Old school Christmas card and virtual Christmas card

3rd grade
Subjects: Danish,
Visual art,
Technology understanding

Learning objectives and content

In this course we will write and make our own Christmas card. We will make a completely traditional Christmas card and a virtual Christmas card. We will work in CoSpaces and VR.

This is an interdisciplinary course between the subjects Danish, visual arts and technology understanding. This course is designed for a 3rd grade, but can be adapted to most grade levels and up who have not worked with CoSpaces before.

Learning objectives:

- The student has knowledge of VR technology
- The student can work in CoSpaces
- The student has a beginning knowledge of coding in CoSpace

The Christmas card and its history

The Christmas card was invented in England in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole. He was a writer and employee at the National Archives and had to sent many Christmas greetings. He got the idea to reprint the Christmas cards so that he could just add the recipient's name and his own signature. The cover was designed by artist John Callcott Horsley, the Christmas card was printed by Jobbins of Warwick Court in London and the greeting read *"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you"*. The Christmas card caused quite an outrage as the motif was a family seated around the Christmas table toasting the recipient of the Christmas card, while next to the main motif of gluttony there were images of charity - food for the hungry and clothes for the naked - images of need. The Christmas cards, which were printed as lithographs, measured about 13 x 8.25 cm. They were printed on stiff card stock and were hand colored by colorist Mason.

The Christmas cards were sold for 1 shilling at Sir Henry Cole's business Felix Summerly's Home Treasury Office in London. The cards were popular and several thousand copies were sold and sent with the post office affixing the brand new stamps invented in 1840. At an auction in December 2005 one of these first Christmas cards sold for no less than £9000. The early English Christmas cards had motifs such as flowers and fairies rather than snowy landscapes and religious themes. Sentimental or humorous motifs with animals or children were also popular. In 1875, Louis Prang brought the Christmas cards to Boston in the United States. Prang improved format and color printing - he used up to 20 different colors. His maps were thus of high quality and around 1888 over 5 million of them were printed a year. Over time, however, Prang's quality cards were outcompeted by cheap copies and Louis Prang had to withdraw from the market.

In the 1840s, Queen Victoria issued the first official Christmas cards. The royal Christmas card motifs were portraits that illustrated various events from the past year. The first official Christmas card was sent from the White House in the USA in 1953. The motifs here are usually the White House interpreted by a well-known artist. The number of recipients has increased drastically - in 1961, 2,000 people received Christmas cards from the White House. In 2005, the figure was up to 1.4 million. Source: Wikipedia

Write your Christmas card

Before we start:

- What is at Christmas card?
- Who can you write a Christmas card ?
- What can you write in a Christmas card?

Now you have to decide who you want to send your Christmas card to and make **two drafts**.

A draft for the old-fashioned Christmas card, and a draft for the virtual Christmas card.

Have fun writing!

Kære mormor og morfar
Nu er det snart jul.
Jeg glæder mig til at holde juleaften med jer.
God jul!
Kærlig hilsen fra Ea.

Make an old school Christmas card

Before we start making old-fashioned Christmas cards, you get 3 tips for the design process:

1. The Christmas card must have at least one Christmas motif
2. The Christmas card must be framed
3. The Christmas card must be able to be opened

Now choose the color of your frame,

put on some Christmas music and get started.

Have fun and be creative!

What we need:

Make a virtual Christmas card
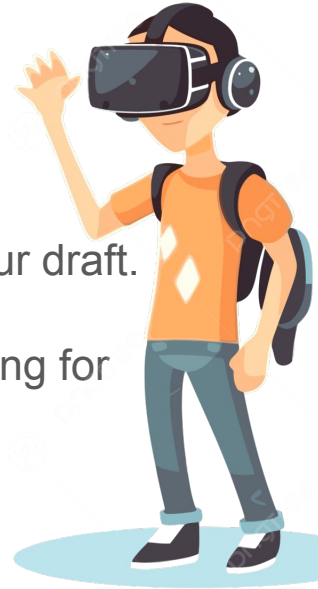
Now we are going to make our virtually Christmas card:

Log in to the website: www.tekstperimentet.dk, or if you have a similar website in your language, and watch the guidevidios for Cospaces, and get started
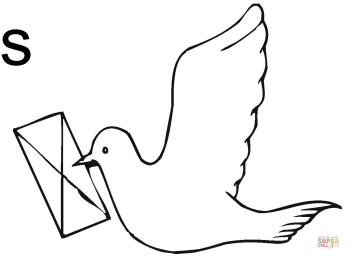
Buckle up for your virtual Christmas card:
1. Create a Christmas lanscape.
2. Insert Christmas characters and make speech bubbles with text from your draft.
3. Make simple codes, so your characters can move around.
4. Try a couples of times by yourself or review the guide videos before asking for help.

Have a nice Cospaces-time!

Read, experience and send your Christmas cards

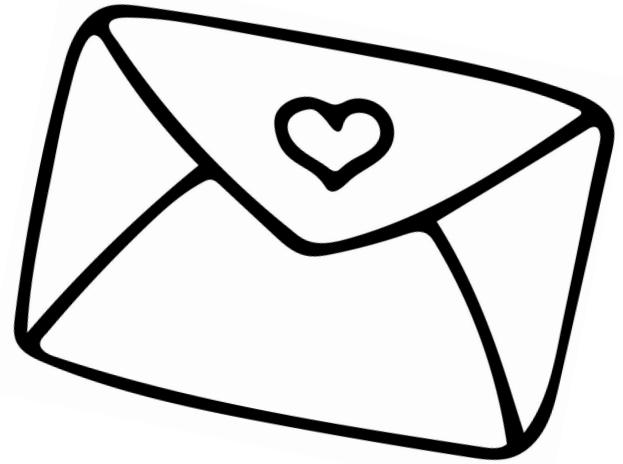Now your nice Christmas cards must be sent off to a lucky recipient.

Class discussion:

How to send a Christmas card?

How did you send Christmas cards in the old days?

Are there more ways to send your Christmas cards?

Send your Christmas cards by post, by e-mail or hand them over in person.

Old school Christmas card in 3.b

Virtual Christmas card in 3.b

Wildes Christmas card:

https://edu.cospaces.io/LYQ-APU

Olivias Christmas card:

https://edu.cospaces.io/XAE-KLG