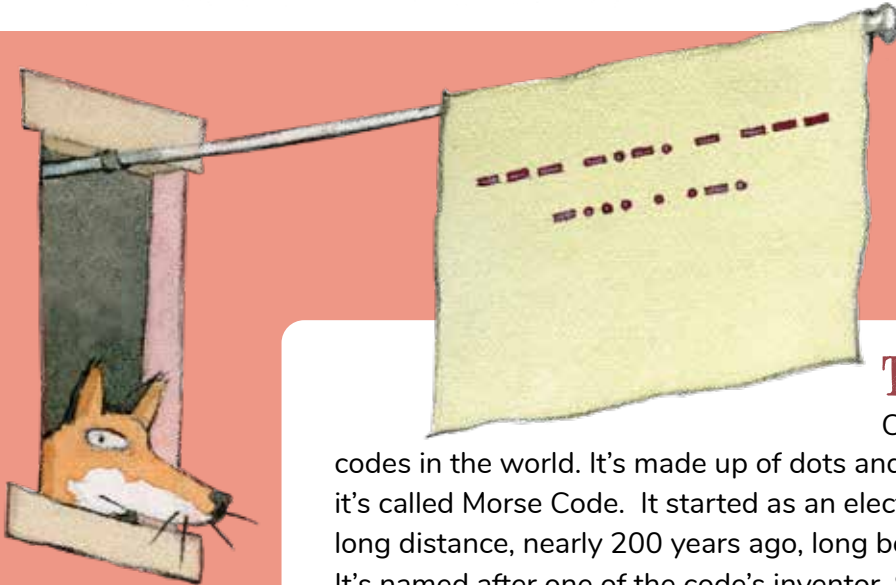


URSULA's Writing Ideas



This month's code on the Laureate Calendar is one of the most famous codes in the world. It's made up of dots and dashes. I bet you've heard of it – it's called Morse Code. It started as an electrical way of sending a message a long distance, nearly 200 years ago, long before the invention of the internet! It's named after one of the code's inventor, Samuel Morse, who was also a famous portrait painter.

Before Morse Code was invented, important messages, especially in wartime, would have to be written down on paper and carried on horseback, perhaps for thousands of miles. That would take a long time (and a lot of different horses!) Now Morse Code is not used very much, because there are so many other ways to send messages quickly.

But it is still fun to use it for secret messages. In Morse Code, each of the letters of the alphabet is represented by a different combination of dots and dashes. You can use anything to make the sounds of the dots and dashes – your voice, sticks or stones, or even drums or other musical instruments.

Or you can write it down on the page. --. --- You could even write a whole story in Morse Code!

A	● —	U	● ● ● —
B	— ● ● ●	V	● ● ● —
C	— ● ● — ●	W	● — ● —
D	— ● ●	X	— ● ● —
E	●	Y	— ● — —
F	● ● — ●	Z	— — ● ●
G	— — ●		
H	● ● ● ●		
I	● ●		
J	● — — —		
K	— ● —	1	● — — — —
L	— ● ● ●	2	● ● — — —
M	— —	3	● ● ● — —
N	— ●	4	● ● ● ● —
O	— — —	5	● ● ● ● ●
P	● — — ●	6	— ● ● ● ●
Q	— — ● ●	7	— — ● ● ●
R	● — ● ●	8	— — — ● ●
S	● ● ●	9	— — — — ●
T	—	0	— — — — —



Must dash
(or do I mean dot?)

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