

INSTRUCTIONS. HOW TO GUIDE.



HOW TO USE OUR SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS CHALLENGE ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL.

These activities and tasks have been designed for you to use in school in a way that works best for you. As they will be accessible from the web link below until the end of term you can choose when to do them in your school day, in what order and which ones. Our aim is to support our schools and to assist you with bringing some added festive sparkle to the weeks ahead!

First things first, please visit: <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/santaslittlehelpers> where you will find:

- Elf name generator.
- Video: Introduction to the 'Santa's Little Helpers' school challenge.
- Audio: 12 separate audio challenges, set by Santa's chief elf instructors 'Bauble and Jangle'.
- Pdfs: 12 separate pdf's with information and idea's linked to the audio
- Video: Message from Santa, congratulating all your 'elves' hard work and informing them that they are now qualified 'elves' in case Santa ever has the need for help in coming year.
- Certificate of achievement: a pdf that you can print out at school, allowing each participating elf to receive special recognition for their hard work.

WHAT TO DO?

1. **Elf name generator:** In class, in preparation for your challenges and elf training each child should make their own elf name from the 'elf name generator' pdf.
2. **Video message from Santa:** Please watch the video in class. This will set the scene and allow your pupils to understand the task at hand.

Opening video: Santa's script.

'Oh hello there boys and girls. My-my, look at you! Haven't you all grown since last year, I hardly recognise you! Well, you will be pleased to hear that preparations are well underway for Christmas here at the North Pole. The reindeer are getting plenty of fresh air and exercise ready for their long flight on Christmas Eve,

and all of the elves are busy in their workshop wrapping and sorting the Christmas presents. Well, almost all of the Elves. You see, the reason that I wanted to speak to you all today is that I want to make sure that THIS Christmas is the most magical Christmas EVER! So this year, I have organised a very special mission for you: Mission Santa's Little Helpers! I have assigned two of my favourite elves, Jangle and Bauble, to help to train you up. They will guide you through a series of exciting, festive activities designed to put you and your teachers and grown-ups in a warm, Christmassy mood! Now as elves are very shy magical creatures, they don't want to be seen by humans, so they will send your teachers some voice recordings with all the information telling you what you need to do next. So, do you think you are ready for the challenge? (PAUSE) Well, I certainly hope so. I will be keeping a close eye on your progress too, and I will see you once you have completed all of your activities! Right, I had better go and check on Rudolph. See you soon... and good luck!

Decide how many challenges you want to use in class for your 'Santa's Little Helpers' challenge. We have designed this activity to be really flexible and suit your needs. You might decide to do 1 challenge, 4 challenges or all of them, it's up to you! We have given you ideas but you can take this in whatever direction you want and we aim to pitch the activities to suit all age groups.

3. **Audio by 'Bauble and Jangle':** Once you have decided which challenges you are going to complete in class play and listen to the audio from the webpage. *There is also a challenge 'title page' pdf which lists each of the challenges that you can have on your class white board whilst listening to the audio.
4. **PDF instructions:** We have provided paired pdf's documents to match the challenge, therefore if you are doing challenge 1, please look at the accompanying pdf for ideas and templates.
5. **Video message from Santa:** Once you have completed your set tasks you are now a fully qualified elf – just in case Santa need extra help one day. Watch the closing video in class with all your elves/ pupils and celebrate!

Closing video: Santa's script.

Hello there, me again! Well... haven't you all been busy! I have been hearing reports from Jangle and Bauble that you have been working extra hard on some wonderful Christmas activities. Have you had fun doing them? (Pause) I am sure you have! You know, Christmas really is a wonderfully magical time... it's my favourite time of year, as well as my busiest, obviously. (Chuckle)

Well, Jangle and Bauble have been so impressed with the way you have helped me to bring some extra magic and sparkle to this Christmas, I take great pleasure in declaring that you are now all officially 'Santa's Little Helpers'. To show you how grateful I am, I am sending each of you a special certificate so that you can show everybody just how helpful you have been, and just how proud I am of you. Teachers, you have got a very important job now... please make sure that my wonderful new helpers get their certificates.

Right, I had better stop chatting to you and get back to work. Before you know it school will be over for the Christmas holidays and you will all be at home with your loved ones. Before then I have got a lot of work to do, checking my nice list and naughty list, loading my sleigh and of course keeping an eye on those cheeky elves! I will see you on Christmas Eve, but you won't see me, because you will be fast asleep, so I am going to say goodbye for now and I wish you all the very merriest Christmas!

6. **Certificate of achievement:** To assist you and your class celebrate their achievement we have made a super, special certificate for you to print out and hand to each of your elves/ pupils.

List of all 12 challenges:

1. Make an elf's hat.
2. Make a gift tag.
3. Make a Christmas decoration.
4. Class paper chain championships.
5. A festive window display.
6. Wrap a gift.
7. Do a festive dance.
8. Balloon Santa sack filling.
9. Make a reindeer antler headband.
10. Create a short scene or movement to music for 'A day in the life of an Elf'.
11. Festive obstacle course.
12. Sing a festive song or Christmas carol.

