

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD 2026



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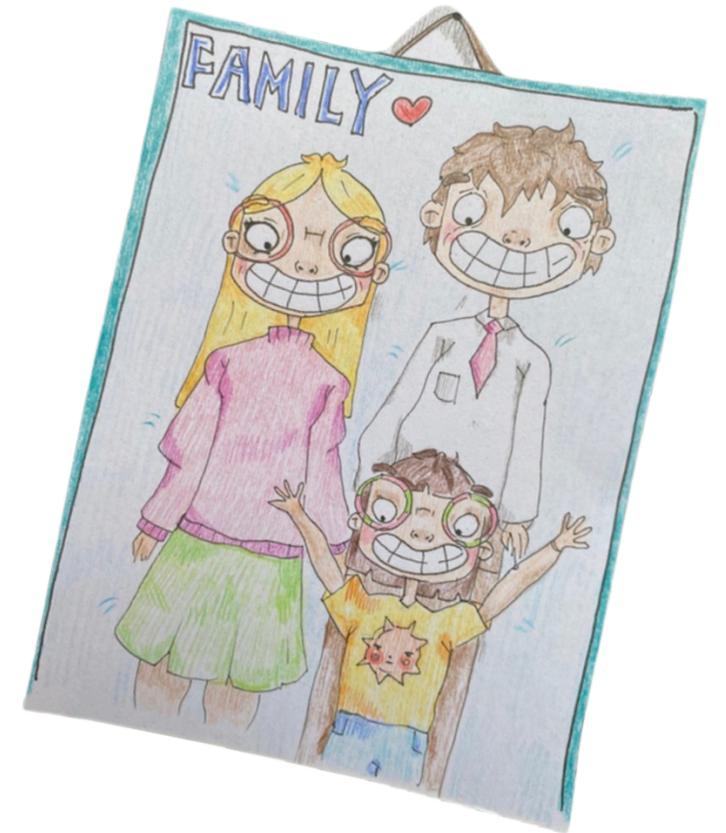
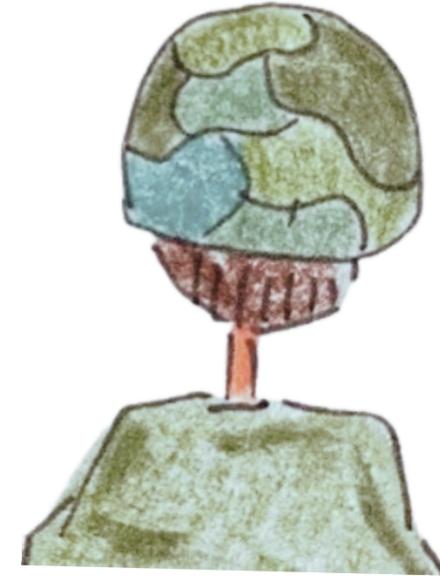
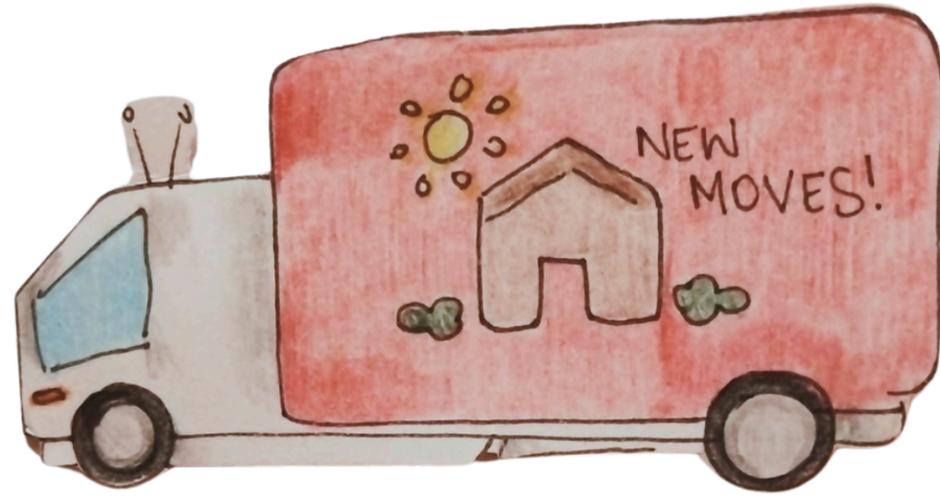
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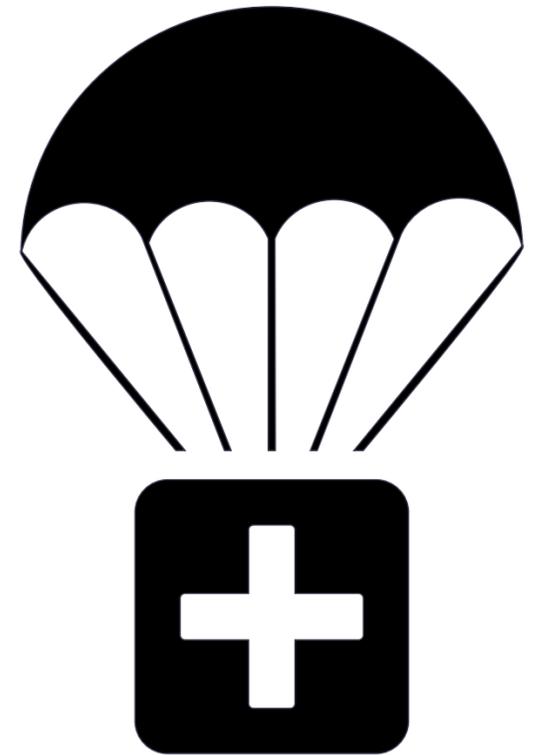
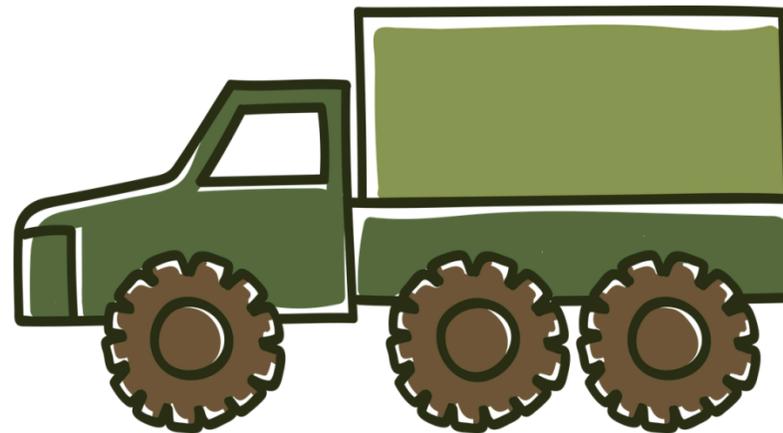
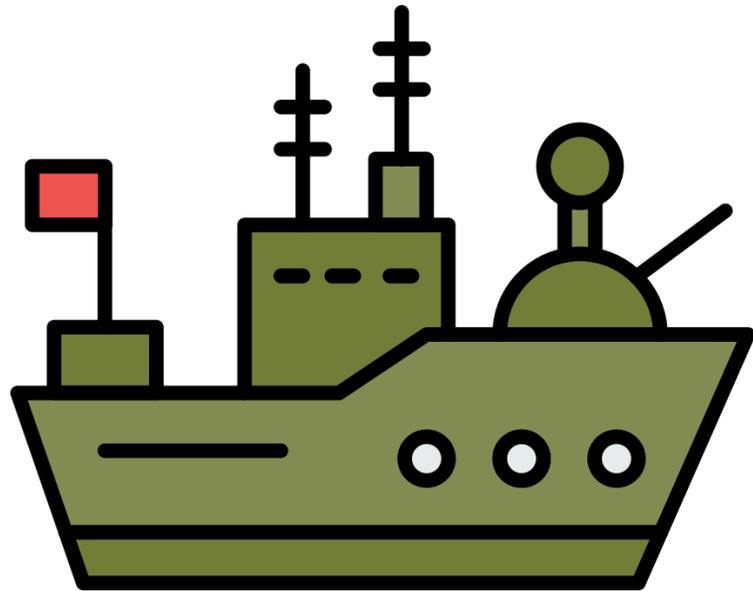
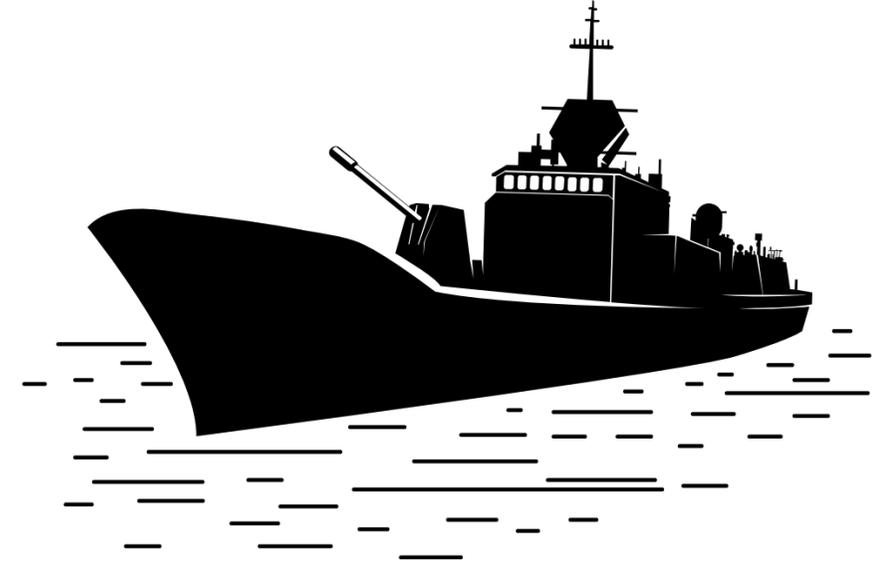


WHAT IS MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD?





**WHAT DO THE
ARMED FORCES
DO?**

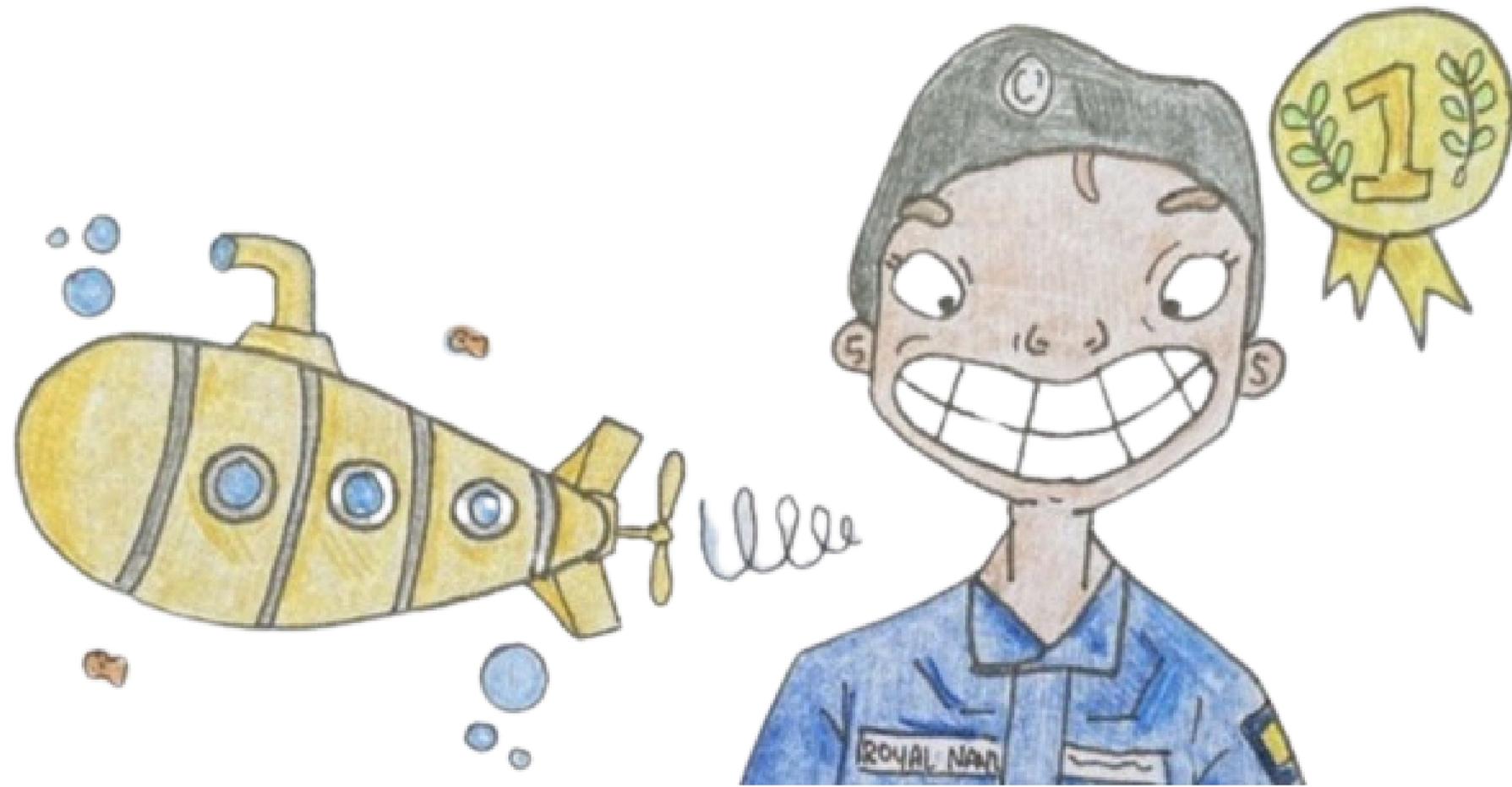




The Armed Forces are like our country's superhero team!
They work hard to keep the United Kingdom safe, and sometimes help to protect other places around the world too.

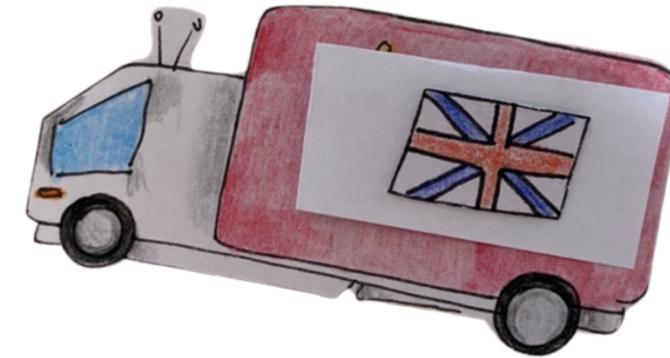


This special team has three different groups that work together. Do you know what they are called?



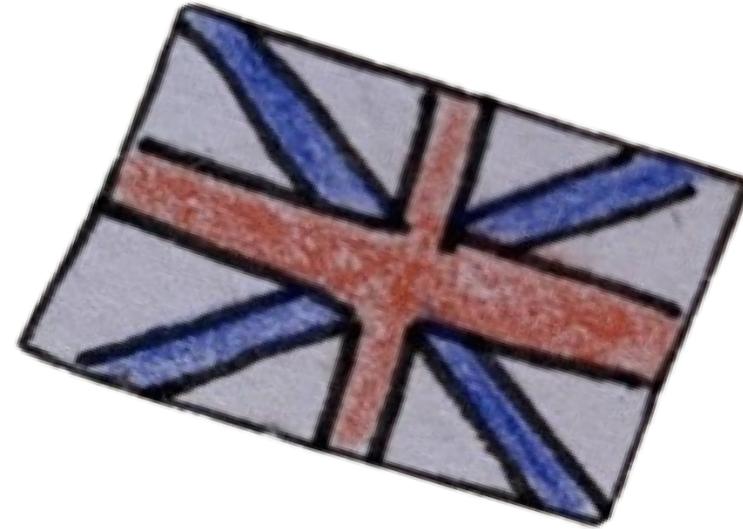
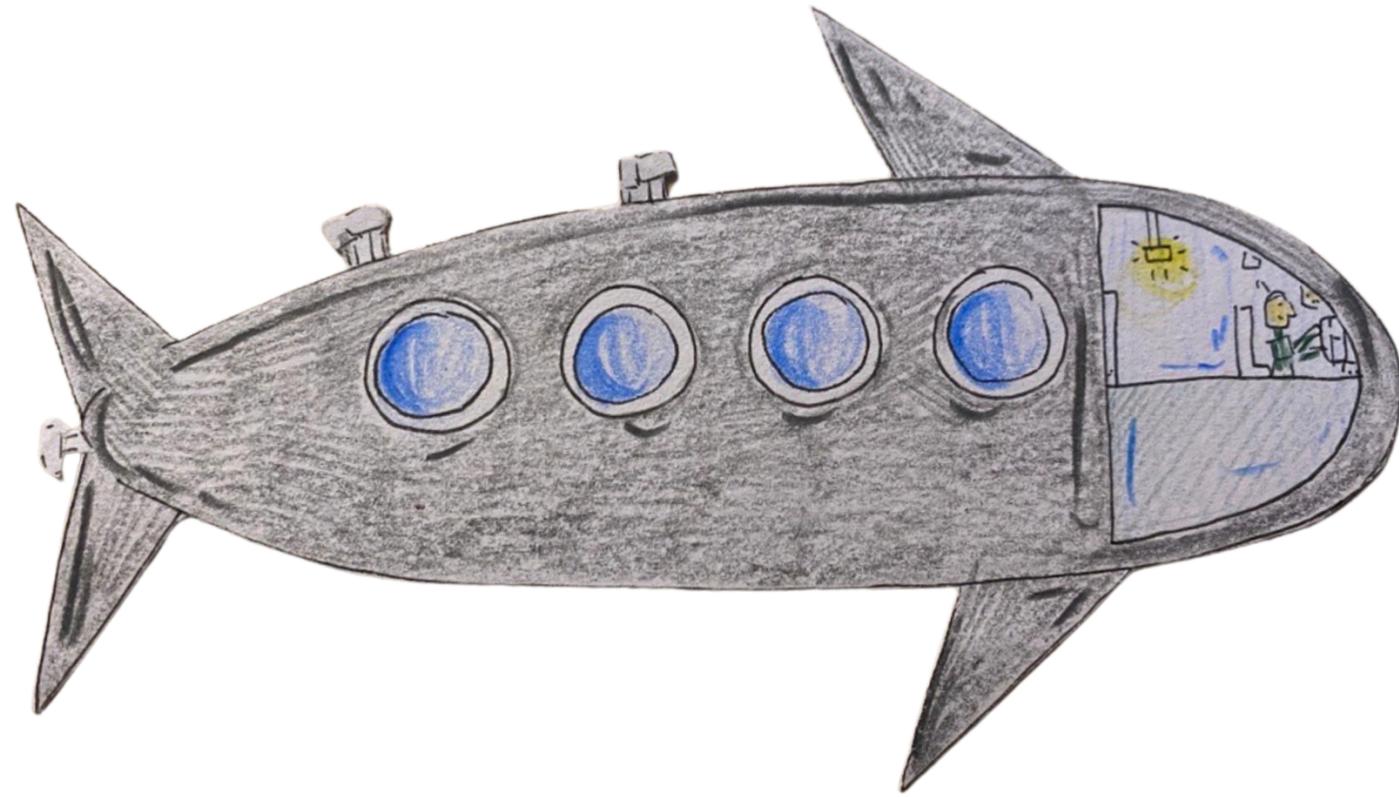
THE ROYAL NAVY

The Royal Navy keeps us safe at sea. When they're out on the water, they protect other ships, watch over our beaches and guard our busy ports. The Royal Navy is made up of sailors, submarine crew, engineers, medics and many other skilled people.



THE ARMY

The British Army keeps us safe on land. They protect our homes, cities and countryside using special vehicles, equipment and skills. They work hard to keep our country peaceful and make sure everyone is safe. The Army also deliver aid and food to places where natural disasters have caused damage.



THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

The Royal Air Force fly special aircraft. They protect and patrol British skies, help people during emergencies and disasters, and work together around the world to keep peace. They also do amazing air shows where they paint the sky with colorful smoke trails!

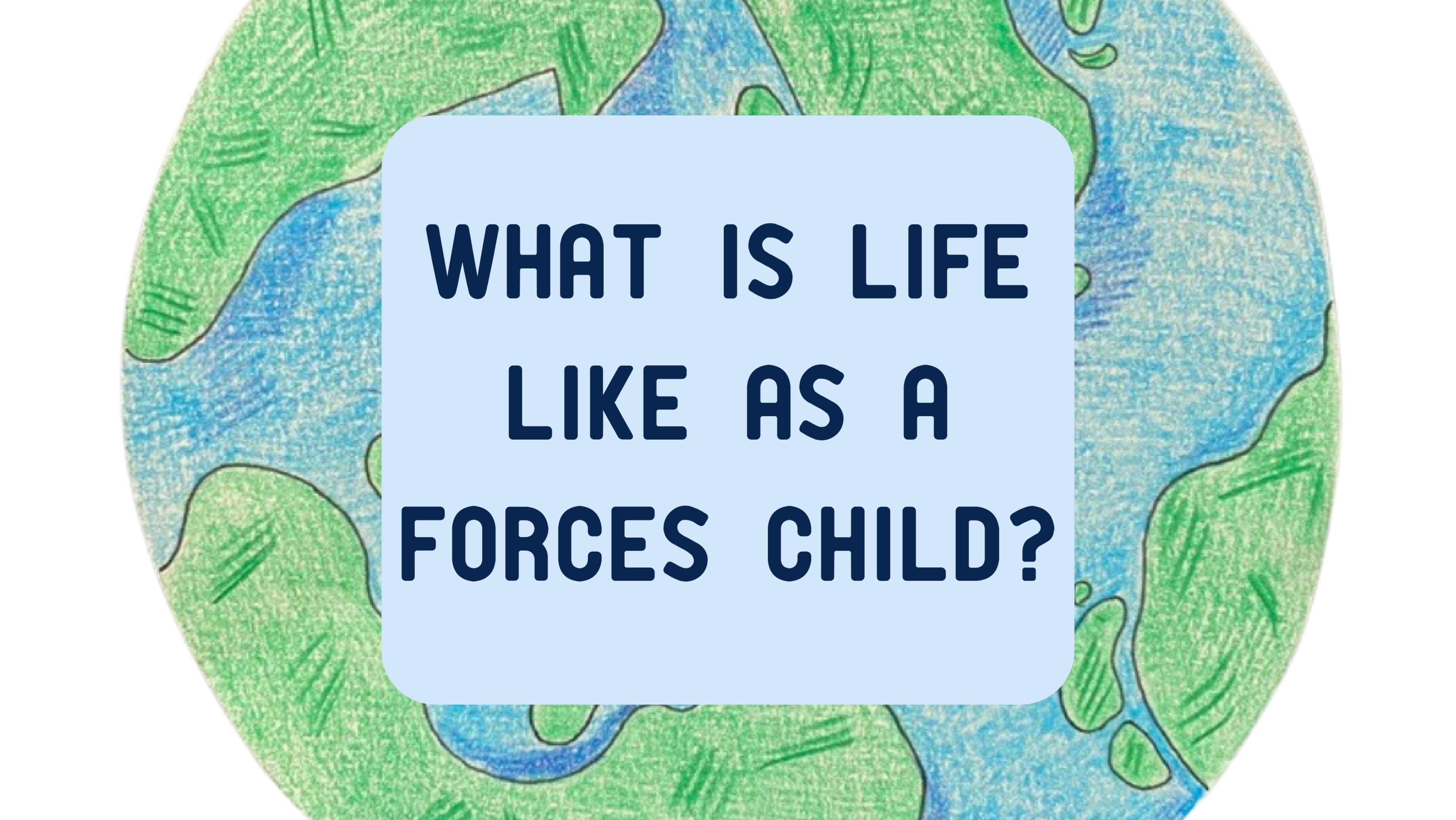


The Armed Forces help keep everyone safe, help during emergencies like floods or storms and protect our freedom. They're always there to lend a helping hand when anyone needs it, whether that's at home or anywhere else in the world!



Do you know anybody who serves in the Armed Forces?

Do you know anybody who has a mum or dad in the Armed Forces?



**WHAT IS LIFE
LIKE AS A
FORCES CHILD?**

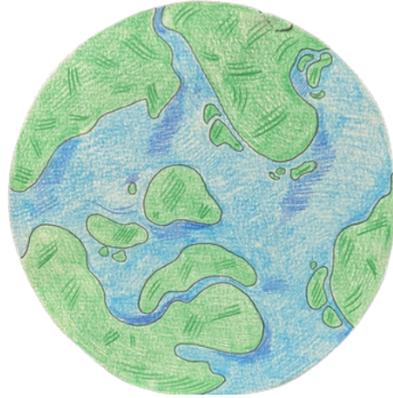


During Month of the Military Child, we celebrate the amazing children and young people from Armed Forces families who often show incredible strength, bravery and understanding whilst their parents serve our country. They may have to move house, make new friends and be separated from their parents.



What are some of the **positive experiences** of being a Forces child?

POSITIVE EXPERIENCES



TRAVELLING THE WORLD



MAKE NEW FRIENDS IN DIFFERENT PLACES



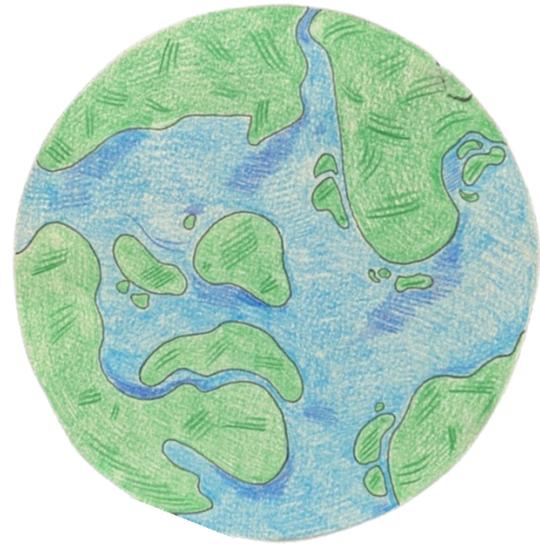
AWARE OF DIFFERENT CULTURES



PROUD OF THEIR SERVING PARENT



EXPERIENCE NEW THINGS



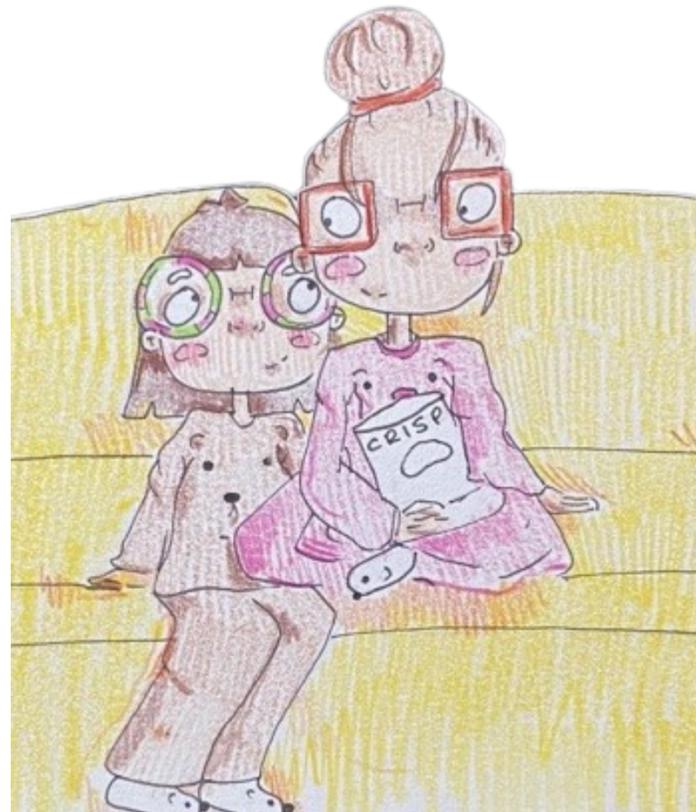
Forces children will often have to move with their family. For some this can be once every two years. For others, it can be shorter or longer. When they move, they learn about different places and cultures and get to be part of special events and activities.



Forces children can learn important life skills like being independent, making new friends and understanding how to help others.



Being a forces child can also be tricky! Always changing schools and communities means some children can tire of moving and may become sad about leaving friends behind.



Sometimes, Armed Forces parents might need to be away from home for a while to do their important work. This is called **deployment**. This could mean they're gone for a few weeks, or months. Some serving parents might also work away from home throughout the week and may only be able to come home at weekends.



Children from Armed Forces families might not be able to have regular bedtime stories or daily chats with their parents. It's a bit like when you go somewhere with no phone signal, but it can last much longer!



**STRENGTHS OF
ARMED FORCES
CHILDREN**

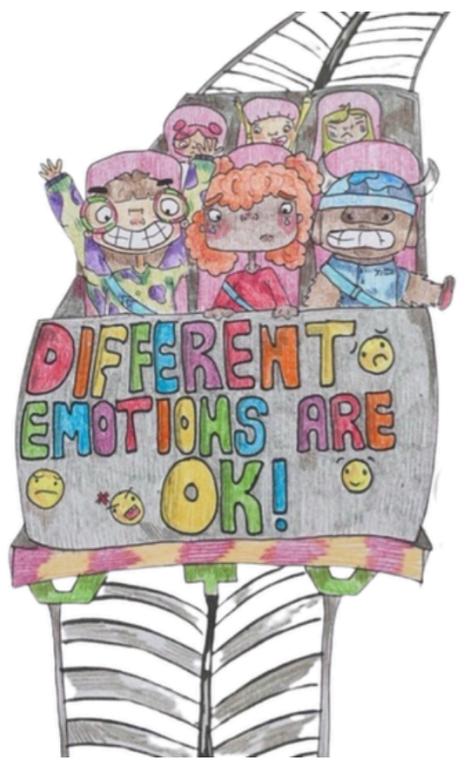
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FRIENDLY



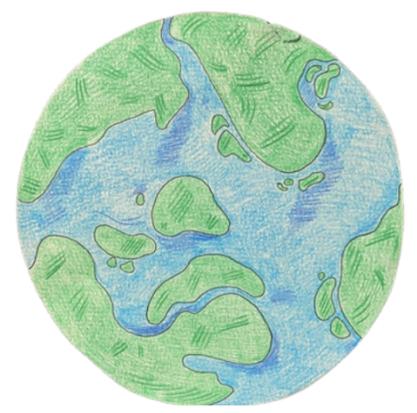
ENCOURAGING



BRAVE



ADVENTUROUS



ADAPTABLE



SUPPORTIVE



POSITIVE



[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH V=H50DH5WJETS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H50DH5WJETS)

WHAT STRENGTHS DO I HAVE?



Everyone is special and different. Some people are adventurous, creative, or helpful - and some are all of these things. These are called our strengths, and they're like superpowers that can change and grow.



Did you know that strengths can be spread from one person to another?

When we notice someone else demonstrating a strength, we can be inspired to try it out!

This way we learn how to bring more of this strength into our own lives.



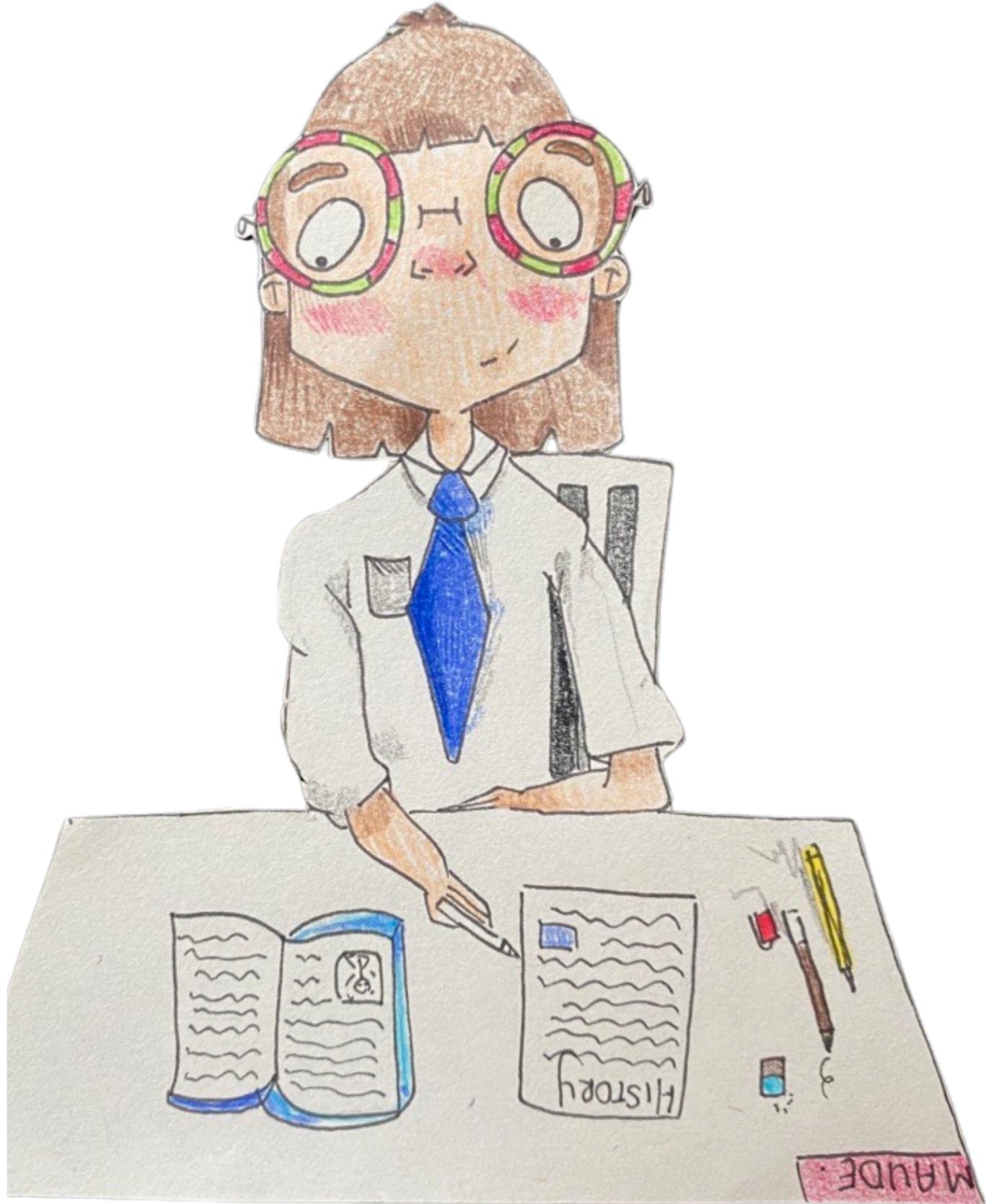
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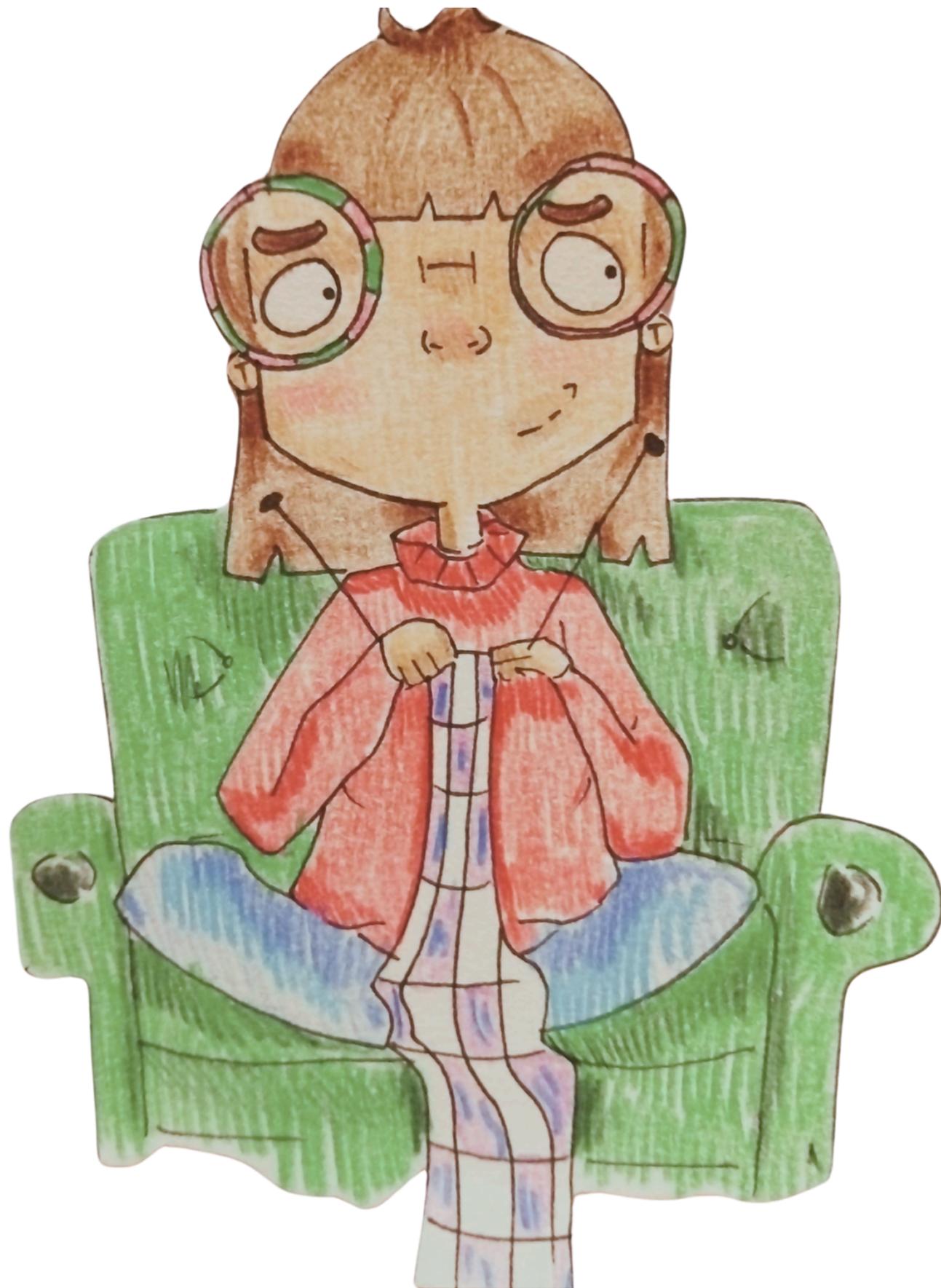
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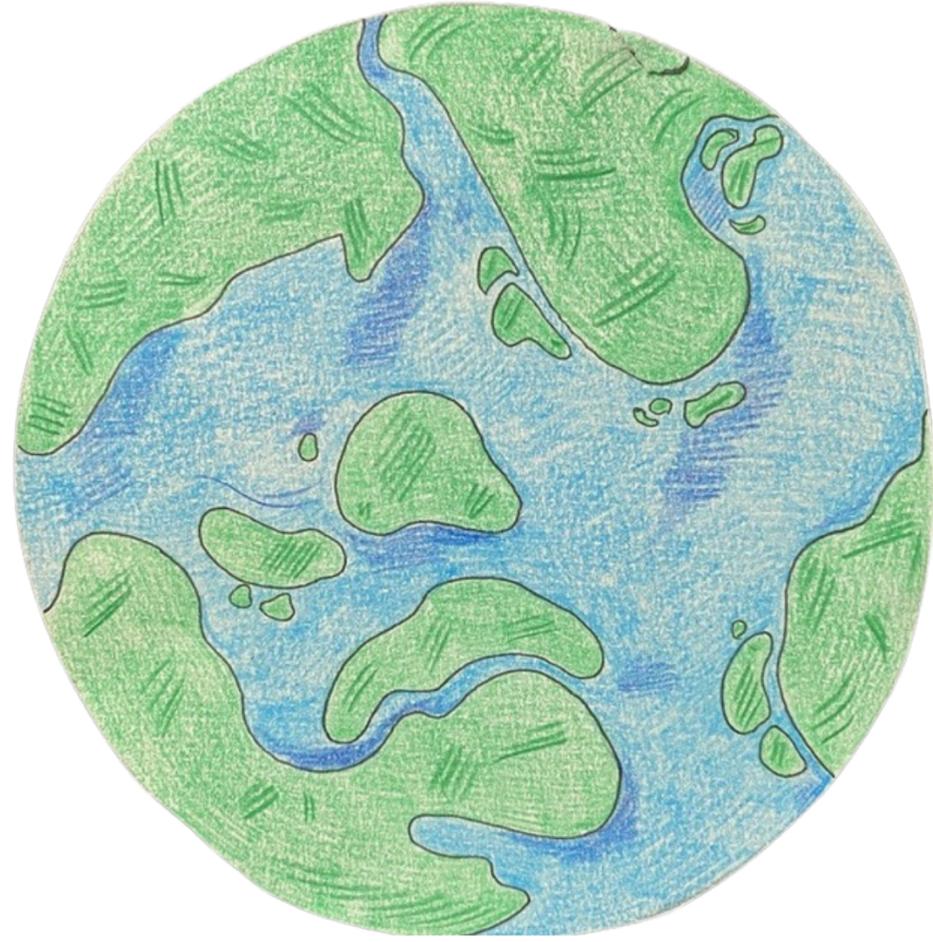
I AM RELIABLE



**I AM EASY TO
GET ON WITH**



**I TRY NEW
THINGS**



I AM ADAPTABLE





**I CAN START
AGAIN**



I DON'T GIVE UP



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**I AM A GOOD
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THANK YOU!

For more resources, please visit:
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**Supporting babies, children and young
people from Armed Forces families**