

Grade Two Online Learning Activities

Victorian Winter Celebrations in Newmarket

Curriculum Connections: Grade 2 Social Studies

Strand A. Heritage and Identity: Changing Family and Community Traditions

**Learn about the traditions of 3 different Newmarket families during Victorian times:
Rogers (Quaker), Roe (Anglo-Saxon), Sutherland (Scottish).**

The Rogers family were Quakers and did not celebrate Christmas. Quakers are a type of Christian denomination. On December 25th the Rogers did their usual farm chores. The chickens were fed with oats and the cows were milked. In winter, people could use snow shoes to walk on top of the snow and they could ride in sleighs. Do you have to perform chores on December 25th? Can you think of any winter songs with a sleigh in them?

The British Roe family celebrated Christmas in a Victorian way. They had a big dinner when they came home from Church. Their dinner may have been roast turkey but most likely it was roast goose and root vegetables. Their tree ornaments may have included clip-on candles, fruits and nuts hung from the tree and homemade paper ornaments. A few unwrapped presents would be under the tree and a pail of water would be kept beside the tree. Do you keep a pail of water beside your tree? Why do you think it was there? What special foods does your family like to eat on December 25th?

Donald Sutherland was born in Scotland. He was the first Reeve of Newmarket. The Sutherland family celebrated Hogmanay on December 31st. Mrs. Sutherland would have been busy baking oatcakes, shortbread and black buns. The house would have been cleaned to see the old year out and let the New Year in. The first person to enter the house after midnight was called the First Footer. The first footer (usually a dark-haired male) would bring symbols of gifts of bread and coal to ensure good luck to the house and all in it. What do you celebrate on December 31? How do you celebrate?



By the 18th century the Christmas tree became popular throughout Germany. Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria, was from Germany. Prince Albert continued his German Christmas traditions including the Christmas tree. An engraving of the royal couple standing around their tree was published in 1848, popularizing a new way of celebrating Christmas worldwide.

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During the Victorian Era, it was customary to make your own tree ornaments. Have fun making these crafts.

Craft #1

Lace Candy Cane Victorian Ornament
Red pipe cleaner threaded through wide lace.



Craft #2

Victorian Lace Cornucopia Ornament
Paper doilies rolled into a cone shape and finished off with ribbon.



Victorians were fascinated by science. Prince Albert organized the Great Exhibition of 1851, showcasing the wonders of British steam engines and other accomplishments.

Science Recipe: Colourful Cloud Bursts

You will need:

- A clear jar
- Shaving Cream
- Food Colouring
- Water

Directions:

Pour water in the jar until it is half full. Spray shaving cream on top of water. Add several drops of food colouring on top of the shaving cream. Wait and watch. The food colouring will eventually break through the shaving cream and "rain" down through the water below, not unlike when water droplets that form inside a cloud become heavy enough to fall from the sky.

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Winter Scavenger Hunt

Have fun completing the Winter Scavenger Hunt. See if you can put a check mark ✓ on everything below by finding all of these items.

Snowflakes



Boots



Scarf



Clouds



Bird



Pine Tree



Pinecone



Icicles



Toque



Frost



Rosy Cheeks



Mittens



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Festive Celebrations Word Search

B A S D F G H J K K L M
E Z X C V B N M S Q C W
L E R T Y U I O I P H K
S U Y H G Y R E N Q I W
N E R T Y A S U C I N O
I E A A Z N A W K O E K
C C A D F A D H T H S M
K I T F V M A B U T E N
E T G H Y G S G C H N I
R S S H F O O R K A E O
L L B B V H P E M K W R
I O F O L L S W J K Y U
N S H P D K O G D U E D
G R E V E I L L O N A E
P E G K J H W O I A R T
S T B N M N B A U H C E
E N S F G D A L L B E F
V I C V B S E D J I R A
Z W R A M A D A N N F L

Hanukkah

Kwanzaa

Winter Solstice

Los Posadas

Diwali

Chinese New Year

Ramadan

Hogmanay

Sinck Tuck

Mummering

Belsnickerling

Reveillon

La Fete Du Roi

Happy Holidays in 8 different languages Match Game

How to say 'Happy Holidays' in 8 Different Languages Match-up game.

Match the Language with the Happy Holidays Saying

Use a line to match the correct language to the Happy Holidays saying.

Spanish

Irish

Portuguese

Japanese

South African

German

Indonesian

Chinese

Boas Festas

Li Holide Eximnandi

Forhe Feiertage

Jie Ri Kau Le

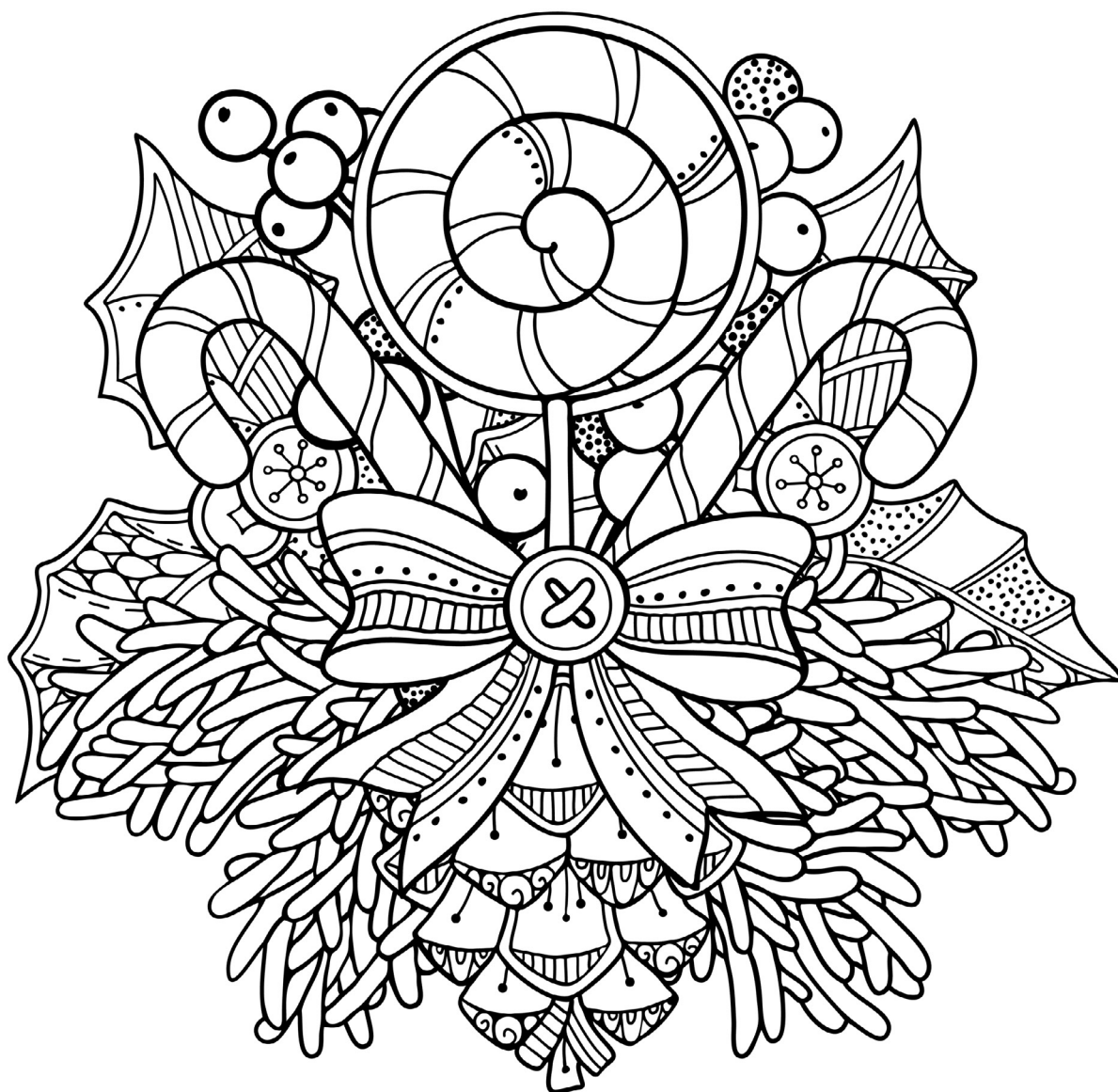
Laethanta Saoire Sona

Salamat Hari Raya

Felices Fiestas

Shiawasena Kyujitsu

Have Fun Colouring the Tree Ornament



Free Coloring Pages from PrimaryGames.com

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Bonus Activities

Have an old-fashioned Victorian Tea Party and invite your stuffies!



Make your own Victorian house from an empty cardboard box and create your own festive decorations.



Bonus Activities



Artwork for Seniors

Many seniors are suffering from extreme loneliness due to social isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic. It's up to us to make their day!

Create homemade artwork to send to someone in need. Snap a picture or scan your art and email it to info@neighbourhoodnetwork.org. We'll take care of the rest!

High school students can even earn **community involvement hours** by participating!

For more information, please visit www.nnetwork.org.