

Welcome to the Spring Activities Pack



Below are a mixture of activities and ideas, some are harder than others.
Feel free to choose the ones you like the look of or give them all a try!

Please use the 'talking point' boxes to think or talk about the subjects covered.

If you would prefer not to receive any further packs please let your Navigator, Support Worker or Group Coordinator know.

Any ideas, suggestions or comments for future Activity Packs would be welcome.

Spring Quiz

- 1) For Australians, in which month does spring begin?
- 2) What is the French word for Spring?
 - a. printemps
 - b. enface
 - c. orné
- 3) Dusty Springfield's popular song "The look of love" was released in which year?
 - a. 1962
 - b. 1967
 - c. 1969
- 4) Approximately how many Spring tides are there each year?
 - a. 2
 - b. 12
 - c. 24
- 5) The Roman Goddess of Spring is Flora – True or False?
- 6) Rabbits often give birth in Spring, what are their young called?
 - a. Kittens
 - b. Cubs
 - c. Pups
- 7) Easter Island belongs to which country?

Talking point: Can you think of any songs with a spring theme? Do you have a favourite song? What is your favourite type of music?

Blockbusters

Can you work your way through this blockbuster?



S

What **S** is a type of rain associated with Spring?



P

What **P** is the name given to the Sunday before Easter?



R

What **R** is an animal often linked with Easter?



I

What **I** is the period between egg-laying and hatching, often undertaken by birds?



N

What **N** is the latin name or botanical name for daffodil?



G

According to the UK Kennel Club, what **G** is the type of dog that the English springer spaniel belong to?

Talking point: What do you think of when you think of spring? Do you have a favourite season?

Chocolate Advertising Slogan Quiz

Can you match the chocolate that the slogan belongs to?

Have a break, have a _____

Say thank you with _____

Thank _____ it's Friday!

The _____ are on me

Everyone's a _____ case

A finger of _____ is just enough
to give your kids a treat

And all because the lady loves _____

_____ it's full of Eastern Promise

A _____ a day helps you work. rest and play

P-P-Pick up a _____

Mr. Ambassador, with these _____
you are really spoiling us!

Take it easy with a _____

If you like a lot of chocolate on your
biscuit, join our _____

A glass and a half in every pound _____

The crumbliest flakiest milk chocolate
in the world _____

Cadbury's Caramel

Fry's Turkish Delight

Milk Tray

Club

Penguin

Ferrero Rocher

Kit Kat

Cadbury's Roses

Crunchie

Cadbury's Dairy Milk

Flake

Milky Bar

Fruit and Nut

Fudge

Mars

Talking point: Are there any slogans or advertisements you can remember? What brands from your childhood exist today?

March Facts

March is the first month of spring, which starts between March 19 and 21.

Every year, March and June finish on the same day of the week.

March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation.

If you are born in March, your birth flower is a daffodil.

There are two zodiac signs in March. Pisces, which is until March 20 and Aries, which is from March 21.

March babies are spoiled with two birthstones: aquamarine, and bloodstone.

The Vernal Equinox (Spring Equinox) occurs around March 20 or 21. This is when the sun is directly above the equator, making the day and night equal length.

In old Roman calendars, one year used to be ten months long, starting in March and ending in December.

The name for March comes from Mars, the Roman god of war. It was named as such in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

The Anglo-Saxons called March “Hlyd monath” meaning “Stormy month” or “Hraed monath” meaning “Rugged month.”

Lighting Up Art Corner - Egg Shaped Artwork

Easter is early April this year (Good Friday is April 2) so the activities are to do with Easter eggs! Here are some ideas for egg shaped art works.

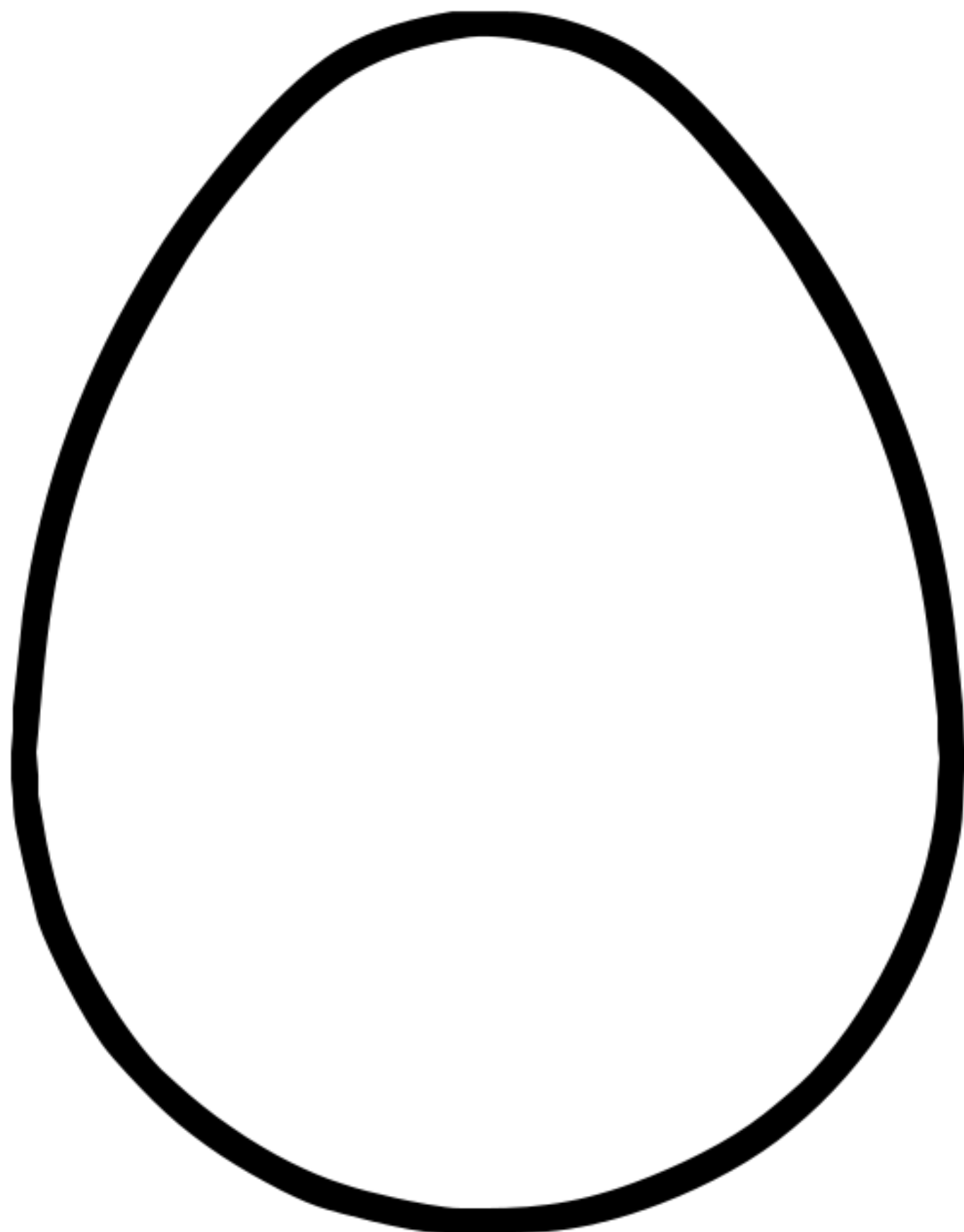
On A4 paper draw an oval (egg shape). You can do this by making the drawing of the oval touch the four edges of the paper. Use pencil as you can go over the line afterwards. Do not worry about perfection! This is the starting point for one or more designs as you could do several.

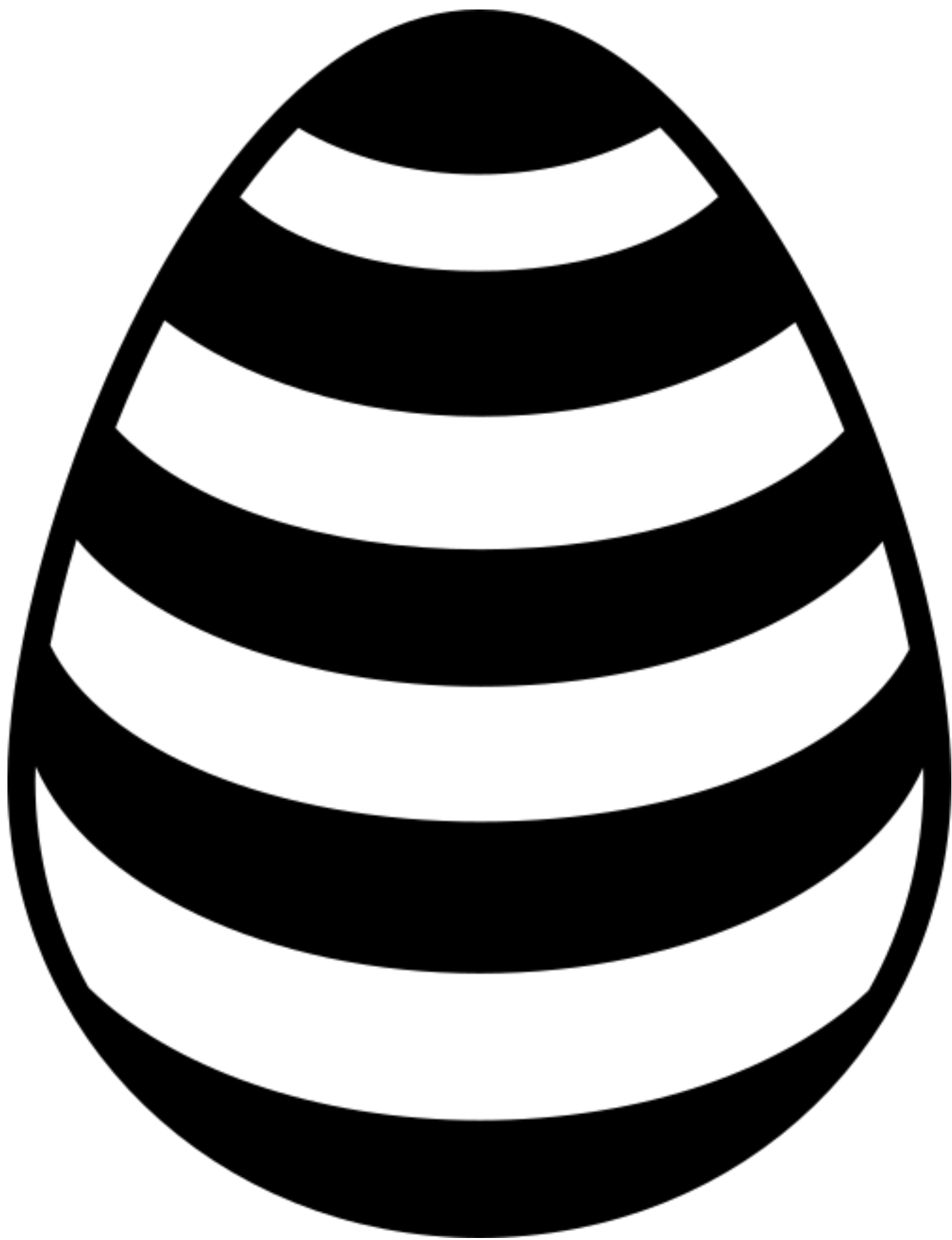
Here are some ideas for developing your designs.

- 1) SPIRAL IN AN EGG.** Using a colouring pencil or felt tip just start at any point on your oval and without taking the pencil/felt tip from the paper follow the shape of the oval round making a continuous line (which will become a spiral) into the centre. You could do this changing the colour as you go round. Redraw the outside line of the egg shape in another colour.
- 2) PATTERNED EGG.** Using a colouring pencil or felt tip and starting at any point on an oval shape (drawn as described above.) take a line for a walk. This means going backwards and forwards across the oval going across lines but making the line touch the edges of the oval at various points. You should have several irregular shapes in the oval when you have done this. Fill each shape with a pattern using colour. Finish by redrawing the outside line in a strong colour.
- 3) COLLAGED EGG.** Draw the egg shape again and this time you will need a selection of coloured papers which could be wrapping paper, tissue, sweet papers, magazine photos or any other coloured or patterned papers. Cut and/or tear the papers into smallish pieces in any way you want. Arrange the shapes within the oval and stick on with prit stick or glue. Do not worry about overlapping the edges of the drawn oval as you can draw it in again when your collage is stuck down. When you have done that you can cut out the egg shape.

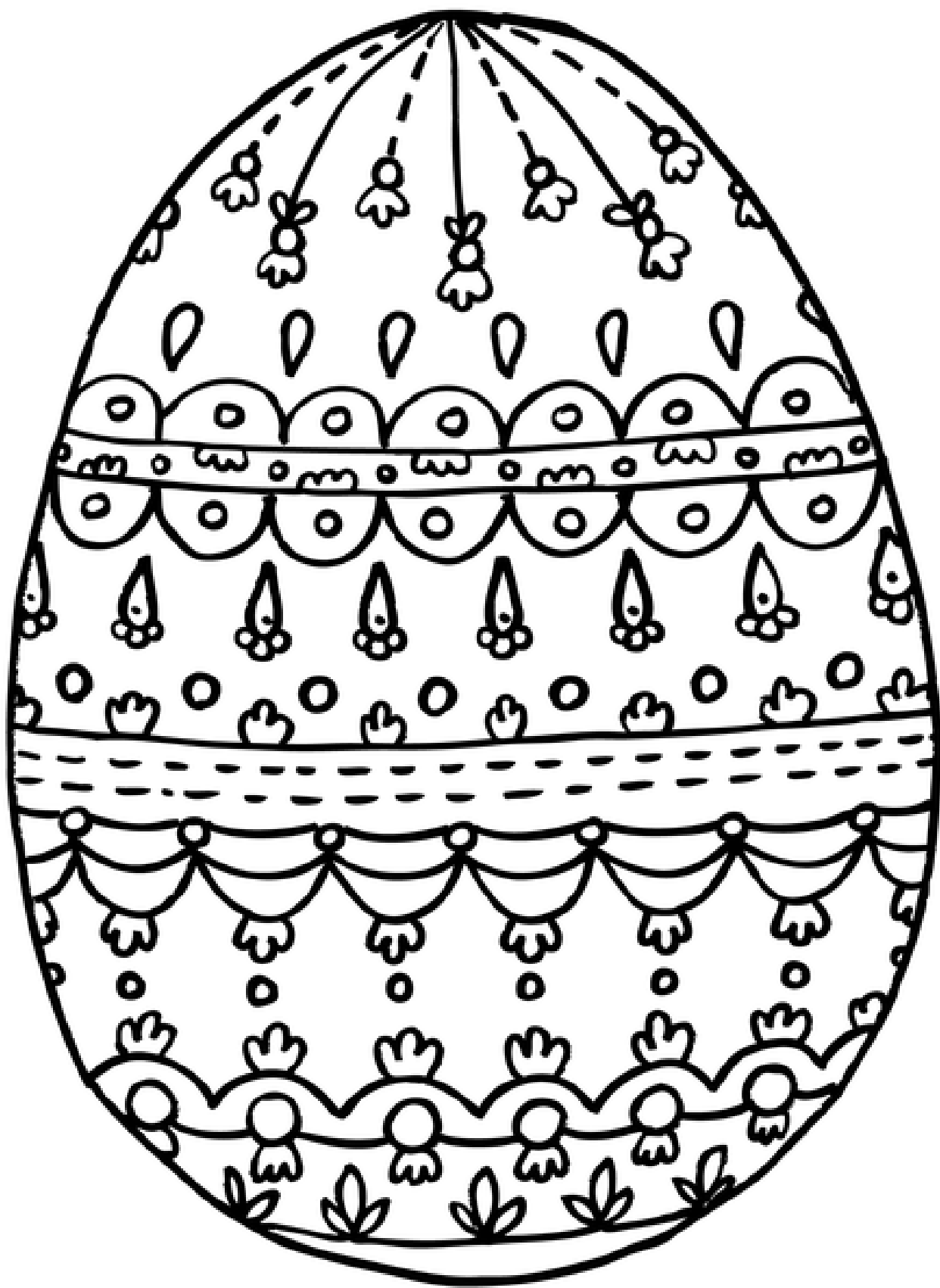
You could finish by cutting out all the egg shapes you have made and sticking them onto some card or coloured paper.

Maybe invent some more egg designs. Your egg designs could become Easter cards.









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The Chocolate Easter Egg

Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century. Traditionally, at Easter, people would give each other chicken's eggs which had been hard boiled and painted bright colours.

Chocolate eggs are said to have originated in France and Germany in the early 19th century. These were solid chocolate eggs, and the chocolate was grainy and bitter. In 1828, Coenraad van Houten discovered how to separate cocoa butter from cacao, and a creamy, mouldable chocolate could be made.

It was in 1873, that the Bristol based chocolate business, J. S. Fry & Sons Limited, would produce the first chocolate egg in the UK. This was a hollowed-out, moulded chocolate egg, the first of its kind.

Just two year later, in 1875, Cadbury's produced their own chocolate Easter eggs. Cadbury's first moulded eggs were made of dark chocolate, but in 1905 they introduced milk chocolate eggs, which became the best sellers.

In 1919, Cadbury and Fry merged and in 1923 launched the first fondant-filled chocolate egg. For nearly 50 years this egg was improved upon, eventually becoming the wildly popular Cadbury Creme Egg.

Guinness World Records Easter Egg Achievements:

The most expensive chocolate egg ever made was the Golden Speckled Egg crafted by chocolatier William Curley, which weighed in at 50 kg (110 lb). This egg was auctioned off for charity in 2012, selling for £7,000 (\$11,107).

Tosca (Italy) created the largest chocolate Easter egg ever, weighing a whopping 7,200 kg (15,873 lbs 4.48 oz) and with a circumference of 19.6 m (64 ft 3.65 in) at its widest point. It was measured at Le Acciaierie Shopping Centre, in Cortenuova, Italy, on 16 April 2011.

The largest Easter egg hunt ever consisted of 501,000 eggs that were searched for by 9,753 children and their parents at the Cypress Gardens Adventure Park in Winter Haven, Florida, USA, on 1 April 2007.

Spices Word Scramble

Can you unscramble these spices?

VELCO

— — — — —

NAMNONIC

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EPICLALS

— — — — —

GETMUN

— — — — —

AMOMCARD

— — — — —

RINGEG

— — — — —

NICUM

— — — — —

FRAFONS

— — — — —

KIRAPPA

— — — — —

Talking point: What spices do you like? Are there any spices you dislike? Do any remind you of a particular time of the year?

Sudoku

The goal is to fill the rest of the 9x9 grid with single-digit numbers 1 through 9 with the following basic restrictions: A number can only be used once in each row, column, and 3x3 cell.

		1			4			2
	5				3		1	9
4	7							5
				8		2		7
		4		9		8		
8		6		3				
2							6	8
1	8		2				4	
5			3			9		

Talking point: What type of puzzles do you enjoy? What were your favourite childhood games?

Wordsearch

Asparagus

Birdsong

Blossom

Bulbs

Chick

Crocus

Daffodil

Eggs

Grass

Grow

Lamb

Leeks

B	I	F	T	H	K	S	N	A	C	J	D
L	E	E	K	S	A	G	U	F	R	Q	B
O	G	H	L	B	I	R	D	S	O	N	G
S	G	R	A	S	S	O	K	D	C	X	B
S	S	L	U	F	D	W	G	B	U	A	U
O	D	A	F	F	O	D	I	L	S	E	L
M	I	M	H	J	C	H	I	C	K	N	B
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Talking point: What do you think of when you think of Spring? Do you have favourite spring flowers?

Spring Poem

Daffodils

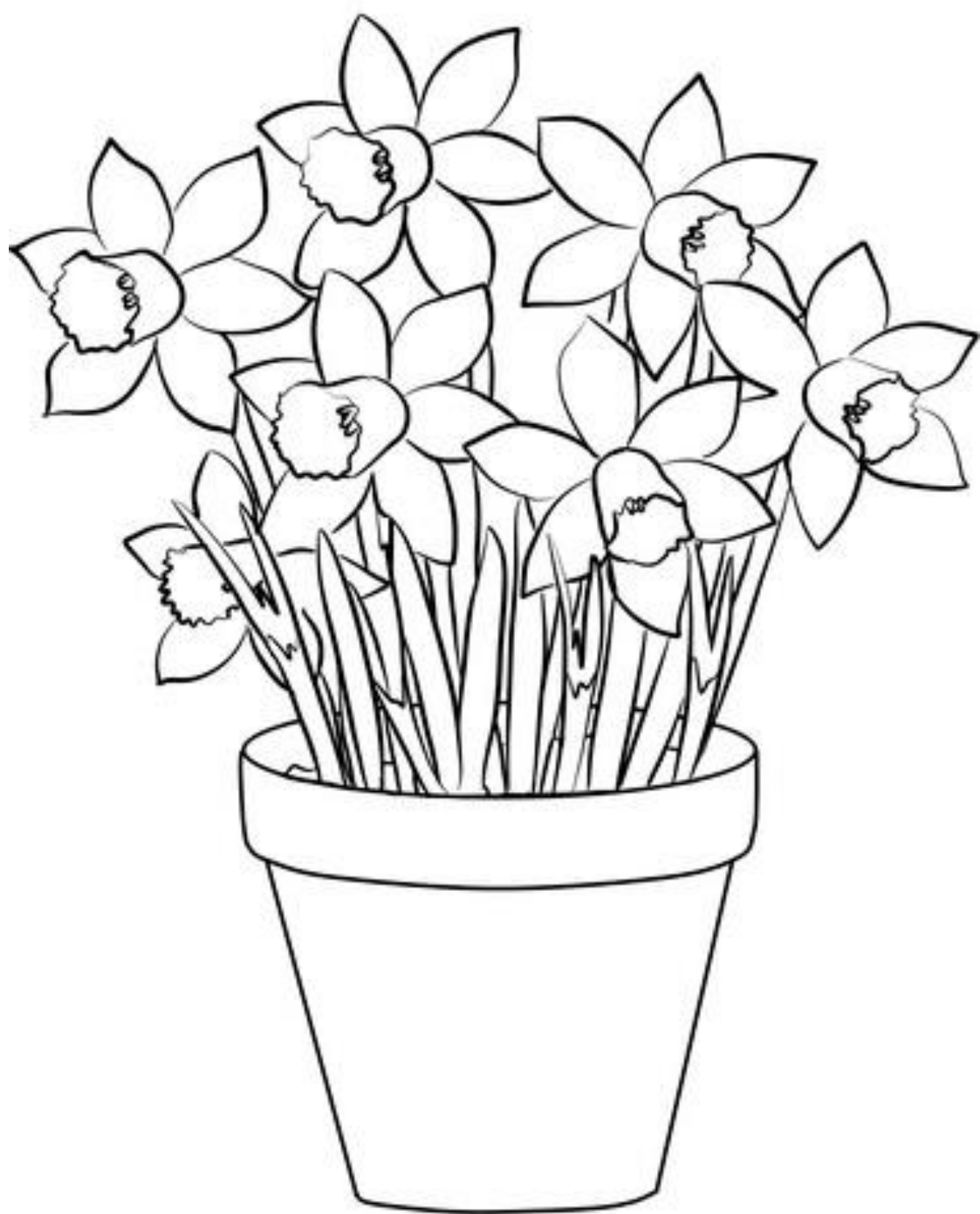
by William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:-
A poet could not but be gay
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude,
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.



How to draw a daffodil

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3.



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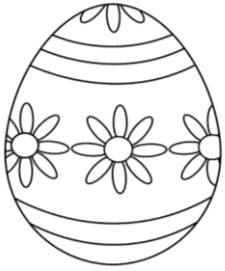


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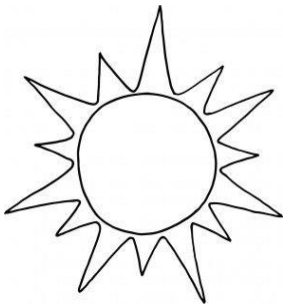
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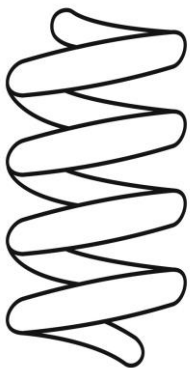
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Word Game

How many words can you find that end with **ight**

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

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Boxing March Hares

This can be seen at points in the UK in March and April at dusk and dawn



Marlborough Downs in Wiltshire is a popular place to see hares

The new growth of grasses, herbs and wildflowers is a massive boost for hares in spring. They do not hibernate so, being large and active mammals, they need a constant supply of food throughout the year – something that only habitats rich in native flora can provide. As these have become rarer, so have hares. Spring is one of the best times to see them – before the vegetation has grown high enough to hide them. Hares can be seen silhouetted on downland ridges or running, across fields of autumn-sown cereals.

There are three types of hare in the UK: the brown hare, the mountain hare and the Irish hare. The brown hare is the most common and you're most likely to see these on arable farmland and large, flat expanses of grassland. The open plains of Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire are a stronghold for brown hares, as are the Marlborough Downs in Wiltshire.



Hares are usually solitary creatures but come March/April time you can see them, standing on their hind legs and literally 'boxing' with their front paws.

Rather than competition between males, as is often believed, this 'boxing' behaviour is actually females fending off unwanted attention from male hares.

Brown hares have golden brown fur and a white belly, and they have long ears with black tips. At full pelt, they can reach speeds of up to 40 miles per hour.

They can be tracked by looking out for tufts of fur caught in brambles and barbed wire, or their droppings on the ground, which resemble those of a rabbit, but are larger, with a slightly tapered end. The best time to spot hares is either first thing in the morning or early evening.

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Name the confectionery

Can you work out what the chocolates and sweets are from these cryptic clues?

- 1) Talking quietly
- 2) Locals from Malta
- 3) Spin around
- 4) Sly giggles
- 5) High class thoroughfare
- 6) Clever folk
- 7) Feline equipment
- 8) Garden flowers
- 9) Capture reward

Talking point: Do you have a favourite sweet treat? Are there chocolate bars you can remember from your childhood - are they still available?

Spring Poem

Song: Spring (from Love's Labours Lost)
by William Shakespeare

When daisies pied and violets blue
And lady-smocks all silver-white
And cuckoo-buds of yellow hue
Do paint the meadows with delight,
The cuckoo then, on every tree,
Mocks married men; for thus sings he,
Cuckoo;
Cuckoo, cuckoo: Oh word of fear,
Unpleasing to a married ear!

When shepherds pipe on oaten straws,
And merry larks are plowmen's clocks,
When turtles tread, and rooks, and daws,
And maidens bleach their summer smocks,
The cuckoo then, on every tree,
Mocks married men; for thus sings he,
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Spring Quiz Answers

- 1) September
- 2) a. printemps
- 3) b. 1967
- 4) c. 24
- 5) True
- 6) a. Kittens
- 7) Chile

Blockbusters Answers

- S – Showers
P – Palm
R – Rabbit
I – Incubation
N – Narcissus
G – Gun

Chocolate Slogans

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Say thank you with Cadbury's Roses
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Fry's Turkish Delight it's full of Eastern Promise
A Mars a day helps you work. rest and play
P-P-Pick up a Penguin
Mr Ambassador, with these Ferrero Rocher you are really spoiling us!
Take it easy with a Cadbury's Caramel
If you like a lot of chocolate on your biscuit, join our club
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The crumbliest flakiest milk chocolate in the world Flake

Word Scramble

Clove
Cinnamon
Allspice
Nutmeg
Cardamom
Ginger
Cumin
Saffron
Paprika

Fill in the blanks

- 1) Tulips
- 2) Easter Egg
- 3) Sunshine
- 4) Rain
- 5) Spring

Name the confectionery

- 1) Wispa
- 2) Maltesers
- 3) Twirl
- 4) Snickers
- 5) Quality Street
- 6) Smarties
- 7) Kit Kat
- 8) Roses
- 9) Bounty