

Christmas iPad Activities – Y5&6

Activity 4 (Y5+6): Promote your Christmas production with an iMovie trailer

[iMovie](#) is an excellent app, full of huge creative potential and free on all newish iPads. A really great way into it is to use the *trailer* feature.

There is a range of templates to choose from and the children add their own pictures (or very short video) and a number of powerful pieces of text to these to create a thoroughly professional piece with which they will be very proud.

Text style, music and structure are locked into the template so it's important to get that choice right at the outset. It's also good to get children to storyboard on paper first before they hit the app; [this blog has some splendid printable storyboard planning sheets](#) that you can use with the children first, as well as further notes of explanation about the templates.



They will want to share what they've done beyond school. An easy way to spread this joy will follow tomorrow.

Activity 6 (Y5+6): The man on the moon (2015 John Lewis ad) – people in need at Christmas

There's great creative potential in the excellent Christmas ads that now seem to create a cult of their own each Christmas. I think there is a whole raft of possibilities with [the 2015 John Lewis ad](#) But here's one idea:

Get the children to snapshot some carefully selected stills of the Man on the moon looking down to earth (press the home button and the power button together to do this).

Get them to do a bit of research into parts of the world where people don't have such a great time at Christmas and take some snapshots of the ones that particularly interest them (charity sites might be good, Children in need ...)

[Use iMovie](#) (trailer – see day 3, or movie) [Book Creator](#) (have you seen the great comic books in the latest version?), [Pic Collage](#), [Shadow Puppet](#), [Puppet Pals](#) ... or any creative app to make their own piece about looking after people at Christmas.

See activity 4 for tips on sharing these with parents.

Of course you will need to talk to the children about making sure that it's OK to use the images they select.

I did some of this with a year 5 class in 2015 and on Christmas day afternoon some of the children were blogging to ask for help as they continued it.



There are things you could do with the 2016 John Lewis ad too and it's worth checking out [their website](#)

[John Lewis' 2014 add \(the penguin one\)](#) also has great potential, as does [Sainsbury's World War I ad](#) from 2014.