

MARTIAN MELONS

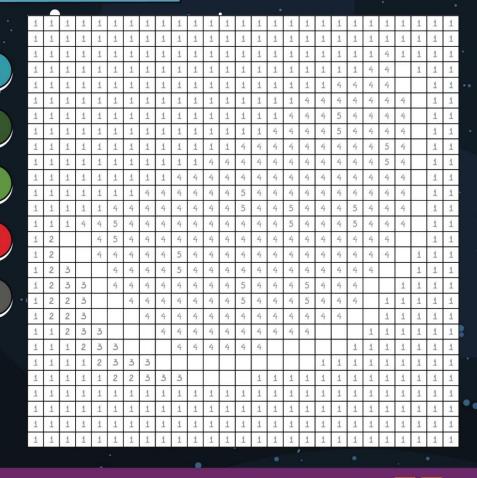
Mars is the fourth planet from the sun and it gets its name from a mythological figure the Roman god of war. Mars is sometimes called the Red Planet because of the brownish-red color of its surface. Of all the planets in our solar system (besides Earth), Mars is one of the planets most likely to support life. New space missions are planned for the next decade to increase our understanding of Mars. The science and technology developed through Mars exploration may someday allow humans to visit the Red Planet.

COLOR BY NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

Watermelon has a smooth hard rind, usually green with dark green stripes or yellow spots. It also has a juicy, sweet inside that is deep red to pink, but sometimes orange, yellow, or white. The first recorded watermelon harvest occurred nearly 5,000 years ago in Egypt and watermelons are now grown in 96 countries worldwide.

Watermelons are mostly water — about 92% — and are a very good source of vitamin A and vitamin C. Vitamin C supports maintenance of collagen, protects against infection and helps in iron absorption. Watermelons also contain a high level of lycopene, which helps to protect against heart disease and cancer.



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