Year: EYFS

Topic: Twinkle, twinkle little star

Time Period: Modern

**Learning Outcomes:**

* **Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society.**
* **Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now,   
  drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.**
* **Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in   
  books read in class and storytelling.**

Lesson plan: Session 1

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| INTRODUCTION | VOCABULARY |
| Focus on ‘STAR’ class name  *Sing the song Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*  Listening skills, what is the song about?  Where else have they heard the word star in our school?  Understand that Star class name is linked to the song. | Star  Twinkle |

Lesson plan: Session 2

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| INTRODUCTION | VOCABULARY |
| Ask the children – has anyone seen this statue? If so, where?  What is the statue of?  Discuss in partners and share ideas.  Explain to the children that it is a very new statue to help the people who live in Colchester, the two sisters who were poets and who wrote the poem/rhyme: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.  The statue is opposite the Town Hall in the High Street.  **Jane Taylor and her older sister Ann are well known for being excellent writers, with Jane having published the children’s poem The Star in 1806.**  Explain that the two sisters used to live in a house on Stockwell Street, just across from where the statue is, in the famous Dutch Quarter. | statue  famous  remember  poet  poem  rhyme  Town Hall  High Street  Dutch Quarter |

Lesson plan: Session 3

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| INTRODUCTION | VOCABULARY |
| TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR TREASURE HUNT  Walk the children to the High Street- can they find the statue? Can they find the house the Taylor family lived in?  Talk about how long ago the poem /song was written and remind them that this is a **significant event** that happened in Colchester and these are two **significant historical people** that lived here long ago.  Take photos for books. | significant  event  Historical  people |

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