

'The Story of a French Stamp'

Take any French stamp and find out the following information:

- when the stamp was issued;
- why the stamp was issued;
- the name of the person, place, object or animal on the stamp;
- information about the person, place, object or animal;
- create an artistic A4 page which includes the above information.

Le jeu philatélique

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How to find out about a stamp

The best place to start is to look at the stamp with a magnifying glass. Sometimes the year of issue and other information is printed on the stamp.

Look up the stamp in a stamp catalogue (available online and in libraries). The catalogue will inform you of when and why the stamp was issued. The catalogue will also have the name of the person, place, object or animal on the stamp.

Research information using books or websites to find out more about the person, place, object or animal (always check the information is from a reliable source).

This stamp was issued in France and the dates 1087-1987 appear on the stamp. We can assume the stamp was issued in 1987 for a 900th anniversary. The picture is part of the Bayeux tapestry which tells the story of the Norman conquest of England in 1066 but this doesn't fit with the dates on the stamp. Guillaume le Conquérant is William the Conqueror and a quick online search states his death was in 1087. The stamp was issued for the 900th anniversary of the death of William the Conqueror.



Create a page using your stamp and information.

Example page

Give the page a title.

Le Hérisson d'Europe

Le hérisson d'Europe is the European hedgehog.



This stamp was issued in 2001 as part of an 'Animals of the Forest' set. The other stamps feature the roe deer (*le chevreuil*), stoat (*l'hermine*) and the red squirrel (*l'écureuil roux*).

Type or write the information.

Stick stamp in a suitable place on page. If possible use stamp hinge to attach.

Information:



Un bébé hérisson.

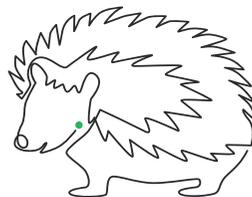


Le hérisson se roule en boule s'il est dérangé.

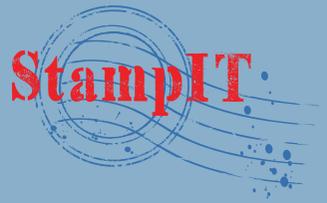
Add additional information and/or an activity.

Activity:

Try drawing a hedgehog with one continuous line. Start at the green dot and end at the red dot without lifting your pen from the paper.



By Simple Line



Your stamp page could be displayed at the Scottish Philatelic Congress and you could win a prize!

Teachers, please email good resolution jpegs of the stamp pages to Sandie Robb srobb@rzss.org.uk This competition will continue to run each year, therefore there is no time limit for entries. Entries will be entered as appropriate to the current year competition. Entries encouraged from all age groups.

Please provide parent/guardian permission for the entry, first name of child and school to be mentioned in ASPS and associated partner publications, website and Twitter. The entries will be displayed at the annual Scottish Philatelic Congress.

Teachers will be notified if there are winning entries from their school. Selected winners will receive various craft and stamp materials. An overall first prize will also receive a £20 gift voucher.

This is a fantastic activity which covers many curriculum objectives all starting with just one stamp!

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