink plenty of water.



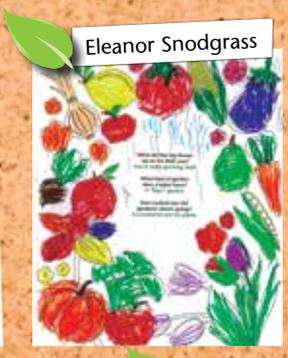
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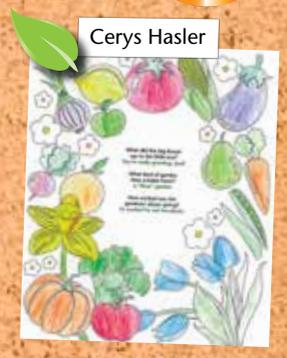
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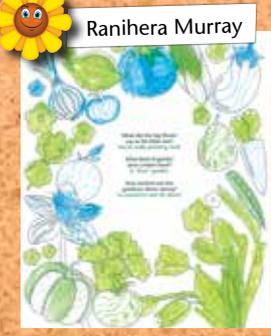
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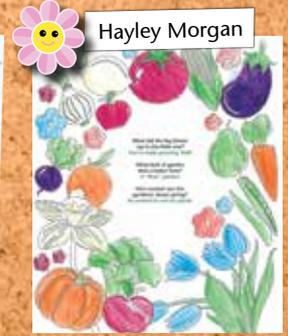
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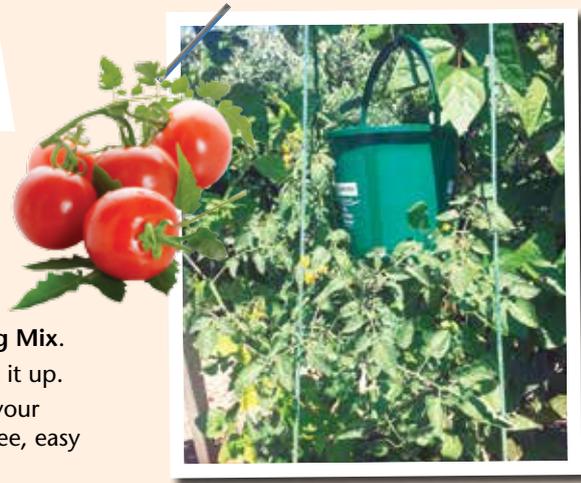


Hayley Morgan

growing tomatoes upside down

This is such fun and something different! It can be any sort of tomato you like – even cherry tomatoes! All you need is – a bucket, Daltons Potting Mix, a tomato plant, someone to help you.

1. Get an adult to make a hole in the bottom of your bucket, big enough so the roots of your tomato will fit through.
2. Carefully push the roots of your tomato through the hole in the bottom of your bucket so that now the roots will be inside the bucket. Note – you can wrap the roots in wet newspaper if you want to – as it helps your roots to stay IN the bucket.
3. Then while someone is holding the bucket with the tomato, fill the bucket with Daltons Potting Mix.
4. Now carefully water it and hang it up.
5. Water it every day and wait for your tomatoes! They will be easy to see, easy to pick and easy to eat – enjoy!



christmas star

YOU WILL NEED

- 4-8 wooden clothespegs
- Tacky glue
- Paint
- Glitter



1. Undo the wooden pegs by taking the springs out of the middle.
2. Now glue the one side of your half peg that has 1 groove in it – and stick the other half of the peg (with one groove) to it. (Note – you can use any tacky glue such as pva glue but you need to let all your glued single pegs dry before you put them together – or you can use a hot glue gun which dries very quickly but be careful!)
3. Keep sticking your peg halves together until finished – you can use 4, 6 or 8 pegs.
4. Then stick all your pegs together by putting a blob of glue in the centre.
5. When it's dry you can paint and glitter it however you like and then leave it to dry!
6. You can now thread fine string or wire through 1 of the holes and hang on your tree. You can also use them as Christmas gifts or put 1 on top of the wrapping of your gifts.

A mischievous elf wants one of Santa's cookies. Can you find the seven differences between the two pictures of Santa's office?



christmas reindeer cookies

ingredients

- 125g unsalted butter softened
- ½ cup soft brown sugar
- 2/3 cup golden syrup
- 2½ cups plain flour (& extra for rolling)
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- M&M's (Minis or normal)
- Mini chocolate pretzels
- Icing sugar

instructions

1. Preheat oven to 160°C
2. In a large bowl combine butter, sugar, golden syrup, spices and bicarb and mix well.
3. Sift in flour slowly and mix until just combined.
4. Take out of bowl and knead on a floured surface. If dough is too soft add a little more flour (or refrigerate).
5. Roll out dough to 5mm thickness and cut into triangles.
6. Bake in batches for around 8 minutes on a lined cookie tray.
7. While they're still warm, push a mini chocolate pretzel on each side to resemble antlers. Cool completely on a wire rack.
8. To make the face – attach brown M&M's for eyes and a red M&M for the nose with icing (icing sugar with a little hot water).

Now you can try your reindeer – yum! You could put some in a cellophane bag to give as gifts – tie the top with a ribbon and wow!



Quick, easy and delicious!



summer fun anagram

Unscramble the four 'Summer Fun' words. Then use the circled letters to unscramble the answer.



B G I I K N F R S U

A E L R X A L P Y

Answer



hello to all you summer sunshines

I hope you are all smiling and happy just like our bright summer sun that has arrived!

We are all happy in the garden but we have gone from being nearly drowned to being so dry and thirsty. Tom and Sarah look after us very well though. They could see how thirsty we all were getting so they got Awesome Austin to bring a truckload of **Daltons Mulch & Grow**. We have always had Daltons mulch around us – in summer to keep us cool and in Winter to keep us warm but now we have got Mulch & Grow which is the mulch with Daltons famous Garden Mix mixed in with it to give us energy and food while keeping us cool! Awesome Austin is also very good with sprinklers and fixing things and great at helping Tom and Sarah to make sure all our garden family get what we need.



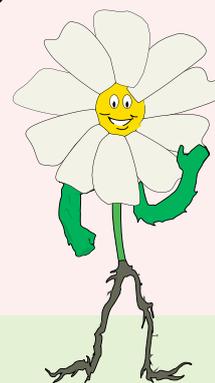
get a few more! The slugs and snails are pesky but Awesome Austin brought up some of **Daltons Fine Decorative Pebble** to put around the edge of our garden beds as the slimy slugs and snails don't like going on that!

Tommy Tomato and some of his family are growing upside down this year and they are loving it – you should try it at home (see page 2).

As well as celebrating Christmas, we will be celebrating Sophie Saffron's birthday and she will be a teenager – so tall and beautiful, (Lara Lily had hers at the start of Spring and what a beautiful lily she is) and soon after Christmas Elsie Echinacea will be celebrating her 5th birthday where she will move out of the nursery into the big garden. The other littlies will really miss her but we are so excited she is moving out with us.

Well here come Tom and Sarah to give us a drink so have a very merry Christmas and please please keep safe, keep covered up and keep drinking water and please give your garden friends a drink as well.

Your friend, *Dashing Daisy*



Awesome Austin also looks after our chooks feeding them and making sure they have water and do you know that when people talk to our chooks, they actually run over and talk back! They truly do!

The pesky rabbits seem to be a little more under control thanks to crack-shot Jack who comes regularly to hopefully

stained glass christmas trees

ingredients

- 125g butter, softened
- 2/3 cup caster sugar
- 1 Egg
- 2 cups plain flour
- Red and green lollipops

instructions

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Line 2 baking trays with baking paper.
2. Use an electric mixer to beat the butter and sugar in a bowl until pale and creamy. Add the egg and beat until just combined. Add the flour and stir to combine. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the fridge for 15 minutes or until firm.
3. Meanwhile, carefully remove the lollipops from the sticks. Place the red and green lollies in separate plastic bags. Use a rolling pin to finely crush.
4. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface to a 3mm-thick disc. Use a sharp knife to cut the dough into triangle shapes to resemble trees. Use small round cutters to cut discs from inside of the trees. Place on the lined trays. Bake for 7-8 mins or until lightly golden. Use a spoon to fill each hole with a little of the crushed lollies. Bake for a further 2 mins or until the crushed lollies melt and the biscuit is golden. Set aside on the trays to cool completely.



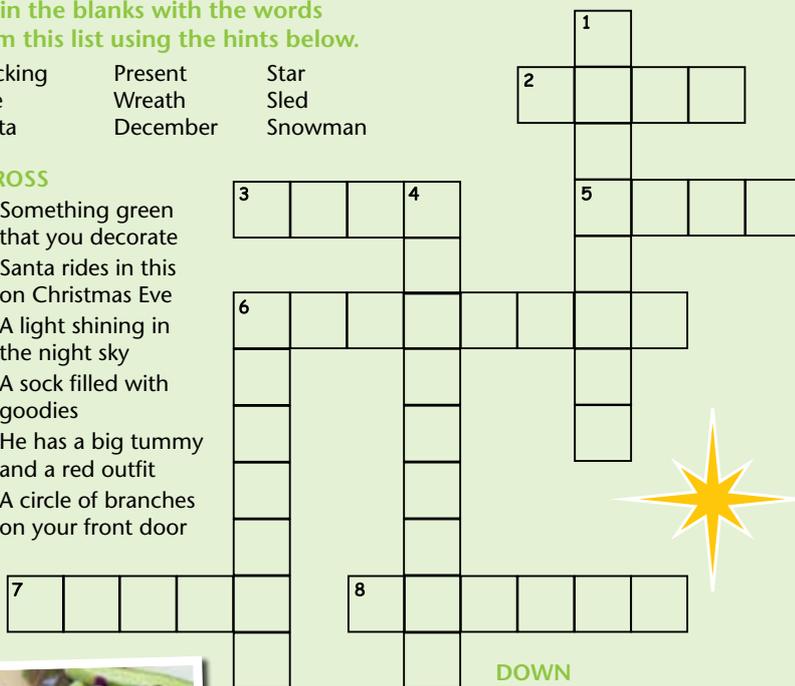
christmas crossword

Fill in the blanks with the words from this list using the hints below.

Stocking	Present	Star
Tree	Wreath	Sled
Santa	December	Snowman

ACROSS

2. Something green that you decorate
3. Santa rides in this on Christmas Eve
5. A light shining in the night sky
6. A sock filled with goodies
7. He has a big tummy and a red outfit
8. A circle of branches on your front door



DOWN

1. Another name for gift
4. Christmas is in this month
6. A guy made of snow

edible flowers

Did you know there are some flowers you can grow that you can eat?... lavender leaves and flowers, marigold petals, viola flowers, nasturtium leaves and flowers, fuchsia flowers, sunflower seeds and petals, cornflower petals, rose petals, fruit blossom from apricot, pear and apple trees, vegetable flowers from pumpkin, zucchini and pea plants. Sprinkle a few edible flower petals through a salad or use as a garnish – a wonderful way to add colour to your dinner plate. *Make sure all flowers are well washed before eating them. It is best to use flowers from your own garden where you know no sprays or fertilisers were used.*





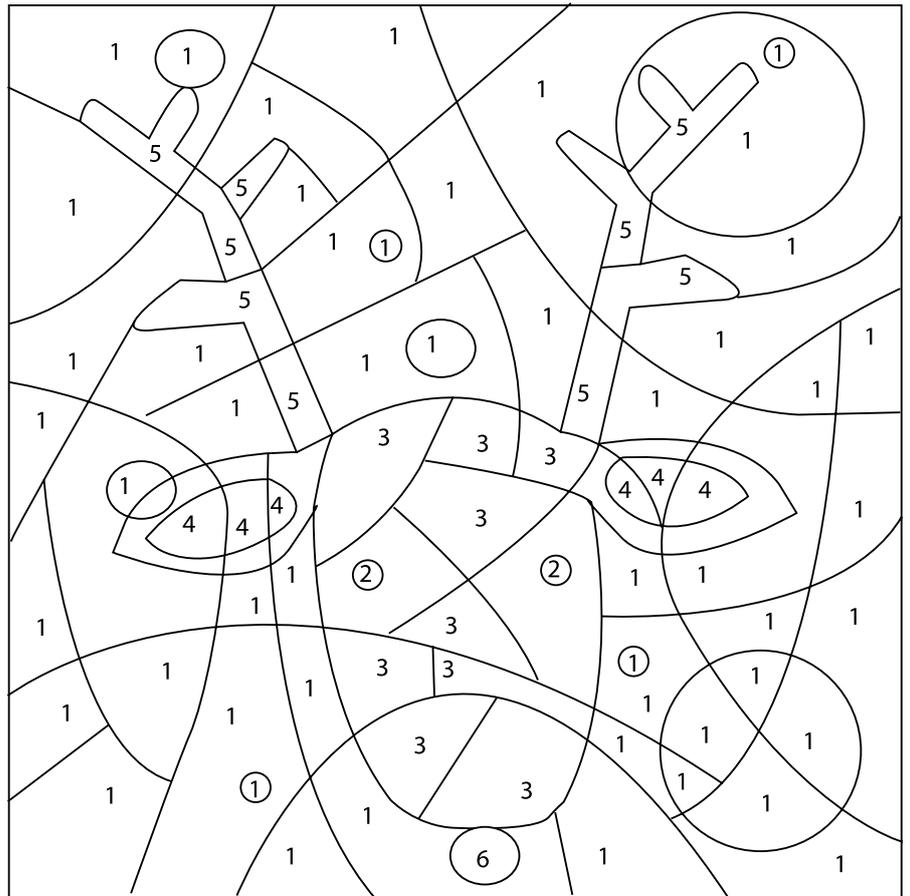
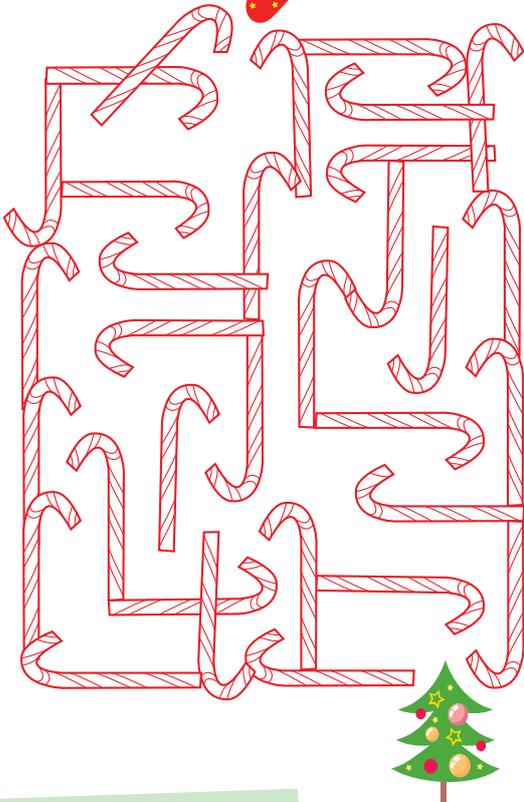
colour by numbers

1 = leave white, 2 = black, 3 = light brown, 4 = pink, 5 = dark brown, 6 = red

maze



Help the Christmas stocking find the Christmas tree.



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