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CULTURE VULTURES

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The theme of this Culture Vulture Project is Christmas.

This project is important because it gives you the opportunity to…

- Learn about an important celebration in the UK and around the world.
- Explore values such as **kindness, generosity, and community**.
- Develop skills including **research, creativity, teamwork, and presentation**.
- Understand and respect different cultures and traditions.
- Make links across subjects.

Christmas projects help us learn about the world around us while developing valuable life skills. 🎄✨

Where you see this Read Around symbol – it takes you to a link where you can read more about the topic:

Culture Vultures

- Students are invited to participate in some Christmas themed creative homework tasks.
- We expect every student in Y7-Y9 to complete at least one option, **but they can do more!**
- Form tutors will explain the available options and the homework.
- Deadline for handing in projects is **Monday 14th December**. All students will be invited outside of the dining hall to display their work and collect a chocolate for their efforts.
- All work will be exhibited, and every student will be rewarded with points for their participation.
- ***Students will continue to get their usual homework in each subject.***

Why do we do Culture Vulture homework?

- It is a great opportunity to learn about topical issues whilst using a range of literacy skills.

- We hope it will encourage students to do their own research and read around a topic that is beyond the school curriculum.

- It is an opportunity to get creative and have a more practical option for homework.

How to take part

- Form tutors will explain what the tasks are and it will also be shown on EASI, TEAMS, POD social media and sent via an email to yourselves and parents and carers.

- There will be a deadline to bring in the work which we will exhibit – **Monday 14th December 2026.**

- You can choose which task you would like to complete. You must do at least one but can choose to do more!

- Form tutors will award a **culture vulture house point** to every student who hands in a project.

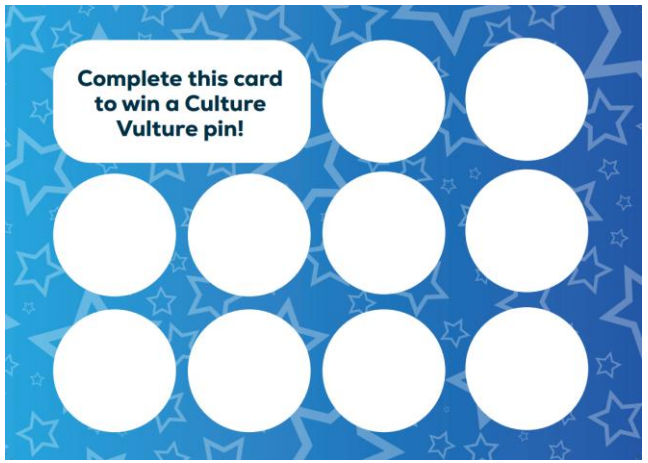
- There will be additional prizes and rewards for exceptional pieces of work.

How do you hand in the work?

- Instructions for individual tasks are on each slide.
- You must bring your work in on **Monday 14th December.**
- You must clearly label your work with your name and form group.
- You will be invited outside of the dining hall to display your work.

New Culture Vultures Loyalty Card!





This term we will be launching our Culture Vultures Loyalty Cards!

Collect a signature from your form tutor for each project you complete. The more projects you complete the more rewards you gain.

Each student will be given a card and when you submit your projects you will be rewarded with a stamp.

Don't forget to keep your card safe so you don't lose it! (You might want to keep it in your pencil case or homework folder)

Task 1

Origami Christmas Bauble

- **Create an origami Christmas bauble.**

- You could make this the colour of your house to be hung on the house Christmas tree.
- You can find an example here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=savCkxzGHvo
- There are lots more tutorials available online.









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Task 2

Christmas Coordinates

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- **Complete the Christmas coordinates.**
- You can download the task here: Christmas Coordinates.pdf
- An example is shown of a finished piece, however this is different to the one you will complete!



https://www.transum.org/Maths/Activity/Coordinates/Picture.asp

Task 3

Natural Christmas Decorations

- **Collect natural materials to create a Christmas decoration.**
- You could use fallen leaves, acorns, twigs.
- You could create tree ornaments, table centre pieces, wreaths.







https://ie.pinterest.com/amyg76/natural-christmas-decorations/

Task 4

3D Christmas Card for the local care home

- **Create a 3D Christmas card.**

- Can you design a 3D Christmas card. Consider different textures that you could use to add effect.







https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PfFH3TEIY0

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Task 5

A Christmas Carol Comic Strip

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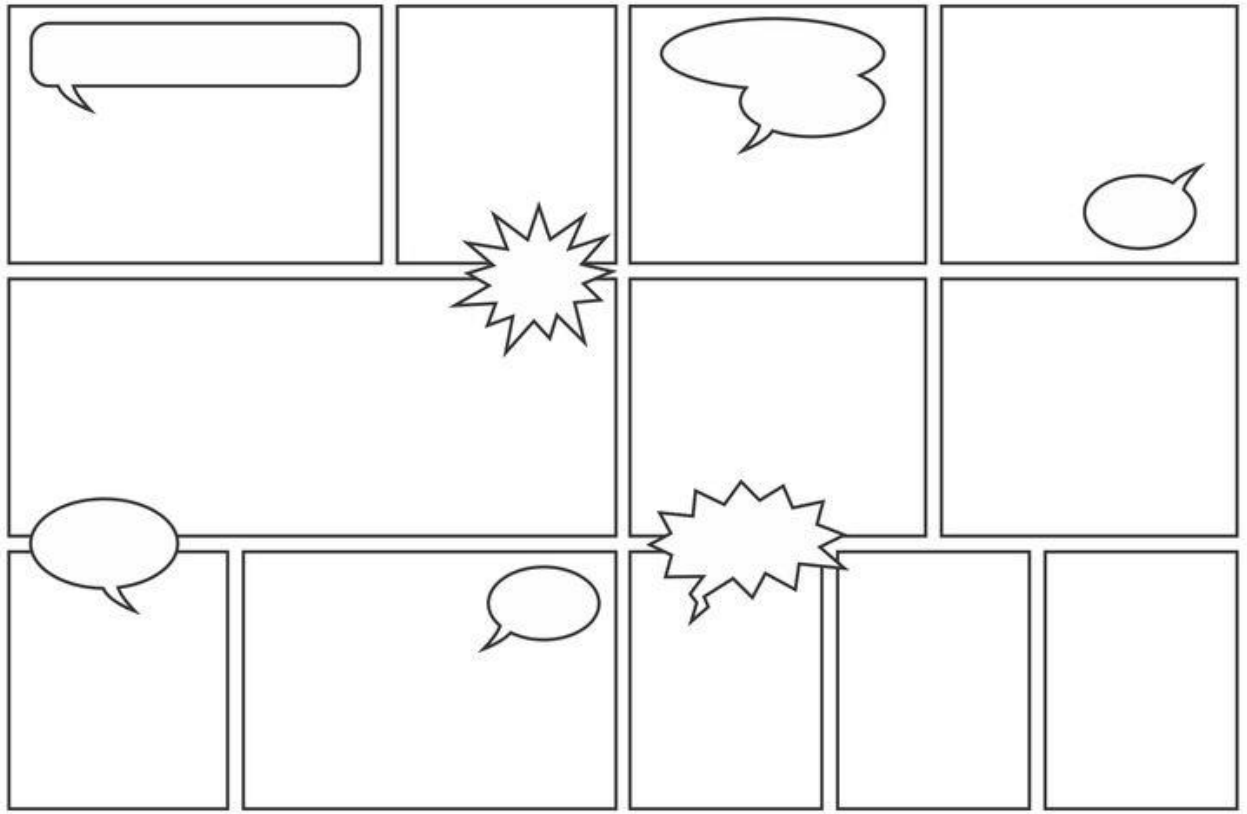
- **Create a comic strip that tells the story (or part of the story) of a Christmas Carol**





https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zbp9bdm

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Task 6

A Christmas Carol Book Review

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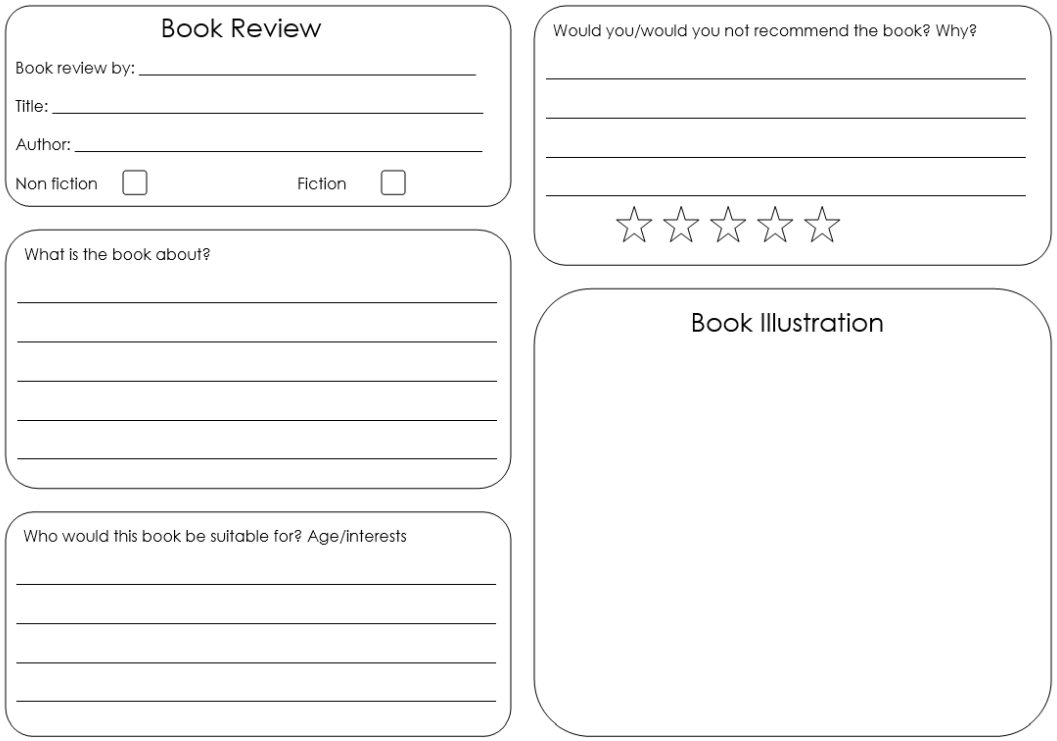
- **Read the book or watch the film A Christmas Carol and complete a book review. You can download the template here (Book Review Template.doc) or complete the one below:**



Book Review

Book review by: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Non fiction ☐ Fiction ☐

What is the book about?

Who would this book be suitable for? Age/interests

Would you/would you not recommend the book? Why?

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Book Illustration

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zbp9bdm

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Task 7

A Christmas Paper Lantern

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- **Create a Christmas lantern.**

Design and make a Christmas-themed paper lantern using paper, card, and other craft materials. You may choose a traditional Christmas design or create your own unique festive decoration.







https://uk.pinterest.com/cjmorgan487/giant-lanterns/



Task 8

A Christmas Debate

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- **Choose one of the statements below and plan for a debate arguing either for or against.**

- Christmas decorations should go up before December.
- Real Christmas trees are better than artificial Christmas trees.
- Christmas has become too commercial.
- Christmas dinner is overrated.
- Christmas should be more environmentally friendly

- Use the template linked to help you plan your debate: Debate Planning Sheet

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z79mm39



Task 9

Careers in the cold

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- **Read this article (and do some research) about the coldest places to live on Earth:**

[The ten coldest inhabitable places on earth | Travel News | Travel | Express.co.uk]

Do some research about the industries and jobs that are available in these locations and compile your findings into a poster / PowerPoint / article / fact file.



Task 10

The North Pole CV

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Your Mission 🎄

Have you ever wondered what a Christmas character's CV might look like?
In this project, you will choose a festive character such as Santa Claus, The Grinch, Frosty the Snowman, Buddy the Elf, Rudolph, Jack Frost, or another Christmas-themed character and create a professional but humorous CV for them. The aim is to transform their magical abilities, adventures, and personality traits into real-life employability skills.

What You Need to Include:

- A **Personal Profile** explaining who your character is, what they are good at, and the type of job they are looking for.
- At least **four Key Skills** that link your character's talents to workplace skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication, creativity, problem-solving, organisation, or resilience
- **Two Work Experience** sections showing jobs your character has completed and any funny or impressive achievements.
- An **Education & Qualifications** section with suitable qualifications your character may have gained.
- **Hobbies & Interests** that reflect your character's personality.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd3qnrd



Task 11

What Would David Do?
Christmas Upcycling Challenge

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- **Can you give unwanted items a new life this Christmas?**

David Attenborough often reminds us that reducing waste is one of the simplest ways we can help protect our planet. Your challenge is to create a **Christmas decoration, gift, or festive display** using **recycled or unwanted materials** instead of buying something new.

Rules:

✓ Use mainly recycled, reused, or unwanted materials (e.g. cardboard, plastic bottles, newspapers, magazines, fabric scraps, bottle tops, tins, or packaging).
✓ Your creation should be Christmas-themed.
✓ Work individually or with friends
✓ Include a small label explaining:
  - What you made
  - What materials you used
  - Why upcycling helps the environment

Winners and runners-up will be considered for a prestigious WWDD badge!

https://ie.pinterest.com/komalle23/recycled-christmas-decorations/

Task 12

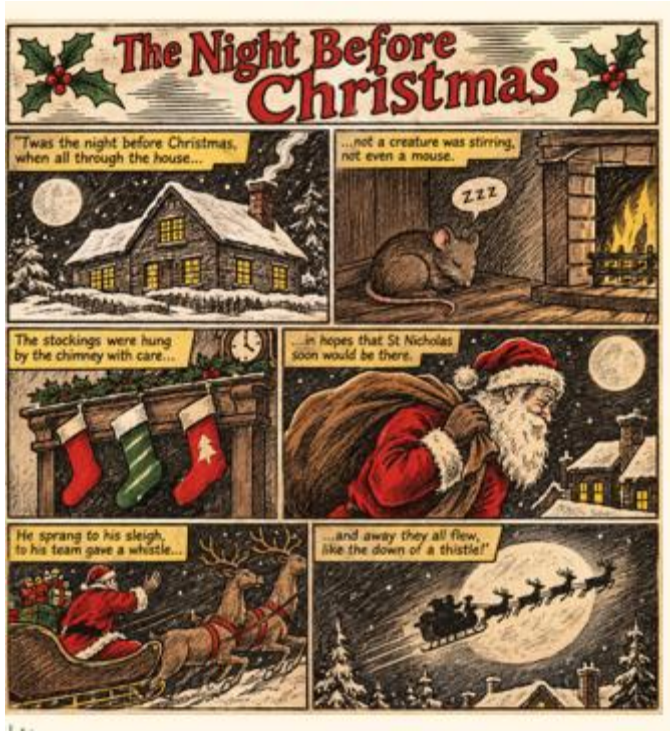
The Night Before Christmas Comic Book

- **Let's turn the Night Before Christmas into a comic book!**

Templates are available in the library, or you can create your own.

All entries get 10 HP.

1st prize – 100 HP, book and festive sweets.
2nd prize – 50 HP, book and festive sweets.
3rd prize – 20 HP, book and festive sweets.



https://www.teachervision.com/christmas/twas-the-night-before-christmas-full-text-of-the-classic-poem



If you would like any of the template's printing or require any coloured card, please see Miss Ammor in room 234 (science).