

## Our reading skills:


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Vocabulary we will need:



*st- short for saint, a holy person in heaven.*

*Christianity –a type of religion*

*Slave –a person is bought by another person to do jobs for them.*

Today we will be using these skills:

VOCABULARY

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PREDICT

RETRIEVAL

My turn ...

Together ...

Your turn ...

Happy  
Saint Patrick's  
Day



St. Patrick's Day

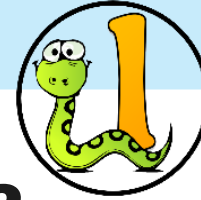
# Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland.

He is known for introducing Christianity to Ireland.



# Saint Patrick's Life



Why do you think he become a priest?

Saint Patrick was born in Wales in the 4th Century.

He was taken to Ireland as a slave when he was 16, but he escaped after 6 years.

He became a Christian priest. He returned to Ireland and converted many Irish people to Christianity.

Saint Patrick died on the 17<sup>th</sup> March, which is when St. Patrick's Day is celebrated every year.



What new words can you read?



What happened on the 17<sup>th</sup> March?

# St. Patrick's Day Traditions



St. Patrick's Day became an official holiday in Ireland in 1903.

There are lots of different traditions for celebrating Saint Patrick's Day.

Let's have a look at some traditions.



What is a tradition?



# Saint Patrick's Day Traditions



People wear green on St. Patrick's Day.  
Some people wear costumes or funny hats.



Some people go to church in the morning. In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day has primarily been a religious festival.



People take part in special parades.



Have you ever been in a parade?

# St. Patrick's Day Symbols

## The Shamrock



The shamrock is a St. Patrick's Day symbol because Saint Patrick used the shamrock to teach the concept of the Holy Trinity. The three leaves represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Three in one.

Shamrocks are also used to symbolise Ireland as a country.

The colour green is used to represent Ireland and Saint Patrick because of the shamrock.



# St. Patrick's Day Symbols

## Leprechauns



The leprechaun is a type of fairy usually taking the form of an old man who enjoys mischief.

Leprechauns are part of Irish mythology.

In stories, they make shoes and store away coins in pots of gold hidden at the end of rainbows.

They are Irish and people find them interesting so they therefore symbolise St. Patrick's Day worldwide.



Explain to your friend why people celebrate St Patrick's day?