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KS2 Primary Lesson plan ideas

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## English

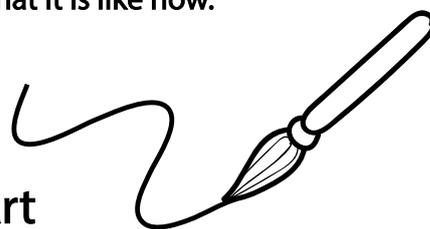


- **Myths and folklore:** Read about Tehi Tegi and then create your own Manx folktale.
- **Fables:** Discuss how the wren became King of the Birds. Create your own fable based on an interesting animal found in the Isle of Man. (Examples might be “How the wallaby got his jump” or “How the basking shark got his huge mouth”)
- **Persuasive writing:** Design a poster persuading people to come along and take part in Hunt the Wren.
- **Narrative:** Re-write the tale of Tehi Tegi from the Tehi Tegi’s perspective.
- **Reading:** Re-tell the story of Tehi Tegi or how the wren became King of the Birds.
- Learn and recite by heart some verses of the Hunt the Wren song.
- **Drama:** In small groups retell and perform the story of Tehi Tegi.

## History

Find out about the wren pole using the videos from the [Culture Vannin website](#) and doing your own research. Explain how the wren pole originated and how it has contributed to the tradition of Hunt the Wren - what is it used for and made from.

Use the [Culture Vannin information sheet](#) to find out how Hunt the Wren has changed over the years. Compare and contrast what the tradition was like in the 1720’s to what it is like now.



## Art

- Design and make your own wren pole.
- Find a photo of a wren and try to sketch it using shading to show texture.
- Ceate your own wren out of clay, create texture for feathers using a range of natural materials.

## Science

Wrens are tiny and sometimes difficult to spot. Some small birds are becoming rarer in our gardens. Explain how changes in environment can endanger living things. Explore whether there are any factors in our environment that could lead to the demise of wrens and other little birds.

## Music

Watch and listen to the Hunt the Wren dance and song videos from the [Culture Vannin website](#).

- Try to learn the Hunt the Wren dance.
- Learn some verses of the Hunt the Wren song.