

Experience the Magic

of a Traditional

Christmas

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I have many years working in an International Baccalaureate school in the Primary Years Department in Milan, with more than 60 different nationalities. I supported EAL students in their transition to an English speaking school environment and guiding them across the curriculum.

Today's classroom is evermore multicultural and it is important and necessary to intergrate a multicultural learning environment.

Sharing the Christmas spirit is a true celebration of diversity.



From decorating **Christmas trees**
(**German** tradition)

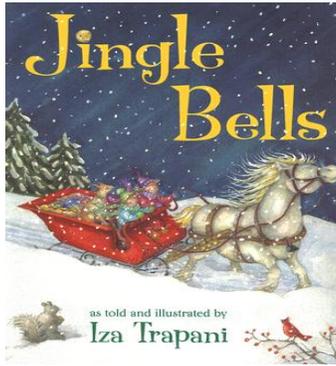


sending **Christmas cards**
first commercially produced
in **England**



to creating beautiful **nativity scenes**
made popular by St Francis of Assisi,
Italy

Our traditional Christmas is in fact very multicultural,
an assortment of traditions we have adapted from other cultures.



In this webinar today we will look at some Christmas traditions so you can stimulate creativity in the classroom or if you are teaching online with Christmas poetry, songs, art & craft ideas that makes it the magical Christmas we celebrate today.



Christmas Carols
Nativity Scene
Christmas Tree
Jingle Bells
Presents
Santa Claus/Father Christmas
Christmas Decorations
Baubles
Angel
CHRISTMAS
Snowflake
Christmas Cake
Rudolph
WHAT YOU HEAR THE WORD «CHRISTMAS»
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ?
Christmas Crackers
Christmas Cards
Christmas Star
Elves
Christmas Stocking
Snowman

COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS

There are many colours which are **traditionally** associated with Christmas.

What colours do you see at Christmas?

What are your favourite colours during this season?



Green The Romans would exchange evergreen branches as a sign of good luck. The ancient Egyptians used to bring palm branches into their houses during the mid winter festivals.

Red An early use of red at Christmas were red apples and holly berries used to decorate homes.

White White is often associated with purity and peace in western cultures. The snow of winter is also very white!

Gold Gold is the colour of the Sun and light - both very important in the dark winter. And both red and gold are the colours of fire that you need to keep you warm.

Gold was also one of the presents brought to the baby Jesus by one of the wise men and traditionally the star they followed.

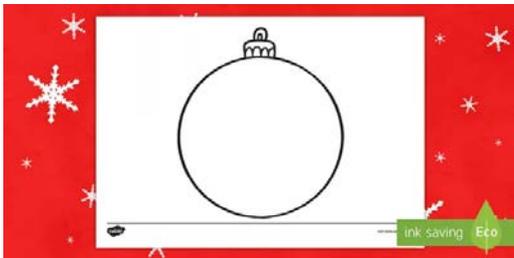
Blue Mary was often painted wearing blue to show she was very important.

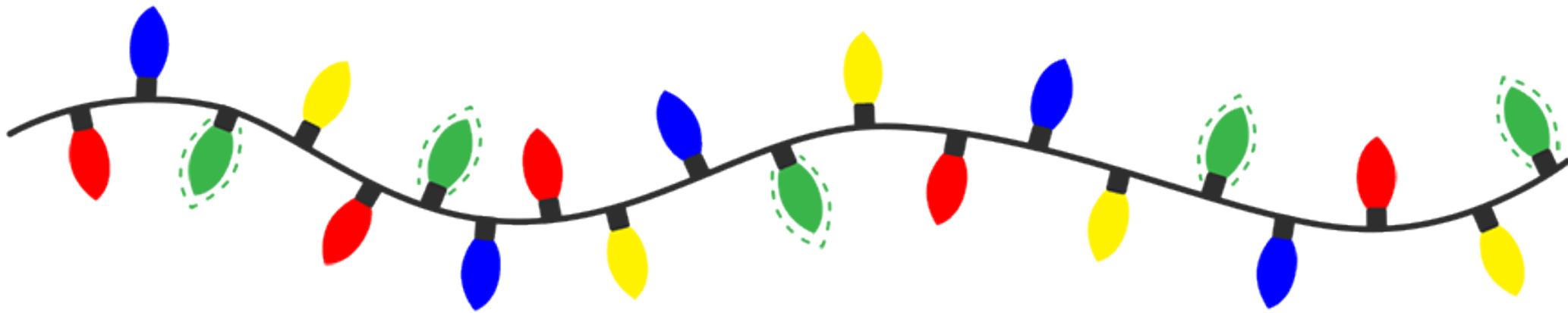
BRIGHT AND COLOURFUL DECORATIONS WITH STAINED GLASS EFFECT

What better way to use all the magical christmas colours by making a window or tree decoration.

Materials

Tissue paper in various Christmas colours
Oven paper/tracing paper
Mix of glue & water
Paintbrushes
Black card
Christmas templates.

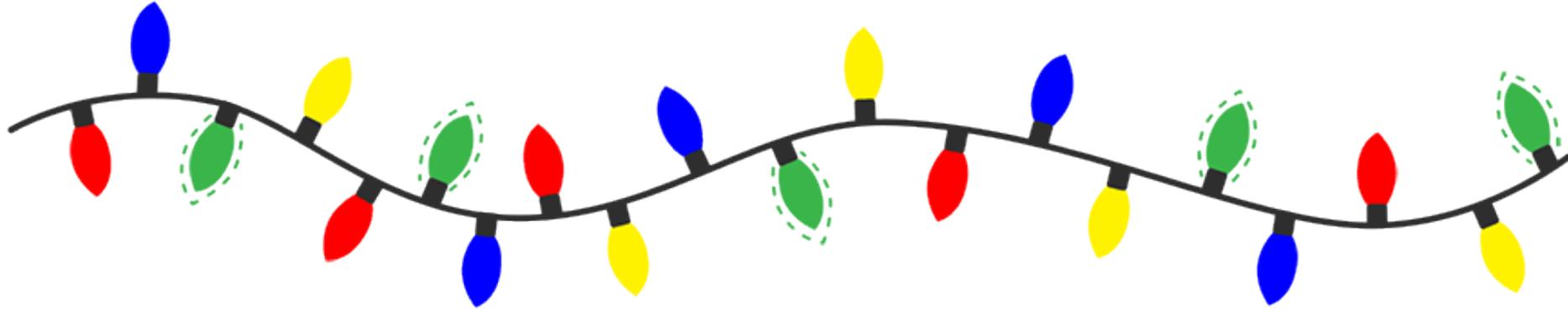




THE COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS

Oh the colours of Christmas are beautiful to see.
Oh the colours of Christmas are all around me.
Our Christmas lights are red.
Our Christmas lights are blue.
Our Christmas lights are orange,
They are pink and purple too.
Oh the Colours of Christmas are beautiful to see.
Oh the colours of Christmas are all around me.
The colours of Christmas make me happy.

Can you create a poem about Christmas colours?



Red is for... Rudolf's bright red nose to light up the night

Green is for...

White is for...

Gold is for...

Blue is for...

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree as we know it today became popular in 18th century **Germany**, and spread to other European countries after Queen Victoria's German consort introduced the tree into England in 1840.

People started decorating evergreen trees over 2,000 years ago as they were seen as a symbol of eternal life.

Early Christmas trees were decorated with nuts, fruit, pretzels and cookies.

Christmas lights first appeared in 1890, before that people used small candles to light up the tree.



PAPER PLATE CHRISTMAS TREE

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Materials needed:

- Per tree a paper plate – if you are short on time and can get green ones, but it is more fun to paint them.
- Green paint & brushes
- Coloured card or old Christmas cards
- Scissors, glue stick, stapler
- Hole punch (**single hole punch**)
- Coloured cotton/string

Alternative ideas

- You can use printed photos or make the 3D baubles with tissue paper or tin foil.
- Write names of the people in their family or the words JOY, PEACE, LOVE...

THE OPTIONS ARE ENDLESS!!



WOVEN CHRISTMAS TREE

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Paper weaving is something children really have fun making, so this Paper Weaving Christmas Tree Craft Idea makes a great project to do either at home or in your classroom.



Materials needed:

- 2 different coloured A4 card per child (light or dark green, red, white...)
- Glue stick

Decorate with sequins or glitter (optional).
Make with different colours to hang on the tree.



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CHRISTMAS VOCABULARY THROUGH SONGS...

What decorations do you hang/put on your Christmas tree?

Baubles

Tinsel

Lights

Reindeer

Bells

Stars

Snowflakes

Bows

Santa



Santa Claus
America

Father Christmas
UK

Babbo Natale
Italy

Père Noel
France

Christkind
Germany

He is loved by children all around the world during the festive season and he has a different name in every country he visits...

Ded Moroz
Russia

Do you know his name in these countries?

Sinterklaass
The Netherlands

Noel Baba
Turkey



Who is Santa Claus?

- He was born a very very long time ago in Patara, a country we now call Turkey.
- His name was Nicholas and he was always a very kind and gentle person. He gave gifts and money to those who were less fortunate than himself.
- He became a bishop when he was older and he wore a red hat and cloak.
- Today he is celebrated on 6th December as Saint Nicholas Day, protector of children.
- Santa Claus continues his memory...

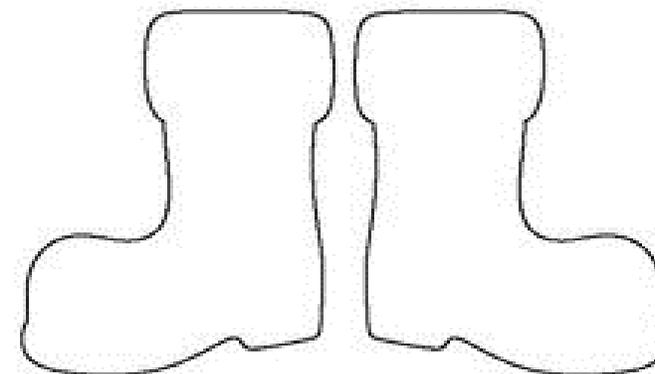
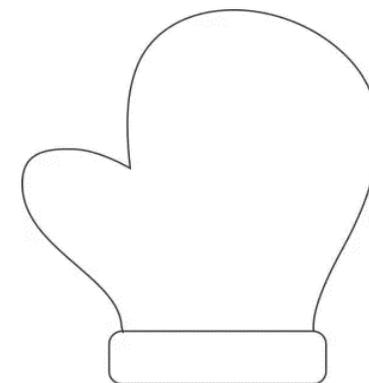
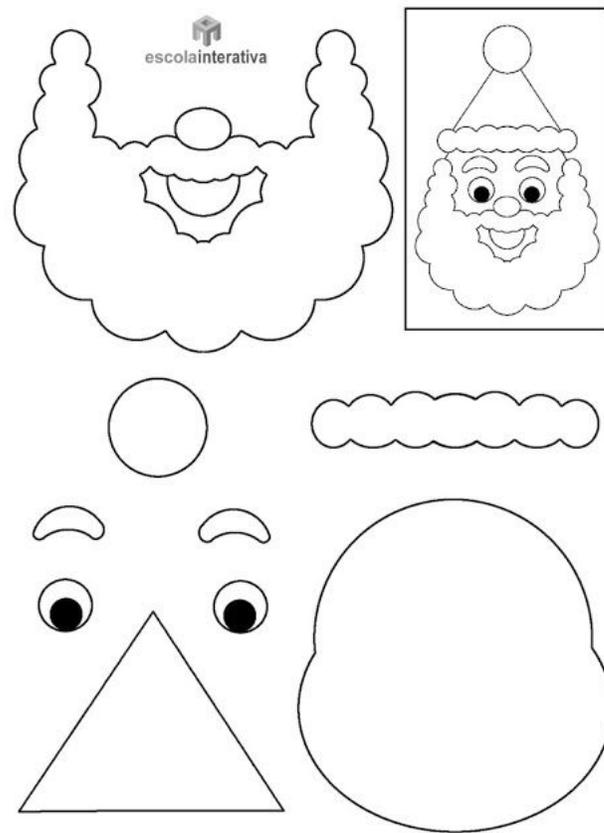




He has big black boots
And bright red clothes.
He also has a bright red nose.
He carries a sack on his back.
Presents for me and you!
Ho Ho Ho!
Ho Ho Ho!
His name is Santa Claus.

SUPERSTAR SANTA





Name: _____



Santa

Circle the adjectives that describe Santa.

happy friendly caring jolly
special unkind helpful
intelligent short silly honest
ugly kind cool tall sad plump
shy big gentle horrible polite
grumpy calm furious unkind
magical

Write sentences to describe Santa.

Name _____ Date _____

Noun and Adjective Sort

Nouns

Adjectives

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<i>santa</i>	<i>reindeer</i>	<i>hairy</i>	<i>tall</i>
<i>jolly</i>	<i>green</i>	<i>snowman</i>	<i>cold</i>
<i>white</i>	<i>sleigh</i>	<i>north pole</i>	<i>elf</i>
<i>quiet</i>	<i>short</i>	<i>chimney</i>	<i>cookies</i>

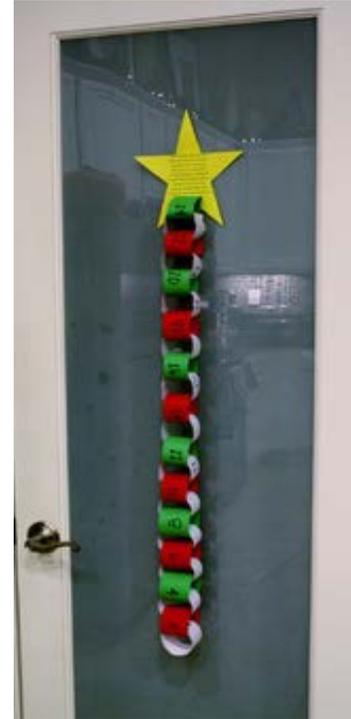
COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

One of the well-known traditions during the Christmas holidays is counting the days of the month of December until Christmas Day by an **Advent Calendar**.

This activity was started in Germany more than 100 years ago.

There are many advent calendars to make but here are two lovely ideas that represent the nativity scene and the Christmas star (the star of Bethlehem). It's always nice to have a classroom calendar too.

A great opportunity to revise **numbers up to 25** and introduce or revise "**How many**" in how many days til Christmas?



ADVENT CALENDARS



Materials:

- red, green and yellow card - 13 green strips and 12 red strips
- scissors
- glue stick or sticky tape
- glitter for the star
- a Christmas message on the star

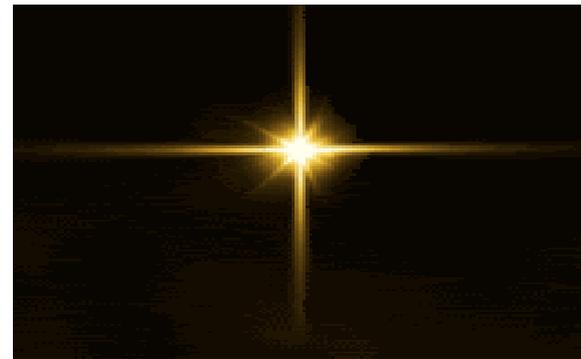


Materials:

- white card
- countdown calendar printable or make your own.
- countdown Jesus and Star printable or make your own.
- crayons, colored pencils or colored markers
- scissors
- glue stick
- glitter
- sharp pencil or something small, to make holes in the (star)pointer and the calendar
- paper fastener

Follow that star,
from wherever you are. (x2)
It burns like an ember
it's the heart of December,
so follow that star.
Follow that light,
let it lead through the night. (x2)
It shines like a beacon
to the faith that you're keeping
so follow that light.
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Follow that star



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CHRISTMASTIME DOWN AT STORY LANE...

STORY LANE 1

Father Christmas,
Father Christmas
Coming down the
chimney
Father Christmas,
Father Christmas
Coming down tonight.
He gets stuck!
What bad luck!
He gets stuck!
What bad luck!
He gets stuck!
What bad luck!
He gets stuck!



CHRISTMASTIME DOWN AT STORY LANE...

STORY LANE 2

CHRISTMAS

1 Listen, point and repeat. 74

Father Christmas

sleigh

2 Sing. 75

One, two, three, four
Listen, listen
Someone's knocking at the door.
Five, six, seven, eight
Listen, listen
Father Christmas
Is on his red sleigh.
Look, look
Under the tree
Toys and presents
For you and me!

tree

bauble

star

bells

present

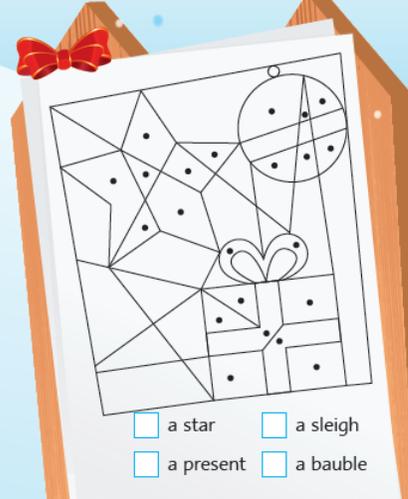
3 Find the words and write. Discover the message with the remaining letters.

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 _____
 _____
 _____

P	I	M	F	A	B	T
R	H	E	R	C	E	S
E	T	R	E	E	L	T
S	H	R	I	S	L	A
E	T	M	A	S	S	R
N	B	A	U	B	L	E
T	S	L	E	I	G	H

Ho! Ho! Ho! Here I am.

4 Shade in and tick.



a star a sleigh
 a present a bauble

5 MAKE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

You need:

-  coloured cardboard
-  string
-  glue
-  scissors
-  buttons



CHRISTMASTIME DOWN AT STORY LANE...

STORY LANE 3

CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 25th

1 Listen and read. 78

WHEN IS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED?

Christmas is celebrated on 25th December.

HOW DO PEOPLE DECORATE THEIR HOUSES?

People decorate their houses with lights, candles, holly and mistletoe. They usually hang stockings by the chimney, bells on the Christmas tree and a wreath on the door.

2 Sing. 79

Deck the halls
*Deck the halls with boughs of holly!
 Fa la la la la, la la la la.
 It's the season to be jolly!
 Fa la la la la, la la la la.
 Let's put on our bright new clothes now.
 Fa la la la la, la la la la.
 Now let's sing this Christmas Carol.
 Fa la la la la, la la la la.*

4 Listen, point and repeat. 80 5 Match.

HELP THE GIRL DECORATE HER HOUSE!



- wreath
- candle
- bells
- stocking
- mistletoe
- lights
- holly

3 Read and choose.

1- Christmas is celebrated on...
 25th June 25th December

2- Holly and mistletoe are...
 food Christmas decorations

3- Traditional Christmas songs are called...
 candles Christmas Carols

4- People usually sing Christmas Carols...
 in streets in shops

Christmas Eve
Movie



Does Scrooge really hate Christmas?
 Is he really so bad?
 Find out what the magic of Christmas can do!



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CHRISTMASTIME DOWN AT STORY LANE...

STORY LANE 4

DECEMBER 25th

1 Listen and complete. 83

Attention! Attention!
With a big nose,
a special animal
everybody knows!

table - cards - fruit -
hat - toy - dinner

CRACKERS

They are tubes covered
in coloured paper with
a paper
a small
and a joke inside.
They are on the
..... at Christmas
dinner.

Hi!
I'm Rudolph,
I'm one of Father
Christmas' reindeer!
I'm going to tell you
some traditions British
people follow.

PUDDING

It's a dessert with plums
and dried

It's traditionally served after Christmas

If you find a coin inside the pudding, you are very lucky!

2 Read and match.

1 CHRISTMAS PUDDING

2 CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

3 CHRISTMAS CARDS

4 CHRISTMAS TREE

CARDS

Sending Christmas cards
is an ancient tradition.
British people love sending
..... to their friends
and relatives.

GREETINGS AROUND THE WORLD

MAKE A CLASS POSTER OR CREATE A CHRISTMAS CARD WITH THESE GREETINGS.

1 Joyeux Noël → French		8 Merry Christmas → English	
2 Frohe Weihnachten → German		9 Shèngdàn Kuàilè → Chinese	
3 Bom Natal → Portuguese			
4 Crăciun Fericit → Romanian			
5 Maligayang Pasko → Filipino			
6 Buon Natale → Italian			
7 Feliz Navidad → Spanish			

CHRISTMASTIME DOWN AT STORY LANE...

STORY LANE 5

CHRISTMAS Traditions

Listen, read and complete. 81

schools - songs - red - money - Christmas



THE UK



In the UK it is a tradition to go "carol singing" the week before
Carols are traditional religious; people go from house to house, singing carols and collecting for charity.



It is a tradition for primary in Britain to put on a Nativity Play. Children act out the birth of Jesus to the whole school and their families.



THE USA



summer - sandmen - snowmen - lights



In the USA, people decorate the outside of their houses with and statues of Santa Claus and the reindeer. Children make



IRELAND



In Ireland, candles are placed in windows on Christmas Eve, as a guide for Joseph and Mary.



AUSTRALIA



In Australia, many people celebrate Christmas on the beach because in the southern hemisphere December is in the Children make



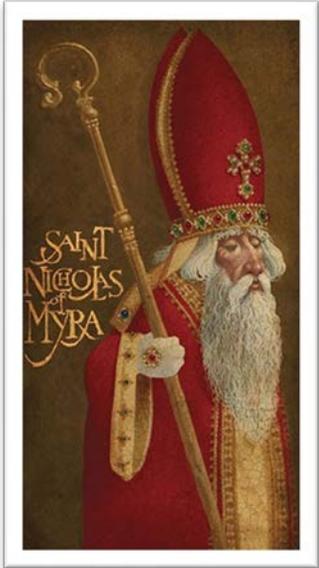
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DECEMBER

THE MOST HOLY TIME OF THE YEAR...



6th December
St. Nicholas



8th December
**The Immaculate
Conception**



13th December
St. Lucy



10th - 18th December
Hanukkah



21st December
Yule or Winter Solstice

Remember that we don't all share the same faith, so ask your children if they celebrate this month or this season differently and celebrate their differences too!

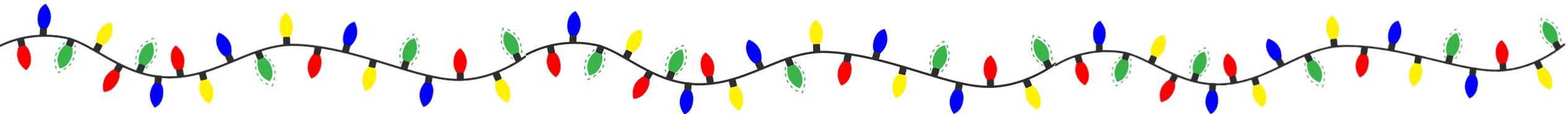
MERRY
CHRISTMAS



THANK YOU TEACHERS !

A big thank you to all you wonderful teachers who have been incredible in supporting your children and each other during this very difficult year.

You have all continued to teach with the same motivation and professionalism to keep the education system going!



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