

Experience the Magic  
*of a Traditional*  
*Christmas*

**WEBINAR  
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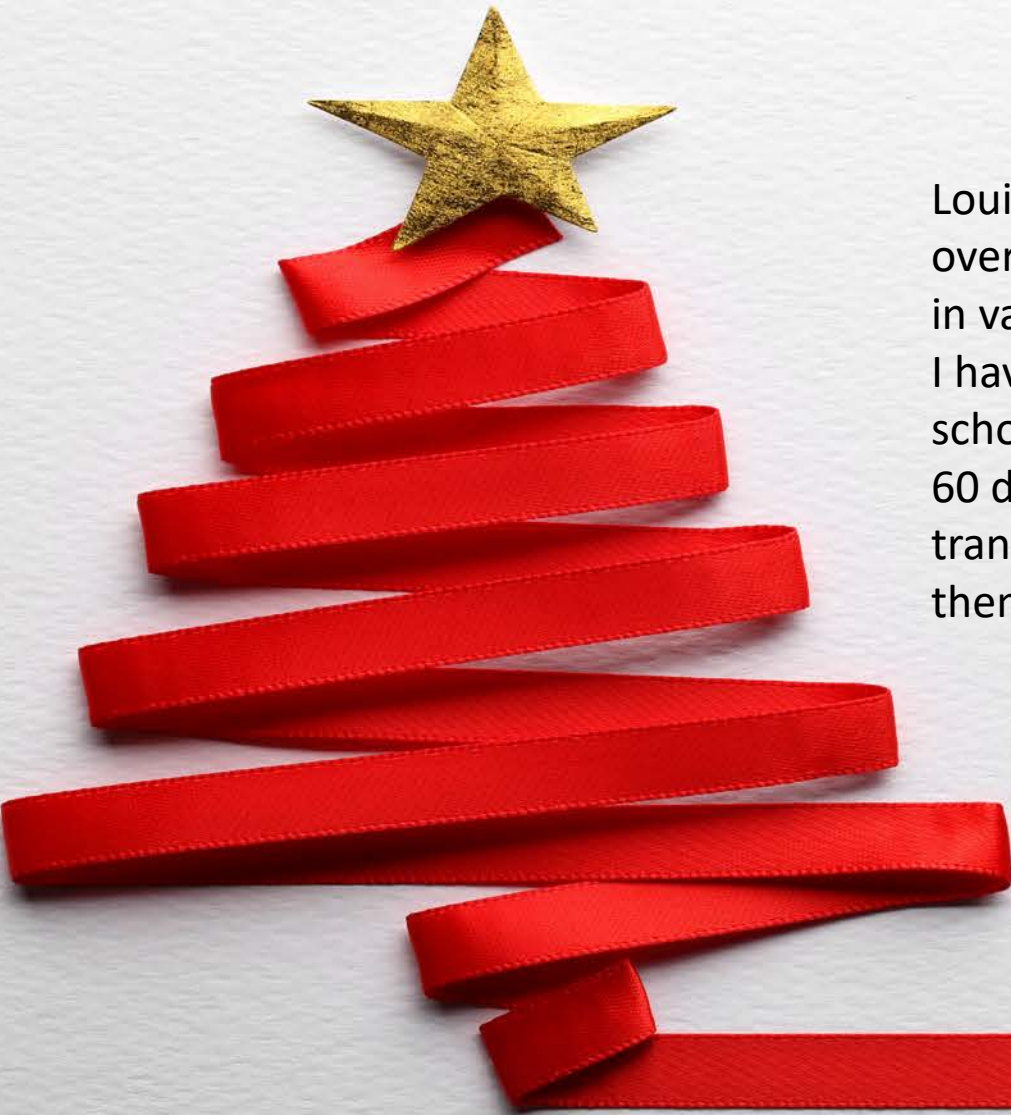


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Louise Baxter, a native English qualified language teacher with over 20 years experience teaching English to children and adults in various language schools.

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)

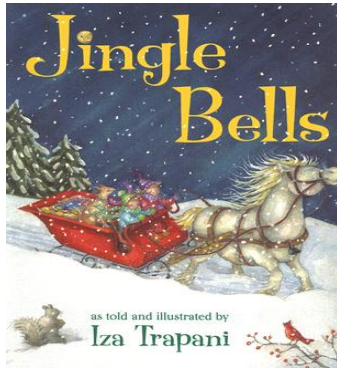


sending **Christmas cards**  
first commercially produced  
in **England**



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 Tree

Christmas Carols

Nativity Scene

Jingle Bells

Presents

Santa Claus/Father Christmas

Christmas Decorations

Baubles

Angel

Christmas Cake

**CHRISTMAS**

Snowflake

Rudolph

WHEN 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.

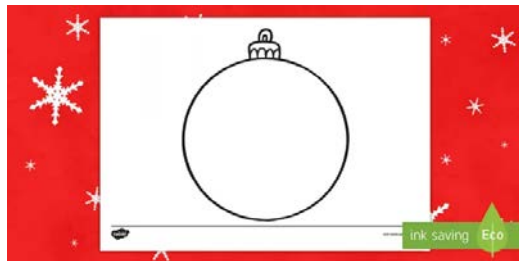


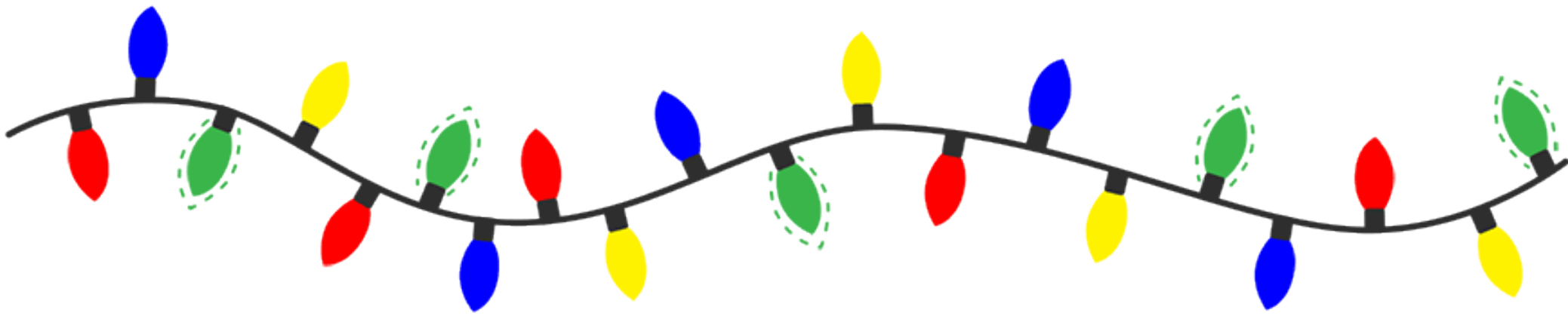
# BRIGHT AND COLOURFUL DECORATIONS WITH STAINED GLASS EFFECT

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.



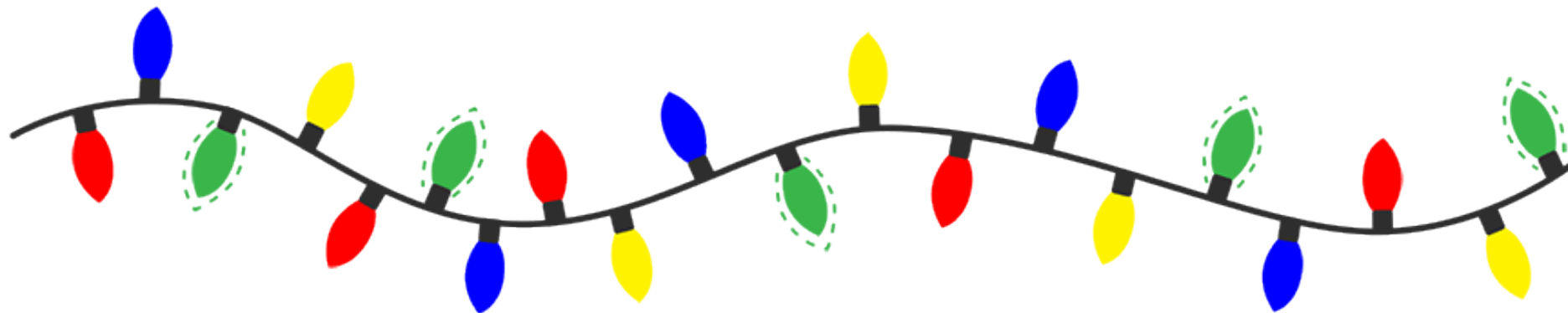


## THE COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS

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

1a e 2a primaria

## 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 3a - 5a primaria

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

Tinsle

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

Sinterklaass  
The Netherlands

Noel Baba  
Turkey

Do you know his name in these countries?





# 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 6<sup>th</sup> December as Saint Nicholas Day, protector of children.
- Santa Claus continues his memory...

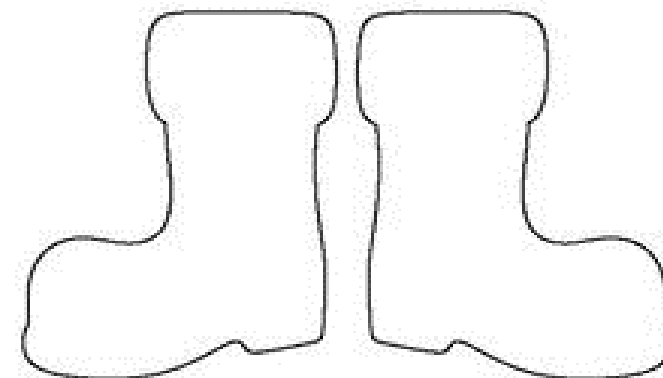
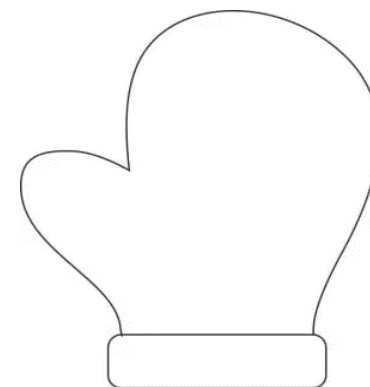
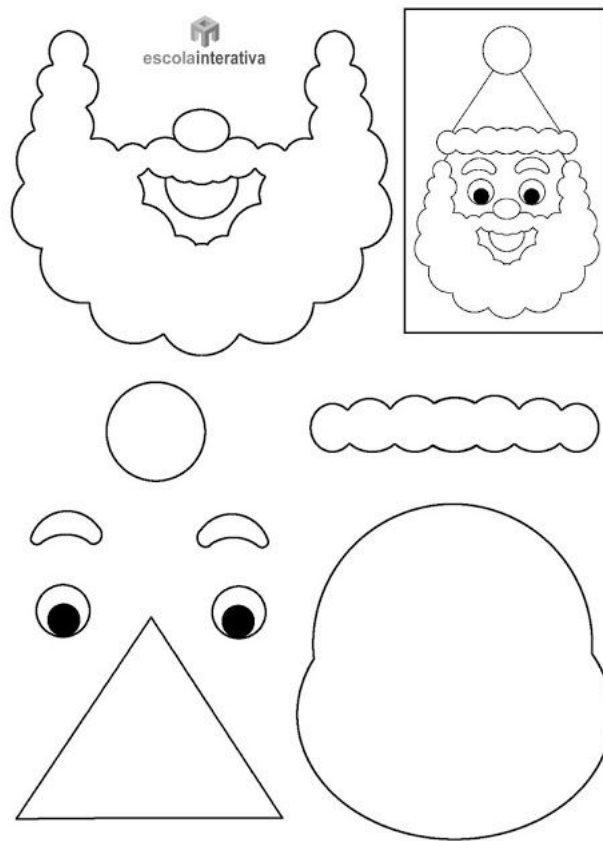




He has big black boots  
And bright red clothes.  
He also has a bright red nose.  
He carries a sack on his back.  
Presents for me and you!  
Ho Ho Ho!  
Ho Ho Ho!  
His name is Santa Claus.

# 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.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Noun and Adjective Sort

Nouns

Adjectives

Border from Teaching in Tongass on TpT.com

<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  
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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!  
What bad luck!  
He gets stuck!



# CHRISTMASTIME DOWN AT STORY LANE...

## STORY LANE 2

### CHRISTMAS

**1 Listen, point and repeat.** 74

sleigh      Father Christmas

**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!

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**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 present

☐ a sleigh  
☐ a bauble

**5 MAKE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.**

**You need:**

- coloured cardboard
- string
- glue
- scissors
- buttons

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tree

bauble

star

bells

present



# CHRISTMASTIME DOWN AT STORY LANE...

## STORY LANE 3

### CHRISTMAS

**1 Listen and read.** 78

**WHEN IS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED?**

Christmas is celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> December.

**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.

**3 Read and choose.**

1- Christmas is celebrated on...  
☐ 25<sup>th</sup> June    ☐ 25<sup>th</sup> 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

**4 Listen, point and repeat.** 80 **5 Match.**

**HELP THE GIRL DECORATE HER HOUSE!**



1	wreath
2	candle
3	bells
4	stocking
5	mistletoe
6	lights
7	holly

**2 Sing.** 79

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**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



# CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**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!

**CARDS**

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

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

**2 Read and match.**

**1 CHRISTMAS  
PUDDING**

**2 CHRISTMAS  
CRACKERS**

**3 CHRISTMAS  
CARDS**

**4 CHRISTMAS  
TREE**

q5

**GREETINGS AROUND THE WORLD**

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

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



q5



# 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.



#### IRELAND



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

summer - sandmen - snowmen - lights



#### THE USA




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



#### AUSTRALIA




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



# 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!*

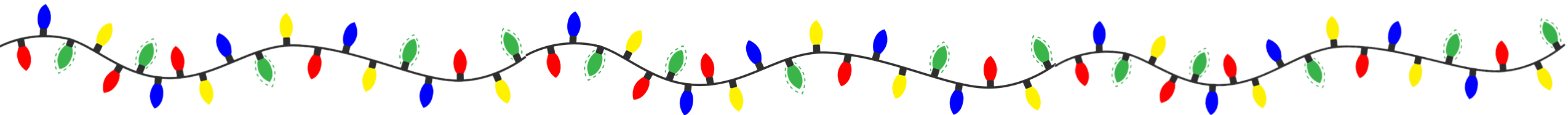
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



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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