

Topic: Design and Technology

Term: Autumn 2

Year 3

Duration: 5 weeks



Eden Park Primary School

Knowledge Organiser



Prior Knowledge

During this enquiry, you will need to use your knowledge from Year 1 when you learnt about cutting and different types of stitching such as running stitch and over stitch. You will also need to apply knowledge from Year 2 of joining fabric.

You will also be extending your knowledge in Year 5 when you will learn about the functional and visual features of a design.

The Powerful Knowledge we will take away from this Learning Enquiry (what will be learning)

During this Learning Enquiry, you will be designing and creating your very own Christmas stocking. You will plan, make templates, patterns and prototypes and eventually make your very own Christmas stocking. You will make your stocking to fit your design as close as possible, considering specific design criteria. During the creation process, you will master the running stitch and over stitch. You will be using scissors with reasonable accuracy. We also think it is absolutely vital that you understand the environmental impact of using different materials. Your stockings will be stuffed with Christmas treats and will be available to buy during our Outcome.

Our Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Image
Stitches	A stitch is a single turn or loop of thread. Mostly used for decorative purposes or holding materials together.	
Running Stitch	The running stitch is the basic stitch in hand-sewing and embroidery, on which all other forms of sewing are based. The stitch is worked by passing the needle in and out of the fabric.	
Over Stitch	Overcast stitch wraps the thread around the edge of fabric. You can use this easy stitch for sewing a few pieces together.	
Fabric	Cloth or other material produced by weaving or knitting fibres.	
Applique	Decorative needlework in which pieces of fabric are sewn or stuck on to a larger piece to form a picture or pattern.	



The Origin of the Christmas Stocking

According to legend, the tradition of hanging a Christmas Stocking on the fireplace on Christmas Eve came from Saint Nicholas. A poor man had three daughters. Saint Nicholas wanted to help them but the poor man wouldn't accept his charity. He decided to help in secret. On Christmas Eve after dark, he threw three bags of gold through an open window - one for each of the girls. The bags of gold landed directly into the stockings which were being hung on the fireplace to dry. When they woke up the next morning to check if the stockings were dry, of course they were overjoyed. As news spread, children left stockings out eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas. Since then, Christmas stockings are a traditional and popular homemade craft. Many families make their own with their children's names on them.

Let's get started!

From the 4th century, people would hang stockings on the fireplace on the 6th December because of Saint Nicholas.

In the early 1800s, regular stockings were hung on Christmas Eve.

In 1823, Christmas stockings were mentioned in a German poem. This was the beginning of the Christmas stocking tradition.

Currently, hundreds of millions of stockings are hung at Christmas time each year.

