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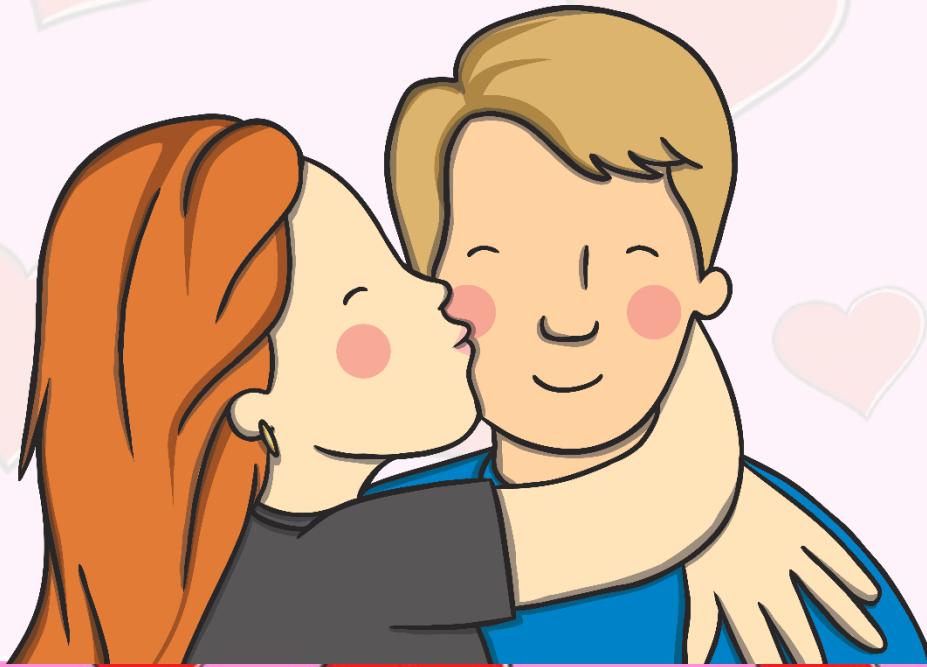
# Valentine's Day



# St. Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup> February.

It's a day when people show their love to another person by sending presents and messages of love.



# Who Was Saint Valentine?

No one really knows who St. Valentine was. There are lots of stories surrounding Valentine, how he became a saint and why we celebrate St. Valentine's Day on February 14th.

We don't know if they are true... but they are good stories so **let's find out some more.**



# Who Was Saint Valentine?

The most popular story says that Valentine was a priest nearly two thousand years ago, during the time of the Romans.

At the time, Rome was ruled by an emperor called Claudius.



# Who Was Saint Valentine?



Claudius was angry because there weren't enough Roman men becoming soldiers, as nobody wanted to leave their wives and children to fight for him.

To stop this, he wouldn't allow any men to get married. This way, they had no families or wives to use as an excuse for not joining the army.

# Who Was Saint Valentine?

Valentine was a priest (a leader in a Christian church). He helped the men by marrying them to their partners in secret.

But Claudius soon found out about Valentine and ordered for him to be arrested and put in prison.



# Who Was Saint Valentine?

Whilst in jail, Valentine became a teacher to his jailer's blind daughter, Julia. It is said that Valentine and Julia became great friends and that Valentine cured Julia's blindness with a miracle!



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On the day that Valentine died he wrote Julia a goodbye letter and signed it from 'Your Valentine'.

The story says that Valentine died on February 14th.

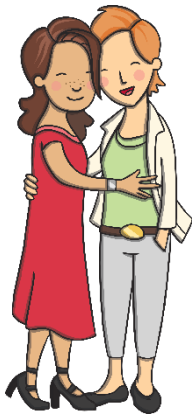


# How Did Valentine's Day Start?

It is thought that Valentine's Day came from a Roman festival called Lupercalia. This festival was held in the middle of February, which was the start of the Romans' springtime.

As part of this festival, boys drew girls' names from out of a box and they were girlfriend and boyfriend for the festival.

Some even went on to get married!



When Christianity became more popular, Christians wanted to have a celebration like this to remember Saint Valentine and that's how Saint Valentine's Day began!

# How Do We Celebrate Valentine's Day?




During Valentine's Day, people show others that they care by sending them gifts and cards. People may take their loved ones out for special treats like meals or to the cinema.



People give each other chocolates on Valentine's Day.



A vibrant pink background is decorated with scattered red hearts of various sizes, some with white outlines. In the center, a large, detailed photograph of a bouquet of red roses is framed by a white border with rounded corners. A light purple heart shape is overlaid on the top-left corner of the rose image, containing the text.

People give each other roses on Valentine's day.

People give each other cards on Valentine's Day.

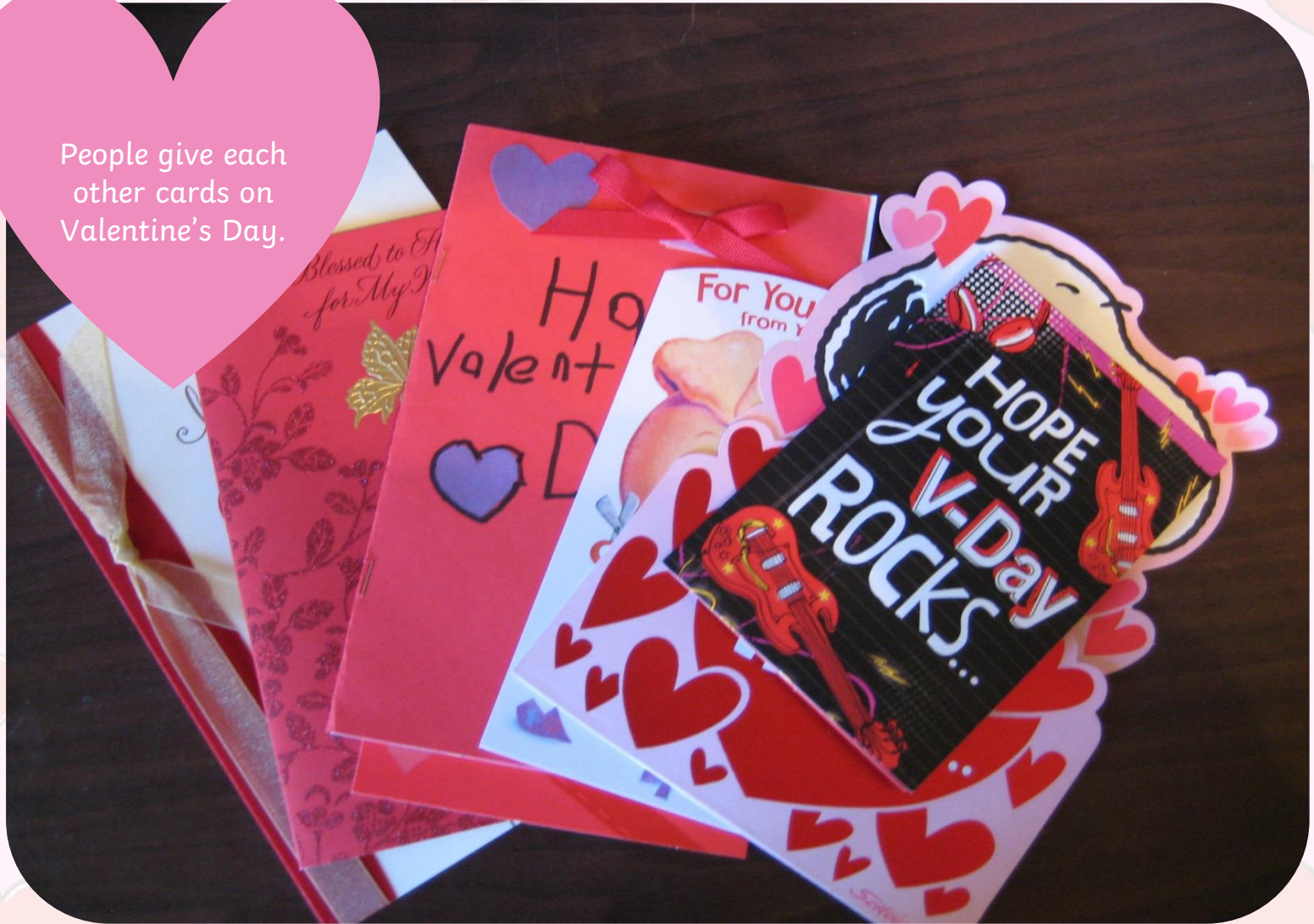
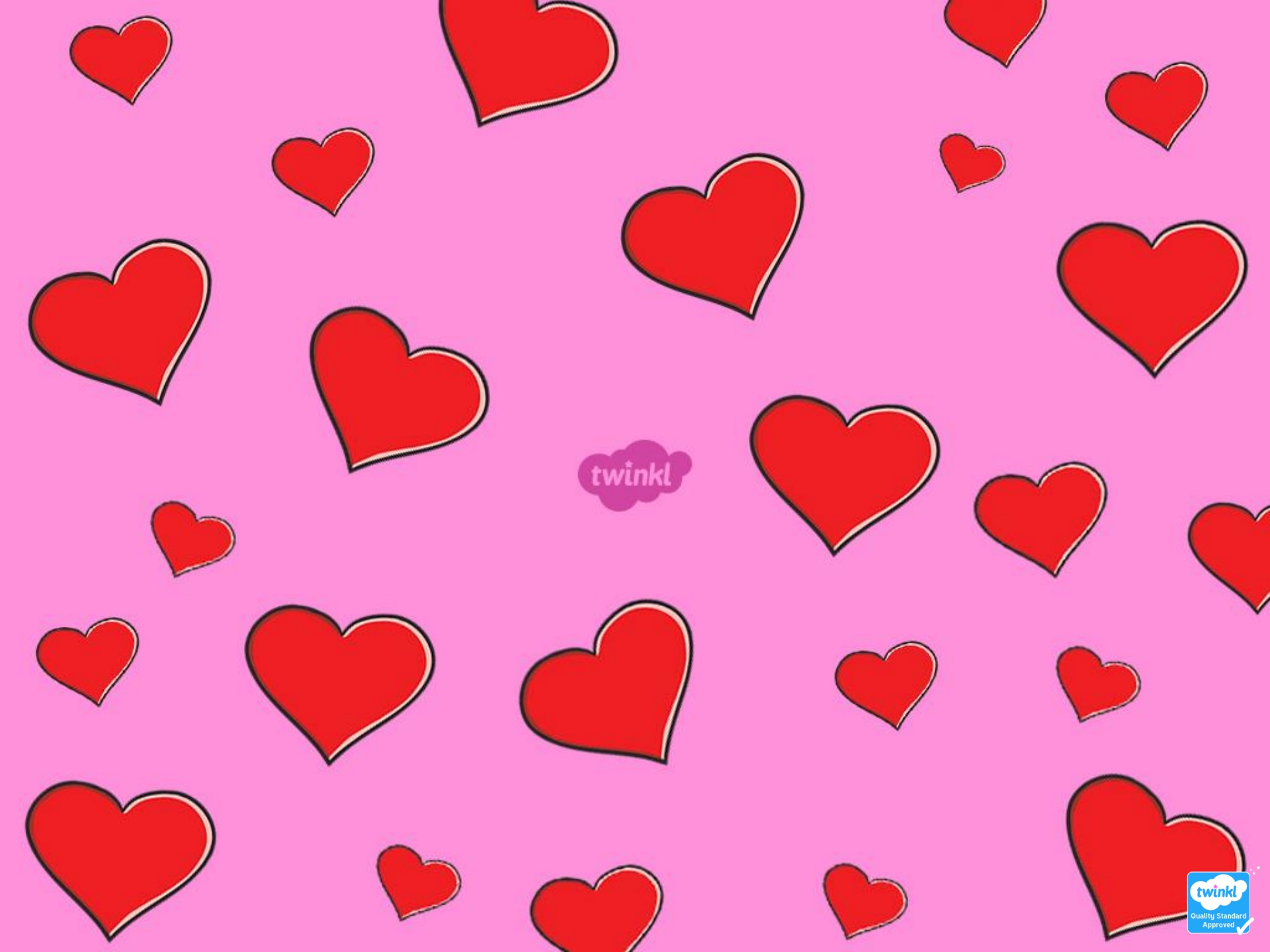


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