



Kids' Corner

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March is a beautiful month, the weather starts getting warmer, days become longer, leaves appear on the trees and the spring air smells fresh and vibrant. Easter approaches and children start thinking about chocolate eggs and days off, but it is important to remember that there are also other festivities that can help children learn more about English speaking countries.

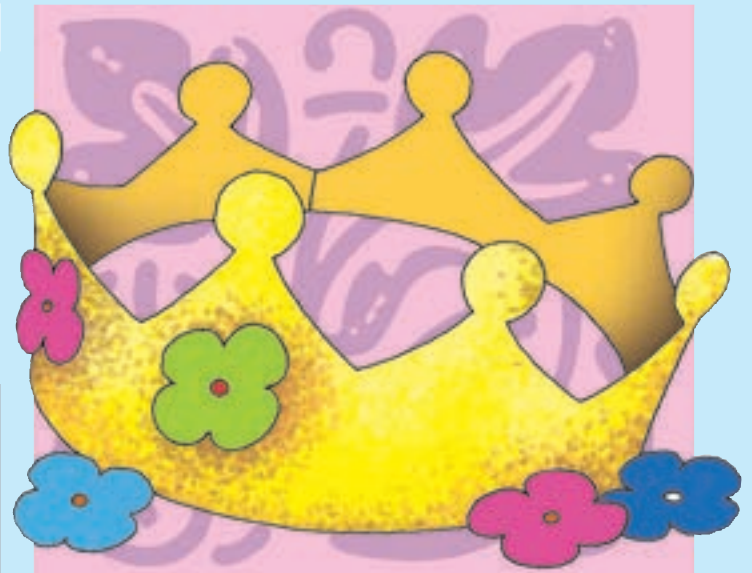
As Primary Times is not printed every month, we have to group together different festivities so that we can cover most of the special days in a year or, at least, a school year. On our website, www.lang-longman.it, there are numerous downloadable worksheets linked to festivities, with many dedicated to Easter. In this Kids' Corner we have included information and suggestions not only for Easter activities but also for other festivities from Easter to May.

Activity 1: May Queen's crown

May Day is on the first day of May and it celebrates the beginning of the warm season, the blossoming of flowers and trees. It expresses the joy of a warmer season beginning after a cold winter. The main May Day traditions include the crowning of a May Queen and dancing around a Maypole (see Activity 2). As this activity is suitable for both boys and girls, you will have a lot of May Kings and Queens!

What you need:

- a strip of cardboard, better if yellow or gold
- a sheet of A3 white cardboard
- pencil
- coloured pencils
- scissors
- glue
- stapler



What you do

1. Draw and cut out the outline of the crown on the strip of yellow or gold cardboard.
 2. Draw and colour some flowers on the A3 sheet of cardboard.
 3. Cut out the flowers and glue them on the crown.
 4. Staple the back ends of the crown and wear it! Enjoy your May Day!
- Lexical tips: the teacher can use this activity to teach or revise May Day, school objects, colours.
 - New vocabulary: May Day, crown, flowers, stapler, staple, wear.



Activity 2: May Day pole dance

What you need:

- a sheet of A3 white cardboard
- pencil
- coloured pencils
- scissors
- a wooden stick
- 4 pieces of ribbon

What you do

1. On the A3 sheet of cardboard draw and cut out four dancing children, two boys and two girls.
 2. Colour the four dancers on both sides.
 3. Use the pencil to punch a hole on the heads of the four dancers.
 4. Pass the ribbon through each hole and tie a knot.
 5. Fasten the four ribbons on the top of the wooden stick. Now your May Pole dancers are ready!
- Lexical tips: the teacher can use this activity to teach or revise May Day traditions, pole, dance, school objects.
 - New vocabulary: wooden stick, ribbon, dancers, pole, hole, knot.



Activity 3: A pot of gold at the end of the rainbow

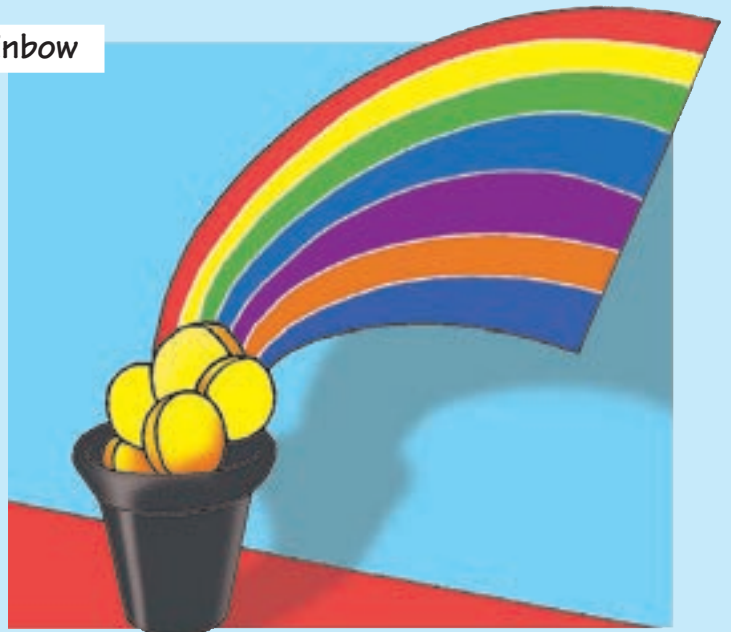
St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the 17th of March and everyone wears green, as green is the colour of Ireland. Symbols for this festivity are four-leaf clovers and leprechauns. Leprechauns are sprites who, according to the legend, hide a pot full of gold at the end of the rainbow.

What you need:

- an empty and clean yoghurt pot
- black paint
- a paint brush
- yellow cardboard
- pencil
- scissors
- white cardboard
- felt tip pens
- adhesive tape

What you do

1. Paint the empty yoghurt pot black. Let it dry.
 2. On the yellow cardboard, draw and cut out as many gold coins as you can.
 3. Draw a big, beautiful rainbow onto the white cardboard and cut it out.
 4. Decorate the classroom with the rainbows, use the adhesive tape to stick them to the walls.
 5. Put the gold coins into the pot.
 6. Put the pot at the end of the rainbow.
- Lexical tips: the teacher can use this activity to teach or revise St. Patrick's Day traditions, Ireland, leprechauns, pots of gold, school objects.
 - New vocabulary: Ireland, Irish, pot, gold, coins, rainbow, empty, clean, yoghurt, paint, paint brush, scissors, felt-tip pen, adhesive tape, leprechaun.



If you have made the dancing leprechaun (see Activity 4), you can have it dance in front of the rainbow!