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FLORAL FACTS

- The name Aster comes from the Greek word 'star'. It certainly shines bright during Autumn with its colorful petals and has a star shape.
- They are also known as starworts, frost flowers and Michaelmas daisies. However in spite of their 'daisy-like' look, they are in fact a member of the sunflower family.
- They come in an array of colours, but the most common are purple, lilac, pink and white.
- Aster is the flower associated with a 20th wedding anniversary.
- Aster flowers symbolize powerful love, elegance, patience and remembrance.



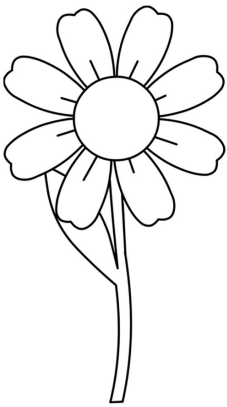
FUNNY ASTER BELIEFS & LEGENDS

- Asters are supposedly able to notice weather changes. Closed petals are supposed to be a sign of imminent rain.
- Ancient legends suggested that people believed that magical fairies slept under aster petals after they closed at sunset.
- Greek mythology suggests that the Goddess Virgo may be responsible for the aster's existence. She felt terribly sad at the lack of stars in the sky. As she cried her tears touched different places on earth and on every spot where a tear fell, asters sprouted from the ground. In ancient Greece the plant was regarded as an "enchanted flower" and used to pay tribute to the gods.



THE 'BECAUSE I LOVE YOU' ASTER FLOWER CRAFT

Decorate your special Aster and gift it to someone you love; it could be for a friend, your Mummy, your Grandparents, your teacher, your neighbour. On each petal write a compliment or a quality. If you cannot yet write, you can ask an adult to help. You can also use paint, pens, glitter or stickers to decorate your flower!



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