

# The Art of Suspense



## English

We will be taking tips from Charles Dickens as we read *A Christmas Carol*. How does he build suspense when the ghostly apparitions visit Scrooge? We will then use these techniques to write our own haunting and terrifying tale! We will need to mark them with the lights on!

## History

This term we will be continuing our History topic of WWII as there is just so much to learn! We will be looking at the home front, land girls and life in the trenches. We will also be exploring the support of other cultures, like the Sikh armies that supported Britain in WWII. We will round off this incredible part of history by learning all about VE day and Remembrance, readying ourselves for our school's remembrance memorial assembly.

## Key Vocabulary

### History

**Trenches** – A long, narrow ditch used by soldiers to navigate battle fields.

**Remembrance** – The action of remembering a historical event.

**Holocaust** – The killing of millions of people by Nazi Germany during World War II.

**Land girl** – Women who took on traditionally male job roles during the war such as farming, factory work and engineering.

**Allies** – Countries that have united to support one another against an opposing force.

**VE Day** – Victory in Europe day. 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 was the day that Nazi forces officially surrendered to the Allies.

## Art

We will be exploring Lino-printing this term and understanding the history of woodcut printing. We will then take inspiration from our story, "A Christmas Carol", to create a lino cut design with symbolism from the timeless classic.



## PE

This term, we are lucky to have Chance to Shine delivering cricket sessions to us once a week. These lessons will cover catching, throwing, bowling, fielding and batting whilst also focussing on teamwork, resilience and most importantly, enjoyment.

## Science

If you cannot connect the circuit to turn the lamp on, we will definitely be reading and listening to your stories in the dark. Can you make the lights brighter to ward off the sinister spectre? We may need to use Morse code to call for help.



## Music

Have you ever watched a spooky film with your fingers in your ears? Often, the music is the most powerful tool in building suspense and creating a final scare. You will be analysing different music and developing ways to build suspense and atmosphere using untuned instruments. These compositions will be played alongside your short story for a final, haunting performance!

