



## Curriculum Newsletter

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### Top 5...

#### ...Christmas activities

1. Create a class Christmas e-greeting. Record a video of your class singing a carol and then use Moviemaker or iMovie to edit it and add a festive message. Send the message to parents via email or post it onto your school website.



2. Make an animation of a Christmas based story. [ABCya Animate](#) is an online flipbook animator that is really simple to use. You could also use stop motion software such as Monkeyjam to create movies.

3. Design a Christmas themed game using [Scratch](#). For inspiration visit Scratch's website. You could create a [maze](#) game, or perhaps Santa could fly around the night sky trying to collect presents he has dropped from his sleigh.

4. Create an interactive Christmas quiz using PowerPoint with hyperlinks.

5. Research [Christmas traditions](#) from around the world. Choose different ways to present what you have found out. These could take the form of a documentary, podcast or booklet.



## Celebrate...

### Hanukkah

- Make a [dreidel](#) game using Scratch.
- Look at similarities and differences between Hannukah and Christmas and organise this in a multimedia presentation.
- Produce a cookery program on how to make [Hanukkah delicacies](#). Perhaps it could be made in the style of MasterChef or the Great British Bake Off.
- Have a look at Scholastic's interactive scrapbook on Hannukah. Create something similar using BookCreator.
- Listen to Hannukah songs and record a class version of one of them.

## iTeachers

### KS1

#### Mother Nature Designer

Use snowflakes or Christmas trees to recreate a design based on the work of Henri Matisse.

#### Where to find the lesson:

Art — Mother Nature Designer— Autumn Leaves

### KS2

#### Dreamscapes

Use surrealist works of art as an inspiration for creating a wintry/Christmassy dreamlike landscape, by combining photographic images with drawn objects in MS Paint.

#### Where to find the lesson:

Art— Portraying Relationships and Viewpoints — Dreamscapes

## Free apps of the month

### iPad

#### Christmas Wordsearch

Test your Christmas knowledge with the combination of a Christmas quiz and wordsearch.

### Android

**Christmas Connect the Dot** Create a range of pictures by connecting the dots. Choose from 3 levels that include connect numbers and letters.



## Let's share!

### Christmas Gifs!

Create an animated [Christmas picture](#). Use a drawing package to draw a series of pictures that show movement ie a snowflake falling or lights on a Christmas tree flashing. Alternatively you could take a series of still photographs on a camera or tablet. Once you have your pictures upload them to a [website](#) that creates gif files.