

ST PATRICK'S DAY

1 Read the text

Saint Patrick is celebrated on March 17th in Ireland (= Eire) from Dublin to Cork. It is the Irish National Day. The symbol of Ireland is the shamrock. The Irish wear green and they march in parades, dance the Irish jig and sing Irish songs. A leprechaun is a little elf, he hides a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. If you catch a leprechaun, he will give you his gold.

2 Complete the grid

Country	Flag	Nationality	Capital	Patron Saint	Symbol	National Day	Traditional colour

3 Read the poem

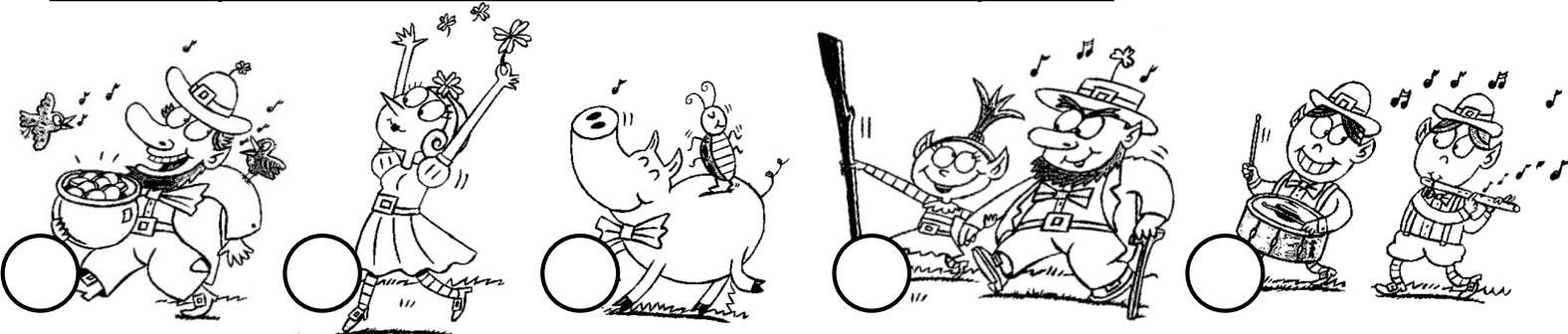
Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Top of the morning!
It's March the seventeenth.
The Leprechaun family
is wearing the green.
St Patrick's parade
is about to begin.
The wee ones are marching.
Come on - let's join in!
There goes Bedelia, leading the clan,
arm in arm with Granddaddy Dan.
She swings her shillelagh.

They walk and talk gaily,
moving as fast as they can.
Timothy Shaunessy,
handsome and bold,
marches along
with a big pot of gold.
And here comes Aunt Rose,
tap-tapping her toes.
With shamrock in hand,
she follows the band,
decked out in her very best clothes.

Tootle-dee-toot!
Rum-a-tum-tum!
Johnny and Jack play the fife
and the drum.
They kick up their heels
in a wild Irish jig.
Everyone's dancing...
even the pig!
Before we finish,
they have one thing to say,
"May the luck of the Irish
be with you today!"

4 Number the picture in the correct order and write the names of the Leprechauns



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5 Match the words with the pictures

Horseshoe - harp - Leprechaun - pot of gold - rainbow - Irish flag - pipe - shamrock - beer - hat

