

Rockford's Rock Opera is a unique ecological musical story with clear audio narration, songs and wonderful sounds for children of all ages. The website also includes beautiful animated videos, amazing background information, song & lyric sheets, downloadable resources and teaching aids for all ages.

Teachers, parents and children across the world are united in their praise for Rockford's Rock Opera and its original, thoughtful, environmental message.

What's it about?

Far away in the Sea of Tranquillity lies the island of Infinity, home to the last one of every extinct species. Here, beneath a mystical swirling sky, live the world's lost creatures. And the creatures have a secret for the world.

Art - Rockford's Christmas Song and Video ages 5 to 7 (KS1):

Rockford's Rock Opera is a story that begins in a snowy Battersea Park in London, England. This lesson plan is based around Rockford's Christmas Song and Video, which introduces Rockford the dog and his Christmas dream.

Learning Objectives:

- to record from first-hand observation and explore ideas.
- to ask and answer questions about the starting points for their work.
- to record from imagination and experience and explore ideas.
- to try out tools and techniques and apply these to materials and processes, including drawing.
- to investigate the possibilities of a range of materials and processes
to review what they and others have done and say what they think and feel about it.

Equipment:

- Rockford's Christmas Video available to stream FREE:
<http://www.rockfordsrockopera.com/video>
- Christmas tree and decorations.

Lesson Plan Activity:

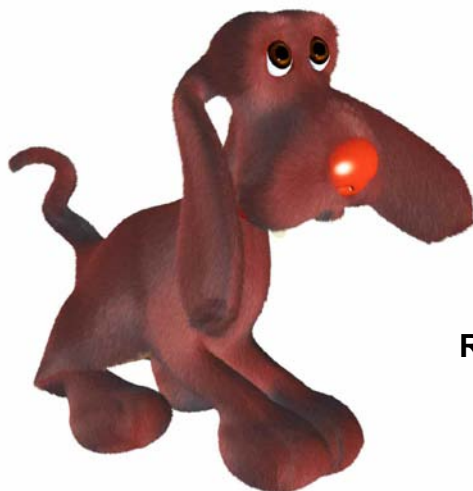
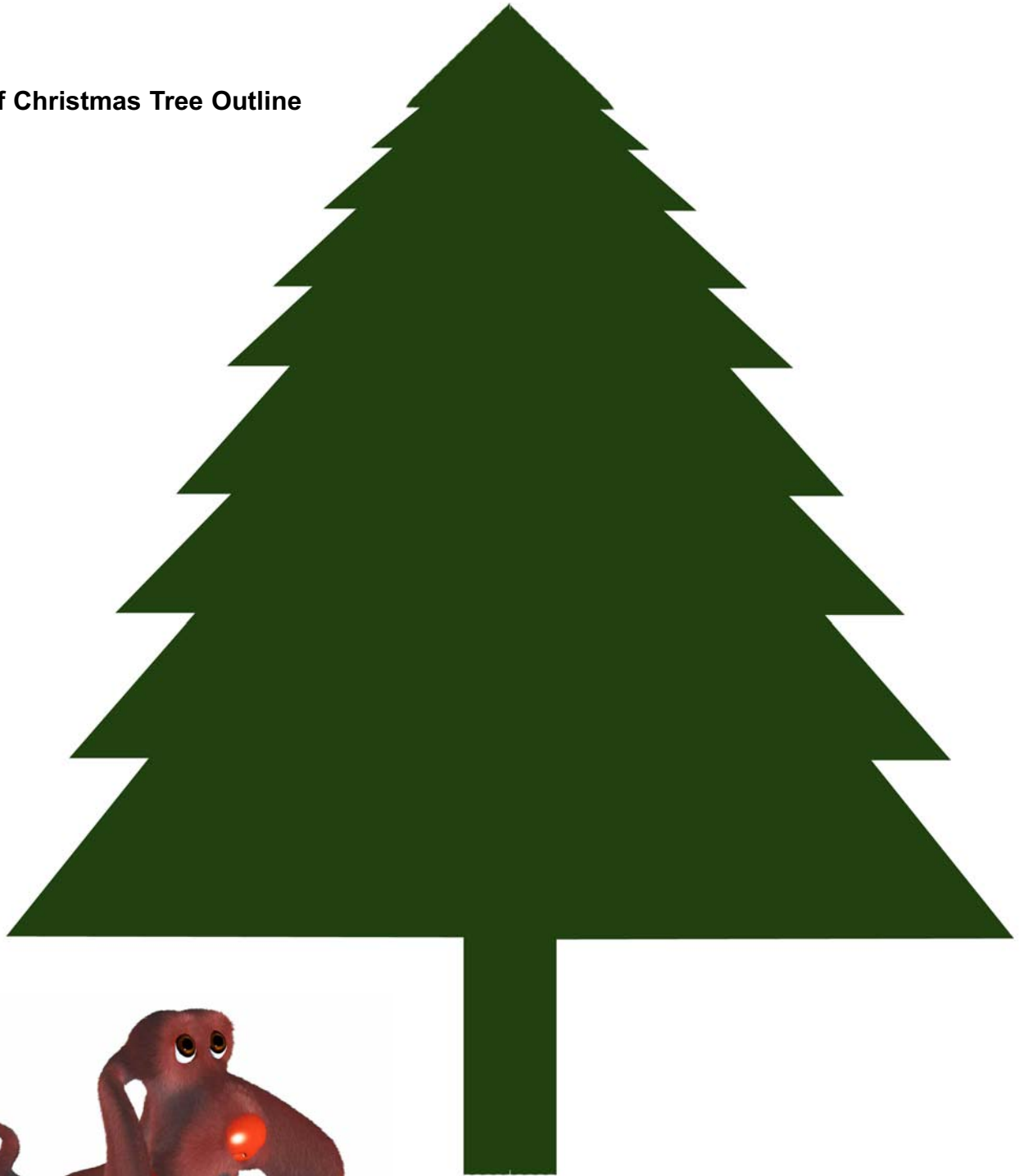
- Watch the video of 'Rockford's Christmas'.
- Ask your pupils what they like about Christmas?
- Ask your pupils how they celebrate Christmas, or other festivals, in their home?
- Look at the Rockford Christmas video again and pick out the images that give a Christmas message.
- Pause at each point and even capture stills for future reference.
- Look at different Christmas decorations. Divide the children into groups and ask each group to spend about 10 minutes decorating a class tree.
- Explain to the children that they are going to design a Christmas card based on the Christmas tree. Ask them to draw three small pictures of the tree at different stages of decoration. They could also do this using a computer graphics program and they can insert small image of Rockford. *FREE images of Rockford characters and scenes can be found in the Teacher Resources section of the Rockford website - 'Rockford images and support materials'.*
- Younger children can be given a silhouette of a tree in green paper together with small circular sticky labels in a range of colours to decorate it. Finish off with a gold or silver star, using glitter for tinsel. Then add Rockford too!
- Mount the picture on a folded card.
- Write a message inside to someone special.
- Pupils can comment on the success of their card and those of their friends.
- Look at the e-cards on Rockford's website and send one to a friend using secure internal virtual learning site.

Additional FREE e-cards and 'fun stuff' can be found in the 'Lot's More' section of website - you will just need to register your name, email address and create password to access all additional FREE materials.

Where the lesson fits in with The UK National Curriculum:

Art and design at key stages 1 (Year 1/2)

Example of Christmas Tree Outline



Rockford the Dog