

Resource C: **The Ghost of Christmas Past.**

GHOST:

You are flying above London. Below you is a small village and a school. You can see the playground and the clock on the top of the school building. You fly down and land in the schoolyard and look through the window to see a lonely boy, reading at his desk. It is the school holidays and everyone has gone home, except this boy. You realise you are looking at yourself, this boy is Ebenezer Scrooge as a child. He looks so lonely and small and far from home.

Before you can speak to him, you are flying again through the night and hover above a small factory. There is a party going on inside. You land with a bump and recognise your first place of work, a factory owned and run by Mr Fezziwig and his wife. Each year they throw a fantastic party for their staff on Christmas Eve. You spot yourself over by the Christmas Tree, talking to a pretty young woman called Isabel. Look at your face, you are so happy to talk to her and she is happy to be with you. Where is she now? What happened to Isabel?

But before you can speak to her, you fly again back to London, to the present day. You land in the dirty, foggy streets and look through the window of Bob Cratchit's home. You can see Bob and his wife and their seven children round a small table. Look at how thin and hungry the children are. It is Christmas Eve and there is very little food to share between them. Watch Mrs Cratchit carry the tiny turkey to the table. The smallest child, Tiny Tim, puts a big smile on his face, to make his mother happy. You hear Bob make a toast:

“To Mr Scrooge! Without his generously, there would be no feast!”

But Mrs Cratchit is not happy and you hear her say: **“An odious, stingy, hard unfeeling man. The Ogre of the family!”**

Before you can say a word, you fly off again and return home to your cold, empty house, alone.