

Fun with Stamps – 19

Getting Stuck into it!

Stamp collecting is a great hobby to get stuck into. It is sometimes referred to as the 'hobby of kings and the king of hobbies'!

Stamp collectors often specialise in their collecting. They may collect stamps on a particular theme, such as stamps that feature animals or stamps that carry pictures of aircraft.

Other collectors may choose to collect stamps of a particular country, perhaps one where they have friends or relatives living.

One way to find out more about stamps is by organising your own stamp club. To do this you need to:



Decide

- what the club can do
- who can join
- how to join
- any rules for the club
- a name for the club, for example, 'The Stamped Out Club'

Talk About

- who will be the person in charge?
- how often will you meet?
- when will meetings take place?
- how will the meetings be organised?
- which rooms are available?
- when is the best time to hold meetings?
- do you need to get permission for any of these things?

Organise

Think about a purpose for your meeting, for example:

- swapping stamps
- looking at new stamp issues
- explaining how to display stamps

Arrange

activities for the club, for example

- an excursion to the post office, a local stamp dealer or a hobby shop
- a visit from a stamp dealer, adult stamp collector, or the manager of your local post office

Write

- to 'pen pals' in other countries. You may even find a stamp club in another country that you could write to!

Enjoy!