Read the extract Christmas at the Cratchits on page 21 of Introducing Dickens.

- Answer the following questions carefully.
- Answer in sentences.
- Make sure you look at the number of marks allocated to each answer.

1. Who is Martha? 1 mark

2. Which child is Bob Cratchit carrying? 1 mark

3. What is wrong with this child? 1 mark

4. What do three of the children do to help prepare the Christmas dinner? 3 marks

5. What is the atmosphere like as the family anticipate and then eat Christmas dinner? Choose words and phrases to support your views. 3 marks

6. What two similes does Dickens use to describe the pudding? Explain what Dickens meant by using these similes. 4 marks

7. What was put on the fire? 2 marks

8. Where did the family sit after dinner? 1 mark

9. What does the ghost see will happen to Tiny Tim in the future? 2 marks

10. How does Scrooge feel about this? How do you know? 2 marks

- Check your answers.
- Check your spelling, punctuation and expression.

Extension activity ☺:

Imagine you are one of the children. It is bedtime – write your thoughts on the day. Remember to say who you are. 5 marks