

# What is your child learning in English?



## Topic of Study

Reading: Pupils will read Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' this half term.

The assessment that pupils will complete will be: *How does the writer use language to present the character of Scrooge in the first Stave?*



## Key Dates & Deadlines

Reading and writing assessments normally take place towards the end of the half term. Make sure you have good attendance! This is particularly vital during the last week of this half term!

## Family Friendly Homework

Pupils will be given two homework's each week which will total an hour: a SPaG (spelling, grammar & punctuation) homework that will take around ½ hour to complete and another piece of homework that will link in with the learning taking place in class.



## Resources to Support

There are loads of films and cartoons about this wonderful piece of writing. Could you find one and watch it?



## Resources to Challenge

Could you read any other works by Dickens? Oliver Twist is a great example.

## Outside of the classroom

Could you do some fact finding on the novel? What was life like during the time in which the novel is set?

What was Dicken's life like? Did his experiences reflect the novel in any way?



## Discussion starters



1. Why was Scrooge so angry?
2. What do the ghosts represent?
3. What does the novel teach us to be?
4. Can you find any words in the novel that we don't use today?



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