

TITLE: A Christmas carol

AUTHOR: Charles Dickens

INTEREST AGE: 9-13 Years

BOOKBAND: Dark Red and Black (G+T)

OUR REVIEW: Established classic. A nice edition if you need to replace.

ENGLISH

- Can you find out more about the author, Charles Dickens, and use the information to write his biography?
- Can you think of reasons why Scrooge hates Christmas?
- If you have the chance to interview Ebenezer Scrooge, what would you say to him?
- Make a list of words that are used to describe Scrooge in the book. How would you describe him at the end of the book?
- Carry out a role play activity in which different people try to persuade Scrooge to celebrate Christmas and spend time with his friends and family.
- Can you turn part of the story into a playscript and perform it to an audience?
- Read the story and pause at different points. Can you imagine what Scrooge might be thinking / feeling at those points? How might those feelings change as the story continues?
- Make a list of all of the characters in the story. How do they feel about Scrooge?
- Make a list of words and phrases that are used to describe each ghost.
- This story has been retold in lots of different ways. Could you write a new version of it?
- Could you create a version of the story that is suitable for younger children?

COMPUTING

Use art software to create illustrations of scenes within the book or the characters that appear.

Could you use digital cameras to create still images of some of the scenes in the book?

MUSIC

- Compose a tune that could accompany a new animated version of the story.
- Watch some of the videos above and think of ways of describing the music that is used. What instruments can you hear?

HISTORY

- When is the story set? How are things similar / different to today?
- Read the story and identify any references that show what life was like in the nineteenth century.
- Make a timeline of Scrooge's life, using the information about him in the story.

PSHE

- Does the story have a moral? Is it trying to teach us something? Discuss this with a partner.
- The Ghost of Christmas Present tells Scrooge to beware of Ignorance and Want. What does this mean?

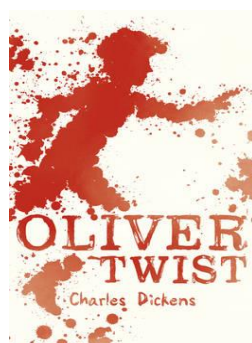
ART

- Make a storyboard showing the main events of the story.
- Create some illustrations of each of the spirits that visit Scrooge.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

- Can you make some stick puppets of the characters and use them to perform the story (or part of it)?

Other books by Charles Dickens include...



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