



Autumn 2 English

A Christmas Carol

Y4

Writing Outcomes:

1. A horror story involving ghosts.
2. Christmas poetry - monologue

Grammar:

1. Use full range of co-ordinating conjunctions (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so).
2. Use full range of subordinating conjunctions (if, since, as, when, although, while, after, before, until, because).
3. Use Standard English verb inflections (e.g. ~~we was~~, we were, ~~I done~~, I did).
4. Know the difference between a plural and possessive -s.
5. Identify the word class of words within the same word family.

Composition:

1. Discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar.
2. Read aloud their writing clearly, with appropriate intonation and volume.
3. Use paragraphs to show a change of place, time or topic.
4. Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggest improvements.

Speaking and Listening:

1. Respectfully challenge opinions or points, offering an alternative.
2. Vary language between formal and informal according to the situation.
3. Use a mixture of sentence lengths to add interest to discussions and explanations.

Reading:

1. Apply growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words.
2. Check that the text makes sense through discussing, understanding, and explaining the meaning of words in context.
3. Use a dictionary to check meanings of new words.
4. Retrieve and record information from non-fiction.
5. Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify with evidence.

Inspirational Individuals:



Charles Dickens



Bob Cratchit



Dr Barnardo

Key Text



Linked Texts:

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Charles Dickens and Friends
by Marcia Williamson
The Christmas Eve Tree by Delia Huddy
The Fourth King by Sinéad Morrissey

Key Themes:

Christmas
Poverty and social responsibility

Key Vocabulary:

Vocabulary Ninja:

effortless
remarkable
perky
descend
eminent
nimble
plump
discover
float
startled
entertaining
gain
colossal
leave
exceptional
moss
overjoyed
detest
boast
guide
shroud
blistering
incapacitate
absorbing
bubbly
bound
decimate
slothful
related
minor
peer
blasting
idolise
magical
concoct

Subject-specific:

poverty
society
destitute
bread line
parsimonious
prosperous
poverty-stricken
miserly
philanthropic
charity
charitable
donate
quavering
trembling
mournful
spectre
grotesque
ghoul
ghost
apparition
phantom
haunt
spirit
eerie
fearsome
frightful
fir tree
spruce
canopy
prodigy
interstellar
finery

Spelling:

interact
intercity
international
interfere
interview
intercept
intercom
internet
interchange
interface
strength
grammar
calendar
women
appear
straight
interest
opposite
increase
believe
information
sensation
preparation
vibration
decoration
donation
duration
registration
population
determination
adoration
admiration
coronation
detonation
observation
location
generation
exploration
combination
illustration
sadly
completely
wildly
bravely
gently
foolishly
proudly
horribly
nervously
happily
usually
finally
beautifully
thoughtfully
wonderfully
carefully
faithfully
peacefully
cruelly
generally
chef
chalet
machine
brochure
parachute
chute
chaperone
chandelier
crochet
quiche