

Christmas

Literacy Ideas

Christmas Stockings

You will need:

Green and red sugar paper white writing paper glue

Cut out some Christmas stocking shapes from the red and green paper. Cut some white paper rectangles to fit inside the stockings. The children write a letter to Santa telling him what they would like for Christmas (this could be a good time to make use of adjectives to describe the gifts). At the end of the letter the children could add, "This is what I would like for me. This is what I would like for my "family and friends", "for the world" You could discuss this as a class first. IE what would make the world a better place to live in.

You could paint a fireplace on a wall and then hang all the stockings as part of your Christmas display.

Christmas Letters to Parents

Of all the cards and gifts I have made with children for their parents this one has always been the most popular.

Ask the children to tell you how their parents make Christmas special for them? What do they do? Then ask them all year round what do their parents do for them and why are they so special? Write their ideas on the board.

Tell the children that they are going to write a letter to their parents thanking them for all that they do for them at Christmas and throughout the year. They could start it like this:

Dear Mum and Dad

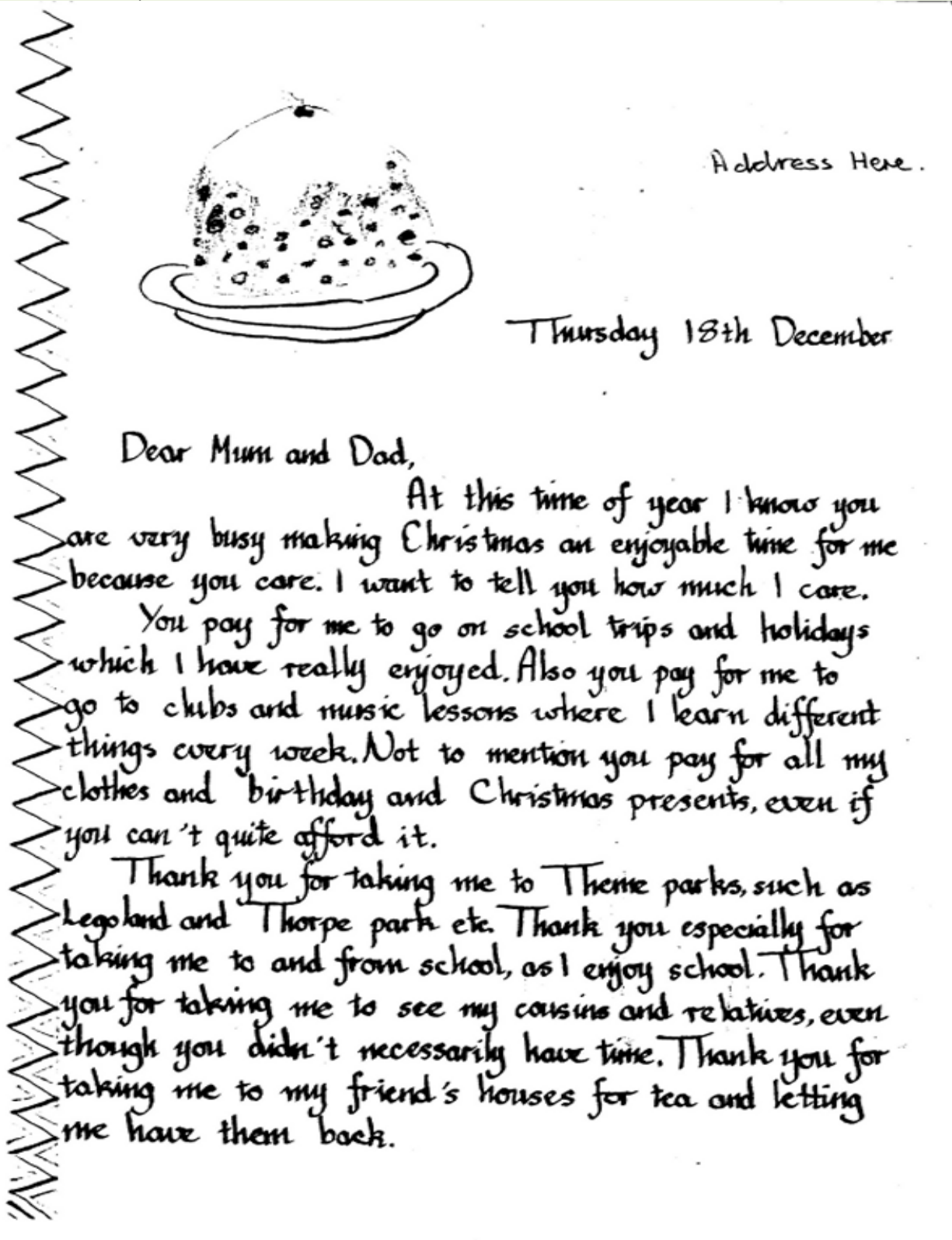
I know that at Christmas time you work hard to make it special for me by

And so at Christmas I want to say thank for what you do for me not just now but throughout the year.

The children then write their letters. Encourage them to write extended sentences rather than "thank you for cooking delicious dinners" etc.

I have had so many parents tell me that they cried when they read the letters and that they will always keep them.

Below is an example:



Address Here.

Thursday 18th December

Dear Mum and Dad,

At this time of year I know you are very busy making Christmas an enjoyable time for me because you care. I want to tell you how much I care.

You pay for me to go on school trips and holidays which I have really enjoyed. Also you pay for me to go to clubs and music lessons where I learn different things every week. Not to mention you pay for all my clothes and birthday and Christmas presents, even if you can't quite afford it.

Thank you for taking me to Theme parks, such as Legoland and Thorpe park etc. Thank you especially for taking me to and from school, as I enjoy school. Thank you for taking me to see my cousins and relatives, even though you didn't necessarily have time. Thank you for taking me to my friend's houses for tea and letting me have them back.

Also, thank you for listening to me when I had a problem. Also, thank you for giving me advice when I needed it. Thank you for helping me with my homework when I'm stuck. Also, thank you for cooking my favourite meals such as shepherds pie etc.
Thank you for everything you've ever done for me.

lots of love

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Christmas Party Invitation

You are having a Christmas Party and you need to design a party invite for your friends. Think about what to include on your design and what information is needed. For example will you include holly leaves, stars to decorate, you will need to include times and your address. Will it be a themed party- do your friends have to turn up in elf and angel costumes for example?

