

# All About Valentine's Day

- Valentine's Day is named after Saint Valentine.
- Valentine's Day is on the 14th February every year.
- People show their love to another person on Valentine's Day.

## What do people do on Valentine's Day?

- send flowers
- send cards
- give chocolates
- give gifts

## Symbols of Valentine's Day

Here are some of the symbols which make people think of love on Valentine's Day.



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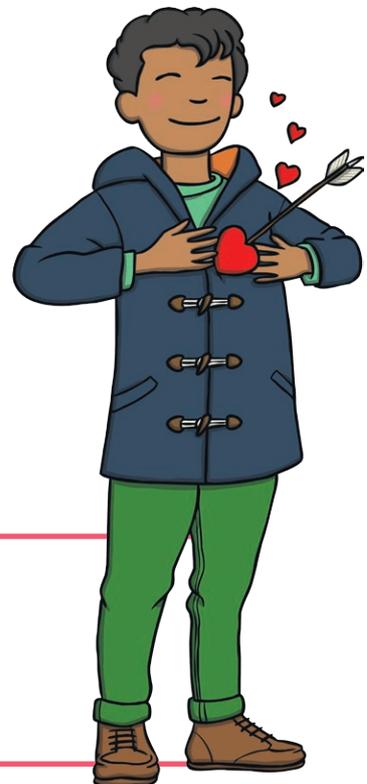
Cupid



roses

## Did you know?

Some people say that if you are hit by one of Cupid's arrows, you will fall in love.



# Questions

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  - 14th February
  - 7th February
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  - Father Christmas
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  - a special dance
  - send a card
  - wear a party hat
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## When did Valentine's Day start?

Valentine's Day came from a Roman festival called Lupercalia.

At this festival, boys pulled girls' names from a box and they would be boyfriend and girlfriend for the festival.

The Christian Church decided to have a festival celebrating love, to remember Saint Valentine.

## What do people do on Valentine's Day?

- People show their loved ones that they care, by taking them out for a treat.
- They sometimes send a gift.
- They sometimes send a card.

## Symbols of Valentine's Day

A symbol is something that makes people think of something else. These things are all symbols of Valentine's Day.



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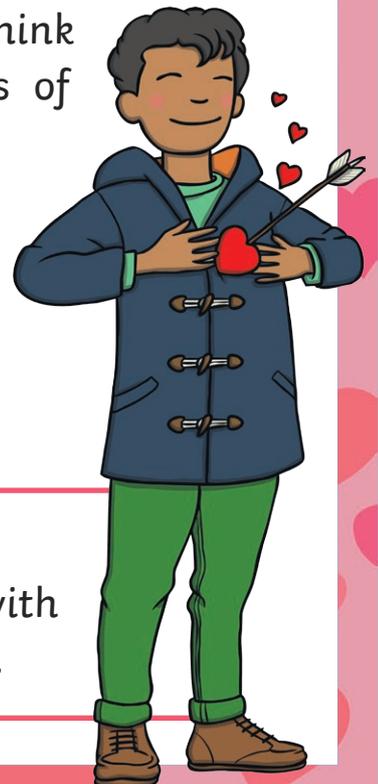
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## Who was Saint Valentine?

Valentine was a Roman priest. The Roman Emperor, Claudius, had forbidden people from getting married because he said that it was distracting the men from fighting in his army. Valentine thought that people should be able to get married if they wanted to. He secretly carried on marrying people, until he was sent to prison by the Emperor. Valentine was made a saint and people remember him every year on the 14th February, with a celebration about love.

## Cupid

Cupid is the son of the Roman goddess of love, Venus. The myths say that when Cupid shoots two people with his magic arrows, he can make them fall in love with each other.

## What do people do on Valentine's Day?

- People show their loved ones that they care, by taking them out for a treat.
- Sometimes they send a gift, such as flowers or chocolates.
- Sometimes they send a card, decorated with a Valentine's design.

## What are the symbols of Valentine's Day?

A symbol is something that makes you think about something else. Roses, hearts, doves and the colours red and pink are all associated with Valentine's Day.

## Shhh! It's a Secret!

Traditionally, people do not sign their cards on Valentine's Day. They leave it as a mystery!



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- **to give their loved one a surprise**
- **to be mysterious**
- **to be keep it a secret**

4. Complete this sentence.

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**Roses, hearts, doves and the colours red and pink are all associated with Valentine's Day.**

6. Why is it important to have a festival to celebrate love?

**Answers will vary.**

**Encourage children to express their own personal opinion.**