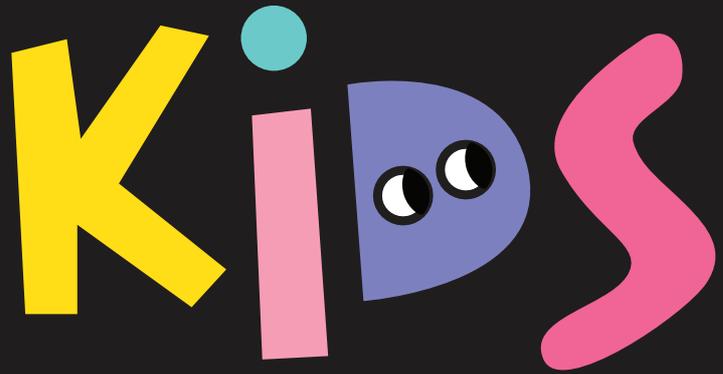


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[instagram.com/yma_ge](https://www.instagram.com/yma_ge)

Amy Ge is an illustrator and graphic designer who draws a lot of fish in her spare time.

For 4A KIDS, Amy shares how you can use stencils to make a marine-themed scene.



alanahunt.net/

Alana Hunt lives on Miriwoong country in the north-west of Australia and has spent lots of time in South Asia, and more specifically Kashmir. These places shape her artworks and relationships.

For 4A Kids, Alana wants you to make your own special find-a-word.



louisezhang.com

Louise Zhang is a Chinese-Australian artist who makes paintings, sculptures and more. Based in Sydney, Louise is interested in movies, Chinese mythology, animals and plants – and gross stuff.

For 4A Kids, Louise has drawn a very special koi colouring-in page – with hidden symbols to find....

leystevens.com

Leyla Stevens is an Australian-Balinese artist and researcher who makes artworks with moving images and photos.

For 4A Kids, Leyla is sharing the language of Semaphore with you!



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Learning about Chinese signs & symbols with Louise Zhang

As a Chinese-Australian artist, I am always learning about new things to do with my Chinese culture. I am lucky that Chinese culture has a lot of beautiful symbols and signs such as flowers, fish, vegetables, fruit, knots and even dragons! These are known as “auspicious” signs which means they are signs that bring luck and joy.

My favourite auspicious flower is the Chrysanthemum (it’s a long and hard word to say!). I love it because of how it blossoms, big and full. It also comes in lots of different shapes and sizes. I think they look like nature’s pompoms! Chrysanthemums represent long life because some Chrysanthemum flowers can be turned into a delicious and fragrant yellow healthy tea.

My favourite auspicious animal is the “Chinese Carp” fish or sometimes known as the “Koi” fish. Carps are very special in my culture. They represent strength and belief in yourself and your dreams. The scales come in different shapes, patterns and colours. Sometimes they are even reflective and shine! They are said to look like dragons because of their beautiful scales. So sometimes they represent power and good luck too!

My favourite place to see the carps is at the Chinese Garden of Friendship in Darling Harbour in Sydney. They swim in groups and always look like they are having the best fun. You can also feed them there which is awesome! They sure love food ...maybe even more than I do.



“Flower” in
Mandarin Chinese
is “花” or,
“Hua”

Try saying it and show off to
your friends & family!



Spot the flowers and fish

with Louise Zhang

As I learn more about my culture and “auspicious” signs, I have become inspired to put them in my artworks. I love my culture and how much beautiful nature is a part of it. I hope you also can appreciate nature with me too. Let’s celebrate nature together through some colouring! I’ve created a colouring page just for you to colour.

Can you spot any Chinese signs and symbols?

Thanks for learning with me + 4A KIDS!
Louise Zhang



On the next pages, you can colour a 4A Kids special drawing Louise Zhang has created!

But first – can you name the bits below?

2.



3.



1.



I reckon these are:

1.

2.

3.

Spot the flowers and fish

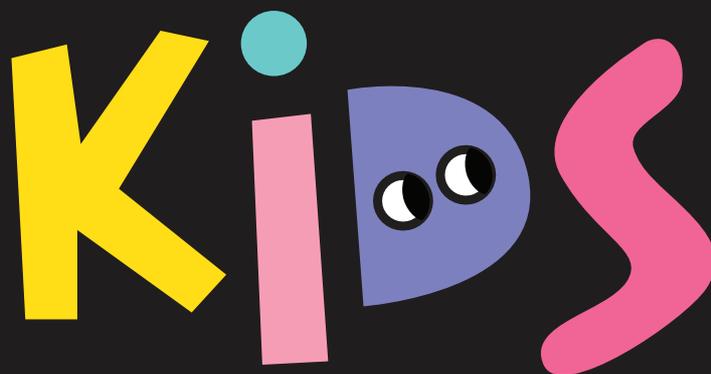
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Let's
colour!



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