

### Rabbits

The rabbit has soft white fur. It has long ears. It has a short tail. It has bunny teeth. It has whiskers. The burrow is its home.

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### A day at the museum

I went to the museum during my last school vacation. I went there with my father by bus. We bought the tickets and went in. We saw a description about the history of the museum. The museum was opened in 1877, by Sir William Henry Gregory.

First we saw the Tholuvila Buddha statue. There were a lot of other statues made in gold, silver and wood. Then we saw many items from the

Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Kandy eras.

When we went upstairs, we saw many masks. There were also many instruments that men had invented to make music. There were some old items that we can see in the kitchen. There was a skeleton of a blue whale found from the Ambalangoda area in 1894.

There were also old coins like 'Ranmassa' and

'Doithuwa.'

Afterwards we went to see the throne of King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe. We were very happy when we saw his crown, the golden cloak and some clothes that belonged to the queen. We also saw some old weapons.

I learnt a lot from going to the museum. It was an unforgettable and special day for me.

**Ravidu Dias**  
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Royal College

### Lovely vacation

Children love their vacation  
And would love to go around their nation.  
Play with their friends  
And hope the joy of holidays never ends.

Can play with girls and boys  
Make merry, fun and lots of noise.  
Forgetting Maths, English and Science  
Children can leisurely read The Funday Times.

This is all what is vacation  
And it is all my creation.

**Arushi Babbar**  
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International School

### My favourite animal at the zoo

My favourite animal at the zoo is the ostrich. There are three types of ostrich. They are the African black, blue and red ostrich. At our zoo the African species can be seen.

They are magnificent birds and are usually very tall. Sometimes the male bird grows up to nine feet. They are very heavy too.

Because of that, they can't fly but they can run very fast. They are friendly animals. We can see the ostrich has a small brain, that is smaller than it's eyes. That is a strange thing about the ostrich.

**Chamara Dissanayake**  
(8 years)  
Vidura College

### Flowers

Flowers are one of the most beautiful things that God has made. They come in many colours like, red, pink, yellow, blue, white, orange and purple. Some flowers like the sunflower and dahlia are big while, some like the phlox and morning glory are small. Most flowers have a sweet smell. I like the smell of roses and jasmines very much.

Flowers add colour and beauty to our lives. In the summer, gardens and parks are full of different coloured flowers. There are many flowers in my garden. I love to smell them and touch their soft petals. I never pluck them as I love flowers very much.

**V. R. Ragul**  
Wesley College

### My favourite cartoon

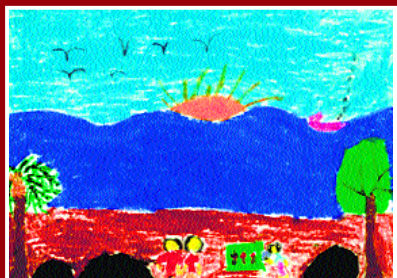
My favourite cartoon is 'Rainbow Fairies.' They live in a flower. They look like butterflies. They can fly in the sky.

Elina is my favourite character. Elina has a friend. Elina can dance very well. The rainbow fairies have lots of magic. I like the rainbow fairies very much.

**Sushmitha Sivanathan** (6 years)  
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### The sea



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### My garden



### Note

Please ensure that all articles, poems and pictures sent for publication are certified by a parent or teacher as your own original work. We have found that some articles and poems sent to us have been copied from the work published by others.

## Beautiful Sri Lanka

My country is Sri Lanka. It is an island surrounded by the Indian Ocean. It is known as the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean.' The Sinhalese are the majority race. Tamils, Muslims and Burghers also live here.

Sri Lanka is famous throughout the world as a tourist paradise. The botanical gardens at Peradeniya

and Haggala attract more and more tourists to Sri Lanka to see these beautiful places. The green mountains, winding rivers and spectacular waterfalls, give great beauty to our country. There are many ancient historical ruins, Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya and Anuradhapura are some of them.

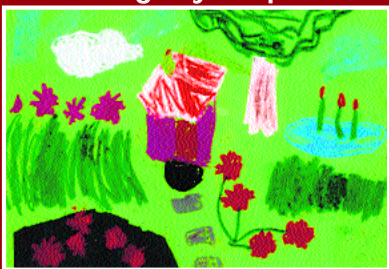
We have many wildlife parks such as Yala, Wilpattu and Kumana. We have tropical weather all around the year. The luxury hotels and sandy beaches in the southern coast of Sri Lanka attract tourists to spend their holidays by the sea. They enjoy swimming, diving and basking in the sun. Nuwara Eliya and Bandarawela

are very beautiful because lots of tea bushes are grown, so there is a lot of greenery there.

The people of our country are very hospitable. I love my country very much.

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Asian International School

Cottage by the pond



Acushla Mirihana (Grade 2)  
Methodist College

Fruit basket



Malithi Abayadeera (6 years)  
Visakha Vidyalyaya

Lotus flower



J. Vishnu (9 years)  
Royal College

Flowers



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## A Poem for the Week

Create your own little poem and send it in to us. This competition is open to age groups from 4 - 14 years. The poems will be judged according to the age of the competitor.

**Please remember that the poems you send should be your own original composition and not copied from anyone or anywhere.** Entries should be in your own handwriting and clearly certified as your own creation by a teacher or parent.

**Word limit: 100 words**  
**Please write 'A POEM FOR THE WEEK' at the top of your entry.**

**The winner will receive a book voucher for Rs. 500.**

## The graceful dance of nature

As I plundered through the forest's trees,  
I dreamed of a place to fulfill my dreams,  
But still I never found the place,  
The place of all my golden dreams.

But at once I stumbled on a rock,  
That opened the way to a beautiful scene.  
The scene of the beautiful dancing trees,  
Just following the music of the breeze.

The graceful dance oh of the trees,  
The floating and dancing of the greens,  
Forever and ever I'll remain,  
In the place of the golden dancing trees.

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