GREAT HALL

- 1) Flying witches
- 2) Made from concrete, they use a gas flame which is activated by a member of the Special Effects team off camera
- 3) Wizard Chess
- 4) It is made from clear cast resin
- 5) Madame Maxime
- 6) Ian Whyte, a basketball player and the stunt double for Madame Maxime, was given a prosthetic mask to look like her and had stilts in his shoes so that he could dance with Hagrid
- 7) A Christmas tree
- 8) It took two months to make and multiple dresses were needed when filming. Wire was added to each layer of the dress which was then covered with tinsel. Crystals were then added to each layer to make the dress look like twinkling fairy lights

Can you see the Christmas cards that are on display in the Gryffindor Boys' dormitory as well as the Gryffindor common room? These are originals that were created for the films. Don't forget to design your own Christmas card on Platform 9 ¾'s!

THE GRYFINDOR COMMON ROOM

- 9) Professor Albus Dumbledore
- 10) A real cloak was created, with one side made with Chroma green print so that when Harry Potter puts the cloak over him, the invisible effect could be added in post-production

Make sure you listen to the speech by Hagrid's Hut to find out some behind-the-scenes filmmaking secrets.

THE BURROW

- 11) Snowmen
- 12) The knitting needles are animatronic and are controlled off-set to make it look like the needles are moving on their own
- 13) A scale model of the Burrow was built, which took months to build. The Special Effects team then had to carefully burn down the Burrow, which took only six minutes!



DIAGON ALLEY

- 15) Hogsmeade
- 16) The Art Department used two sticks with little feet on them to create footprints coming out of the shop doors and walking up the streets.

HOGWARTS CASTLE

- 17) Five different types of snow were created: snow blankets, dendritic salt which sounds crunchy underfoot, very finely shredded paper, shredded plastic which was used as falling snow as it catches in the air and doesn't fall straightaway and finally polymer which looks the most realistic
- 18) It was applied by hand with a sieve, just like dusting sugar onto a cake. This takes up to a week to complete

Activities

- 1. Design your own Christmas tree with decorations.
- 2. Design your own outfit that you would wear to Professor Slughorn's Slug Club Christmas party.