



Hi Kids! In this issue learn about the origin of the great detective Sherlock Holmes, solve a little mystery, and learn a few fun facts about detective work. Included is a fun Valentine's Day craft that you can share with someone in your family. Read on, super sleuths!

~Sir Arthur Conan Doyle~

Sir Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on May 22, 1859 as the third of ten children. At the age of nine he was sent away to a boarding school in England. He enjoyed making up stories to amuse the other students during his time there. Later he went on to study medicine at the University of Edinburgh. Some of his acquaintances there included James Barrie (author of *Peter Pan*) and Robert Louis Stevenson (author of *Treasure Island*). One of Doyle's favorite teachers, Dr. Joseph Bell, taught him much about observing details and diagnosing problems. Later he was a ship surgeon on a whaling boat, then a medical officer onboard a steamer traveling to Africa, and then opened his own medical practice. He continued to write stories and mysteries using many of the details from his experiences. The character of **Sherlock Holmes** was created. After a serious illness, Doyle realized that he wanted to only focus on writing. In 1902 Conan Doyle was knighted by King Edward VII for serving as medical doctor in the Boer War. Using his experiences and keen observations from the Boer War, Doyle wrote many letters to the War Office suggesting improvements for the British soldiers during WWI. Most in the government found his suggestions strange or irritating with the exception of Winston Churchill who wrote him a thank you letter for his ideas. Always concerned about making sure that justice was done, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle worked with Scotland Yard on a couple of cases. On July 7, 1930 he passed away from a heart condition. Over his lifetime he authored many science fiction stories, plays, romances, poetry, non-fiction books, historical and humorous stories. He is best known for developing the field of crime fiction.



Statue of Sherlock Holmes in Edinburgh, Scotland near Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's birthplace

MIRROR, MIRROR

Hold this paper up to a mirror to read the answers to these jokes.

Can you write someone a message in mirror reflection?

What do you call a great dog detective?

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What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?

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What four letters frighten a thief?

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Why was the detective at the beach?

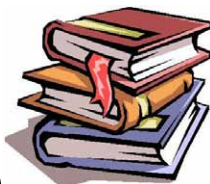
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Why did the policeman spend a lot of time in bed?

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Interesting Fact

Did you know that **Scotland Yard** is neither in Scotland or a yard? It refers to the Metropolitan Police Service of the British capital, London. The original headquarters was at 4 Whitehall Place, London which had a rear entrance on a street called Great Scotland Yard. The Metropolitan Police was formed in 1829 by Sir Robert Peel. One of its duties is to protect the Queen. Two nicknames for the British police are "bobbies" and "peelers" (named after Sir Robert Peel).



Book Nook

The Mysteries of Sherlock Holmes (Illustrated Junior Library)

by Arthur Conan Doyle
(ages 7-8)

Three of Sherlock Holmes mysteries (The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle, The Adventure of the Speckled Band, and The Red Headed League) are written in a way that young readers can enjoy.

The Extraordinary Cases of Sherlock Holmes (Puffin Classics)

by Arthur Conan Doyle
(ages 8+, 304 pages)

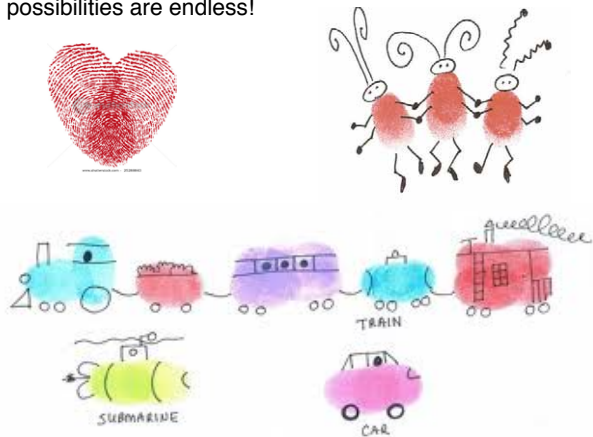
From the foggy streets of London to the countryside, Detective Holmes uses his keen powers of observation to take the young readers on an exciting journey as he solves eight mysteries in this book. Additional fun information about the characters and author is included at the end of the book.

Fingerprint Art

This quick and easy craft is "elementary, my dear Watson!"

Using craft ink or colored markers, stamp your fingerprints on paper. Draw details on each print with a black pen. Be creative! Try making flowers, bugs, animals, and people out of single prints or put several fingerprints together to create butterflies, caterpillars, grass, and fish.

The possibilities are endless!



Do you have art work that you would like to share? Send in a copy or photo of your artwork with name, age, and hometown to bittybulls@turnbullclan.com and we will publish it in the next issue.



Copy and cut out card on dark line, fold in half, and decorate with your own thumbprint art and give to someone you love for **Valentine's Day**

Did You Know?



No fingerprints are the same. Even identical twins do not have the same fingerprints. Police look for fingerprints at a crime scene in order to help them solve the mystery. Have you ever had your fingerprints taken? If you ever wander off or get lost, your parents can give a record of your fingerprints to the police to help them recognize and safely return you to your family.

Most fingerprints look like either a whorl, a loop, or an arch. Look at your fingerprints. Which one are you? What do your parents' prints look like?



Practice your detective skills:

1. Trace your hand on a piece of paper.
2. Label each finger as thumb, index, middle, ring, and pinkie.
3. Rub a pencil on another piece of paper until you have a black mark.
4. Rub your index finger in the pencil mark.
5. Press a piece of transparent tape over that finger and pull off.
6. Put the tape with the fingerprint onto the traced index finger.
7. Repeat with your other fingers.
8. Now you can study what type of fingerprints you have!

Happy Valentine's Day
to
Thumbody Special!



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