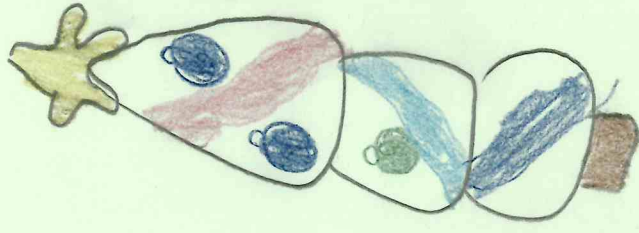


Merry Christmas,



and a happy new year!

Merry

Christmas



and a happy new year to you!

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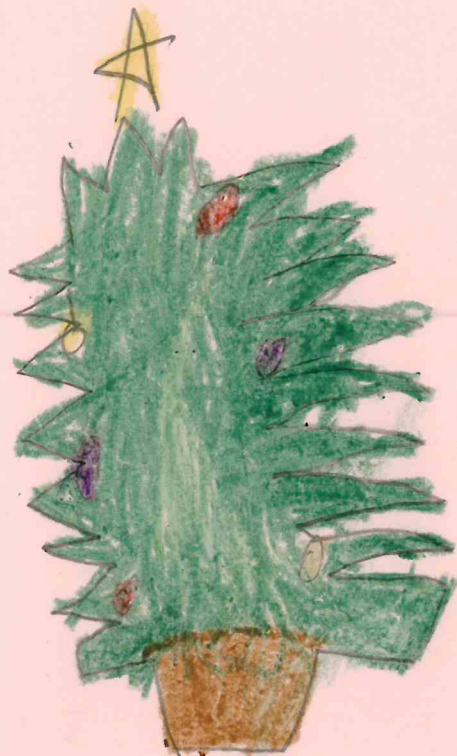
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CHRISTMAS is our
favourite time of
the year. Although it
is cold and dark, everyone
is beautifully decorated
with lights and
christmas trees.



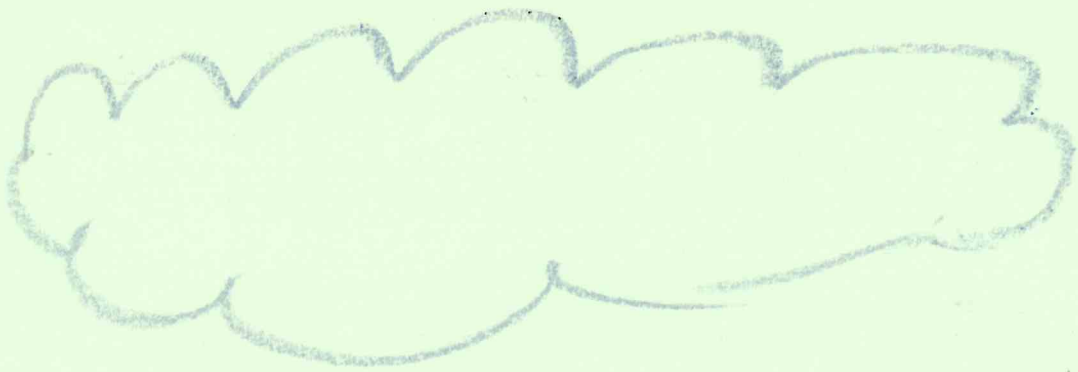


We count down to
Christmas from 1st December.
Some teachers buy their
class a chocolate advent
calendar. Yummy!



Happy Christmas

All of the classrooms in our school are decorated with tinsel, Christmas trees and pictures of gather. Christmas we have an extra special tree in our hall and in our school entrance hall.



We learn some Christmas songs which we only sing at this festive time of year. Special hymns or songs celebrating Christmas are called Carols.



*We Wish You
a Merry Christmas*



We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy new year

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
Good tidings for Christmas
And a happy new year



We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy new year

And have yourself a merry little Christmas
Have yourself a merry little Christmas night

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Jingle Bells



I

Dashing through the snow
In a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight

II

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

III

A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
We got into a drifted bank
And then we got upsot

IV

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh yeah

V

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh





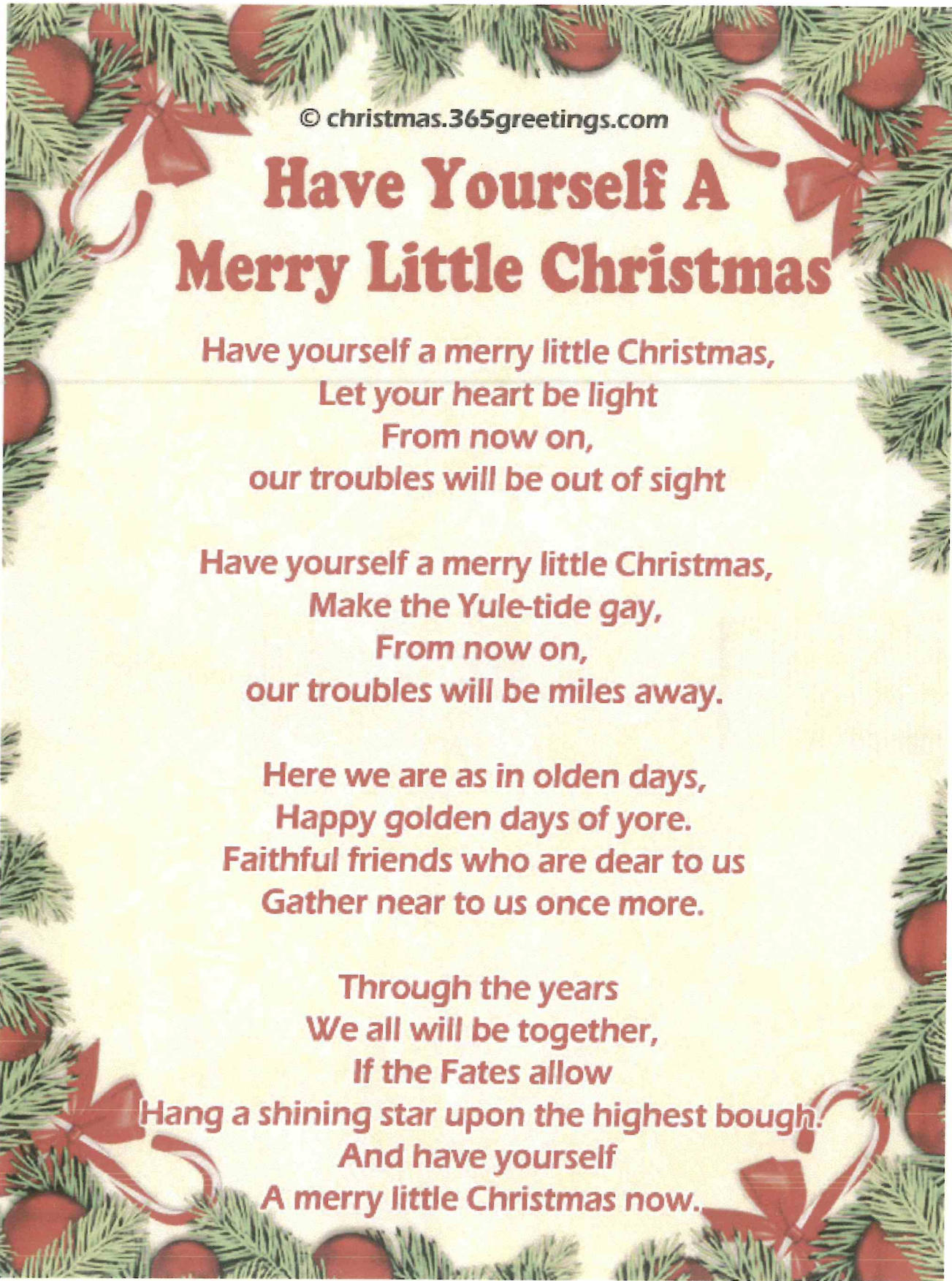
Ding Dong!

Merrily on High

**Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!**

**E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!**

**Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!**



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Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,
Let your heart be light
From now on,
our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,
Make the Yule-tide gay,
From now on,
our troubles will be miles away.

Here we are as in olden days,
Happy golden days of yore.
Faithful friends who are dear to us
Gather near to us once more.

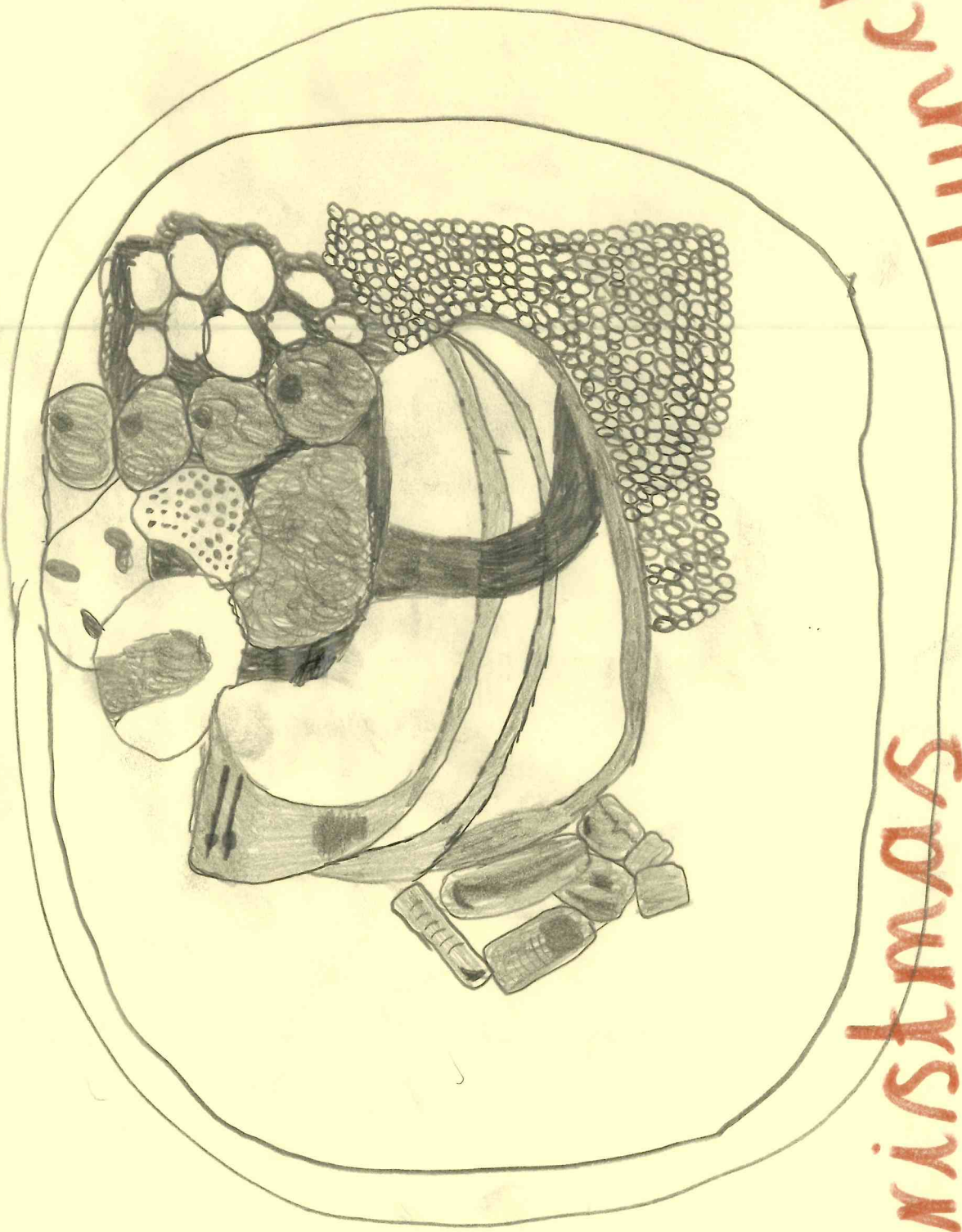
Through the years
We all will be together,
If the Fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough.
And have yourself
A merry little Christmas now.



Everybody in the school
takes part in a special
Christmas play which
our families come to watch.
We have to act, dance
and sing in the play.

The cooks at school prepare a traditional Christmas meal for the whole school. It is a feast and we eat turkey with cranberry sauce, roast potatoes, carrots, brussel sprouts, parsnips, swede and peas. This is a very big meal! Our tables are also decorated with a Christmas place mat and crackers. There are very bad jokes inside the crackers!

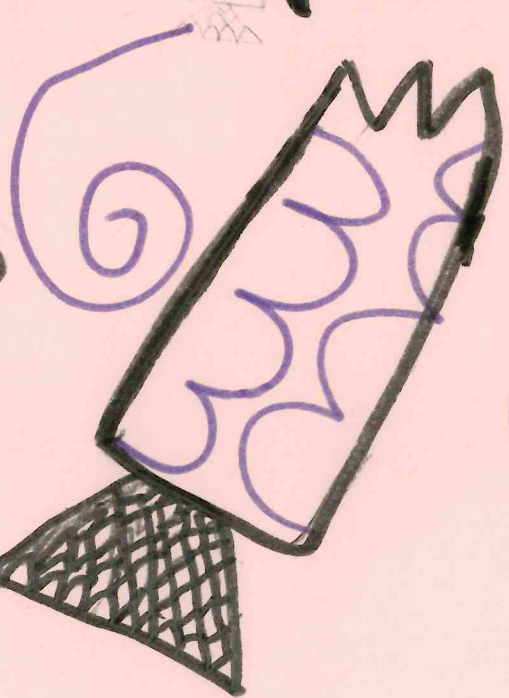
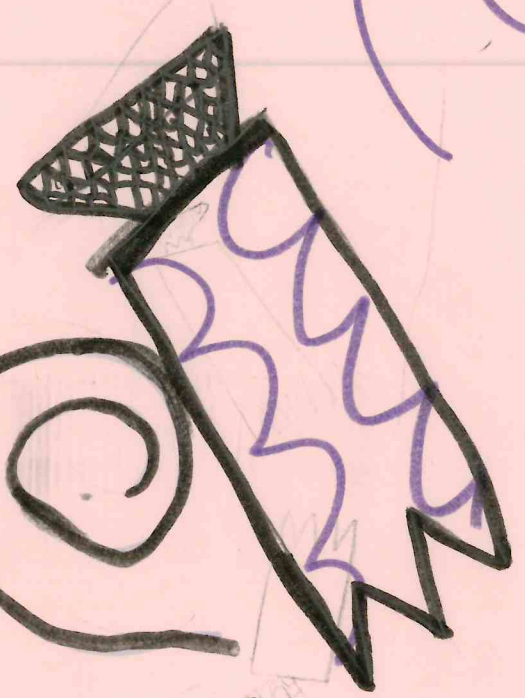
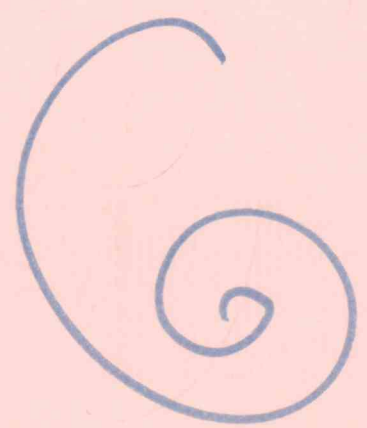
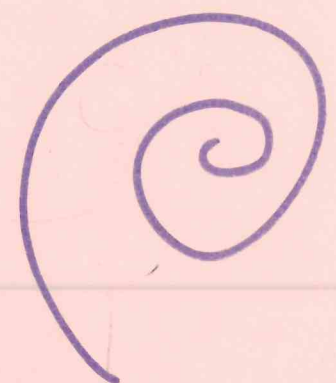




Munch!

Christmas

1950s



Christmas Jokes



What goes ho-ho whoosh, ho-ho whoosh?

Santa caught in a revolving door!

What's white and goes up?



A confused snowflake!

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

Can you smell carrot?



What do you call an old snowman?

Water!



What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month??

The letter D!

What goes "oh, oh, oh"?

Santa walking backwards!



Knock knock!
Who's there?
Snow.
Snow who?
Snow use,
I've forgotten my name again!



What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

Freeze a jolly good fellow!



How does a snowman lose weight?

He waits for the weather to get warmer!



Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?



A mince spy!

What do monkeys sing at Christmas?

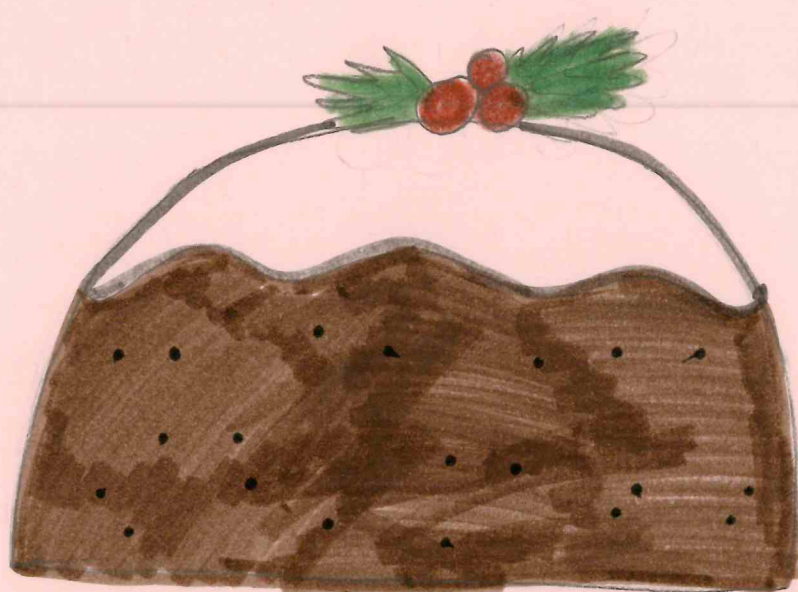


Jungle bells, jungle bells!

What's impossible to overtake at Christmas?



The three wise men!



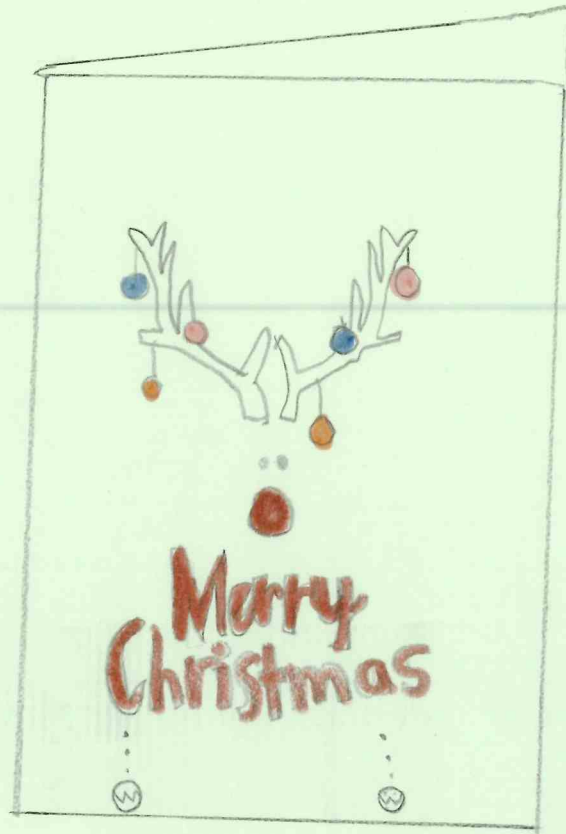
For dessert people eat a Christmas pudding. It is like a fruit cake with lots of raisins, sultanas, spices, orange and lemon peel. In the olden days people used to put a penny coin in the cake mix and if you got a slice of pudding with the coin, people thought it was a good omen for the coming year.

HO!
HO!
HO!

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!



After our Christmas lunch, Father Christmas usually comes to visit each class. He checks if we have been naughty or nice before giving us our class gift. HO! HO! HO!

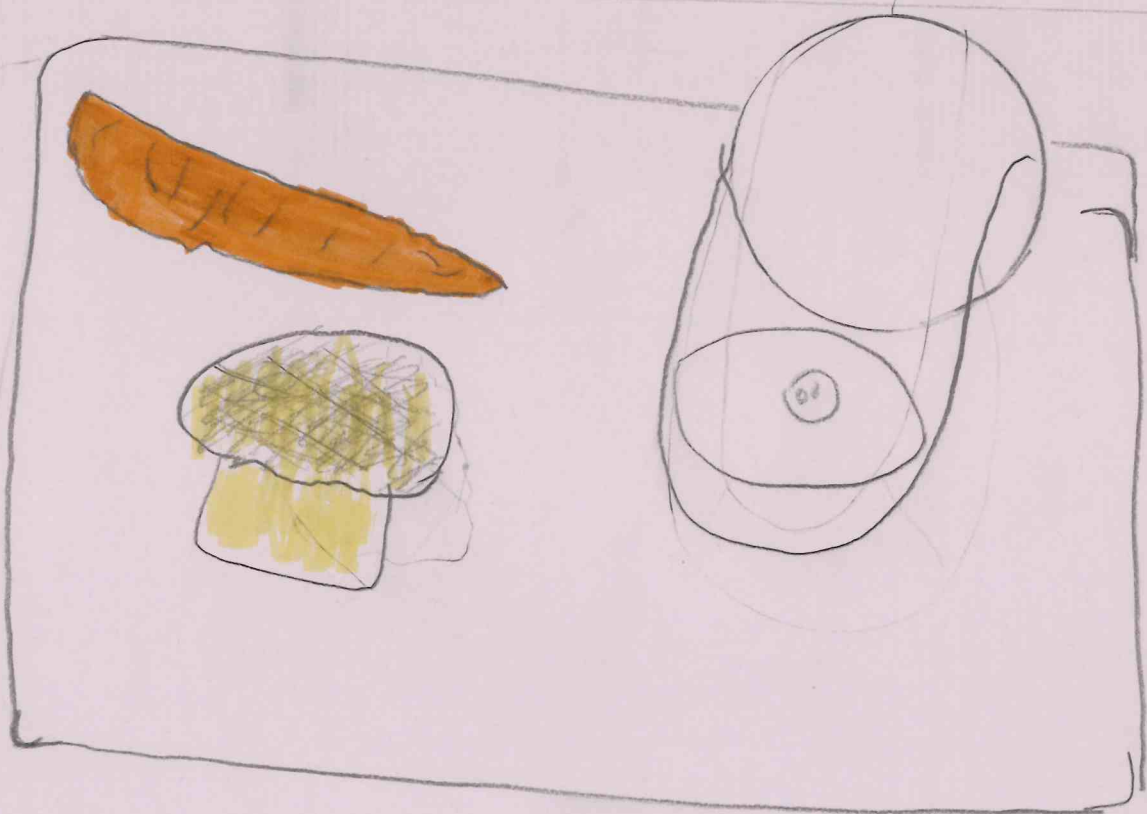


People send family + friends
Christmas cards to wish each
other a merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year. This tradition
was started in Victorian times.



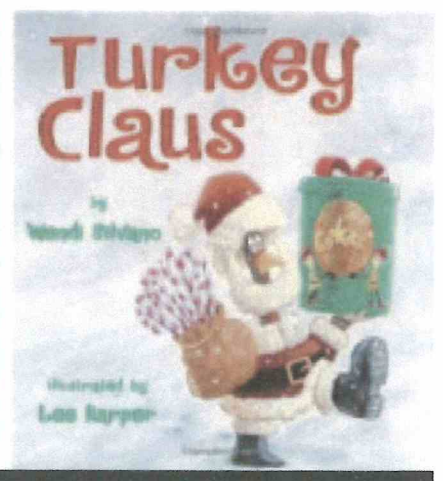
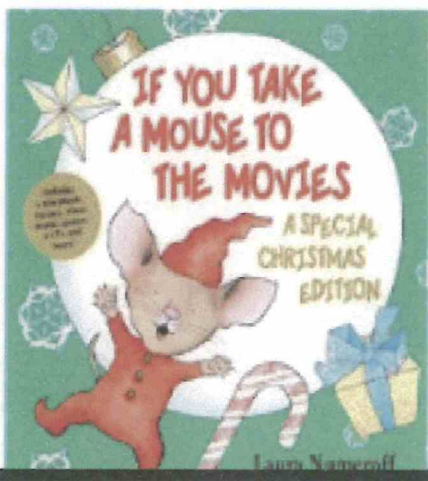
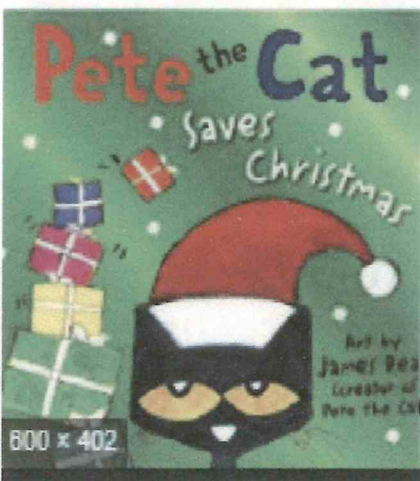
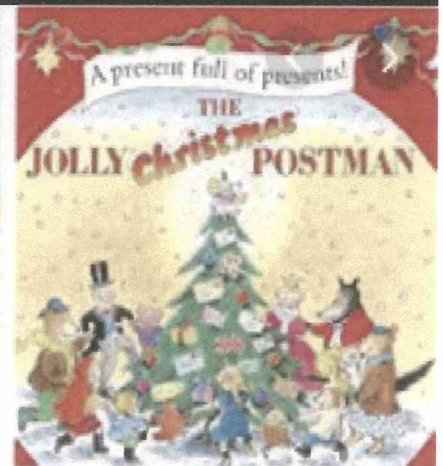
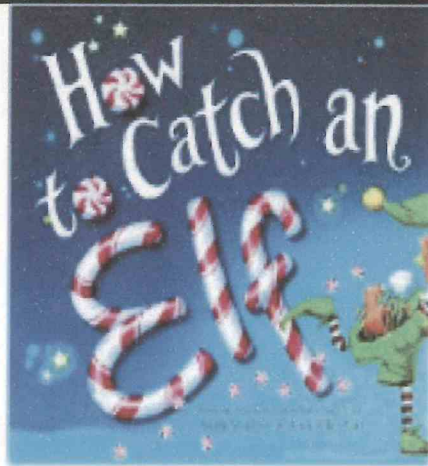
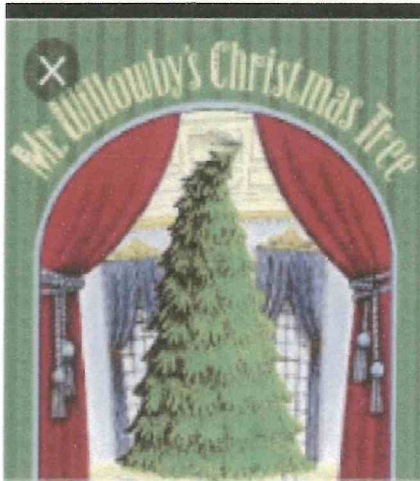
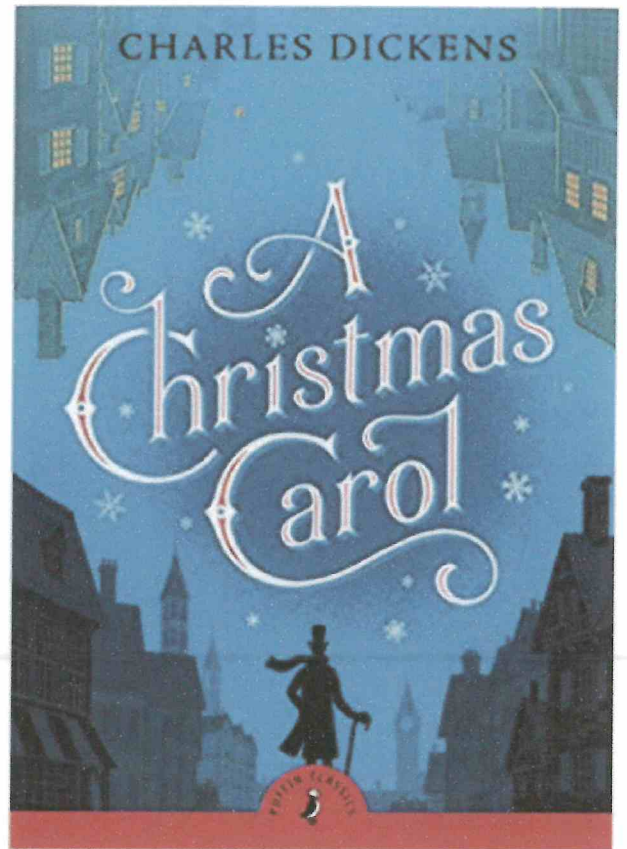
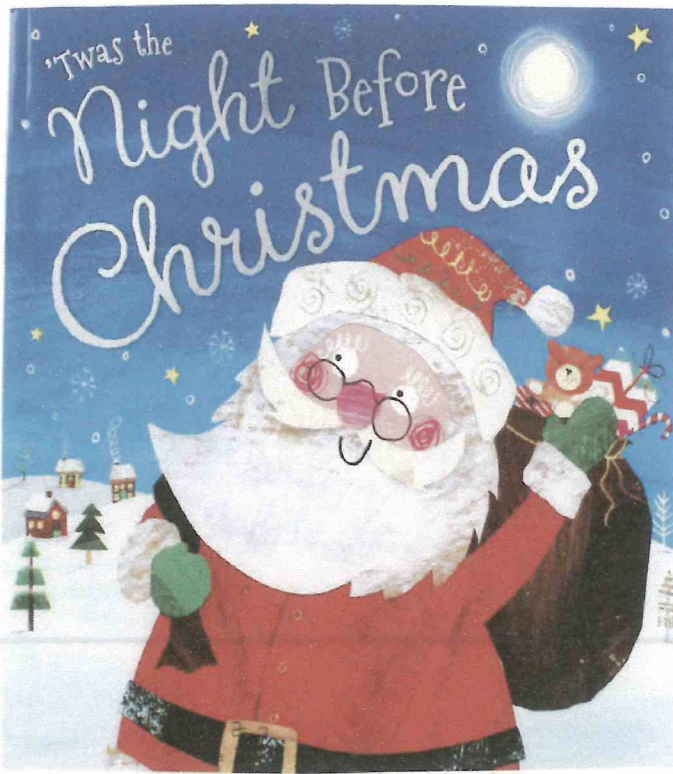
On Christmas Eve all children are told to go to bed early so that Father Christmas can deliver their presents to them whilst they sleep.

As he is so busy on Christmas Eve, some families leave Santa a little treat out for him to eat such as mince pie. Some people do leave carrots out for the reindeer!

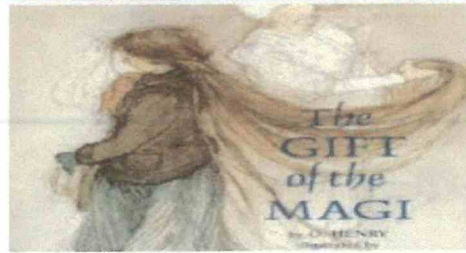
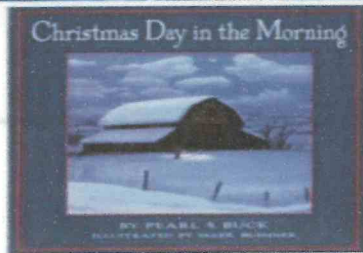
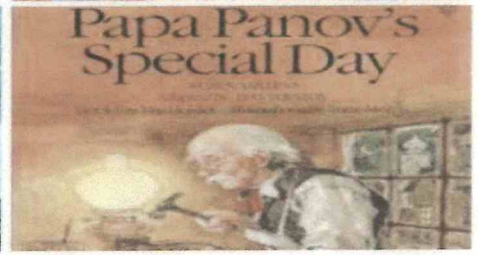
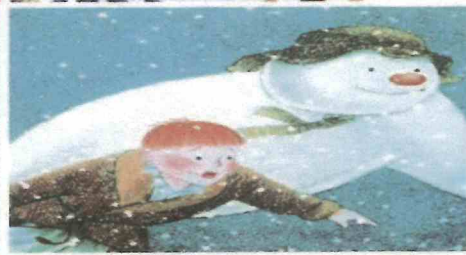
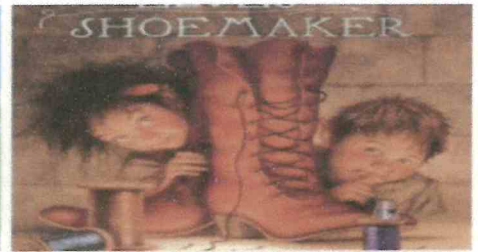
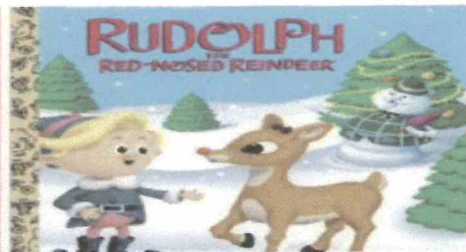


Look up at the night sky on Christmas and if you are very
lucky you might see farther Christmas riding through the
bright sky delivering Christmas presents to the children
on the nice list.

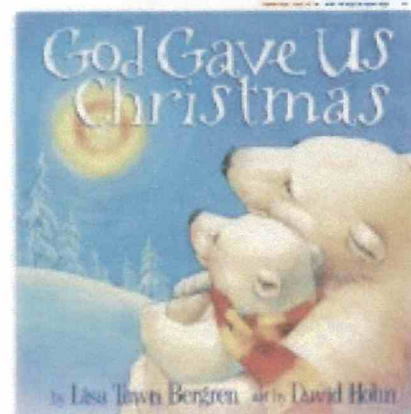
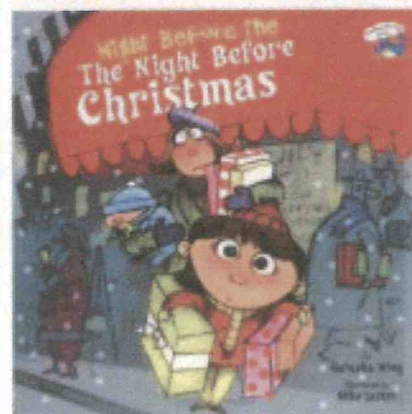
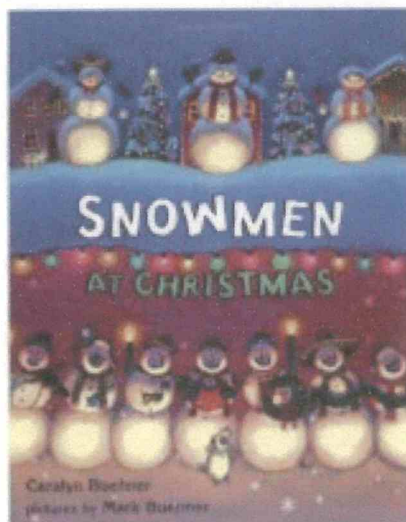
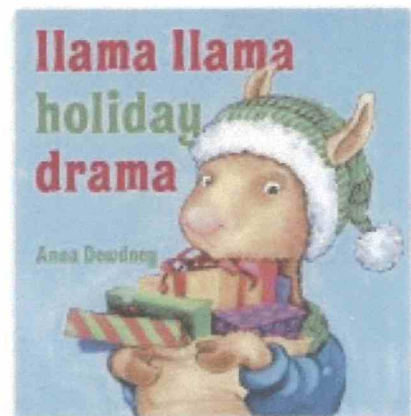
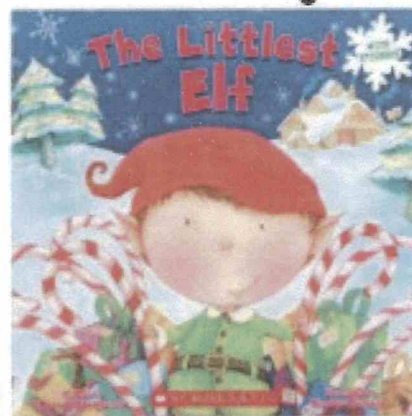
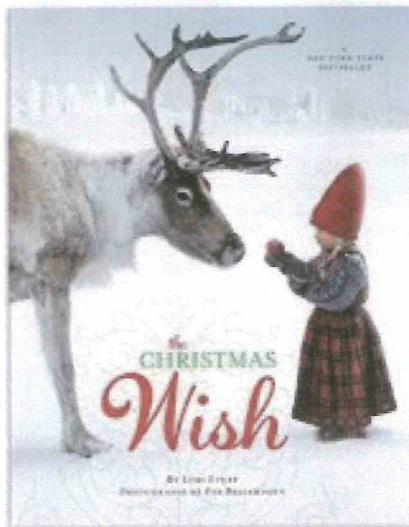




**11 MUST
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CHRISTMAS
STORIES
FOR KIDS**



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The History of Christmas Traditions

Christmas is a time for traditions. Your family might have their own traditions. However, many traditions have been going for years but do we really know how they started?

Going Christmas Crackers!

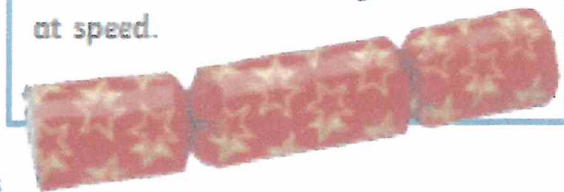
The sight of a Christmas cracker lying on the dinner table has been a British tradition for many decades.

Crackers began around 1845 with a London sweet maker named Tom Smith. He tried selling sweets in individual wrappers but they did not do very well.

One night, he was sitting in front of his open fire, listening to the crackle of the wooden logs as they burned. He had the idea to add a snap to the wrappers of his sweets so they would crack when they were pulled apart. This resulted in the early versions of the Christmas cracker.

Did You Know?

Crackers were originally called 'cosaques' after the Cossack soldiers, known for their love of firing guns into the air when riding their horses at speed.



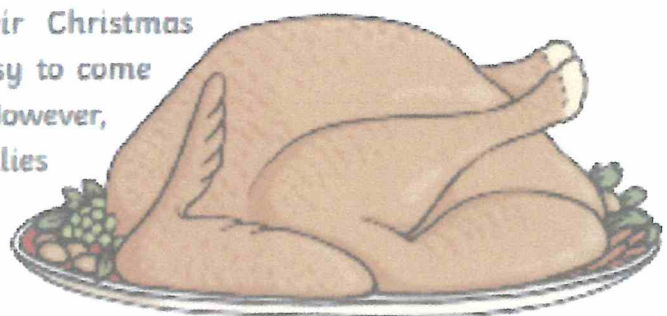
Christmas Pudding

Christmas puddings began in medieval England. Sausages were stuffed with fruits, grains and spices to preserve the meat for longer. In 1647, Oliver Cromwell was leading England, as the king had been removed from the throne. Cromwell supported Parliament banning carol singing, Christmas puddings, Yule logs and nativity scenes as it was seen as wrong and ungodly. In 1660, there was a king back on the English throne and Christmas was celebrated again.



The Roasted Bird

Many people had goose for their Christmas dinner as they were cheap and easy to come by. Only rich people had turkey. However, by the end of the 1900s, most families had turkey.



HAPPY BOXING

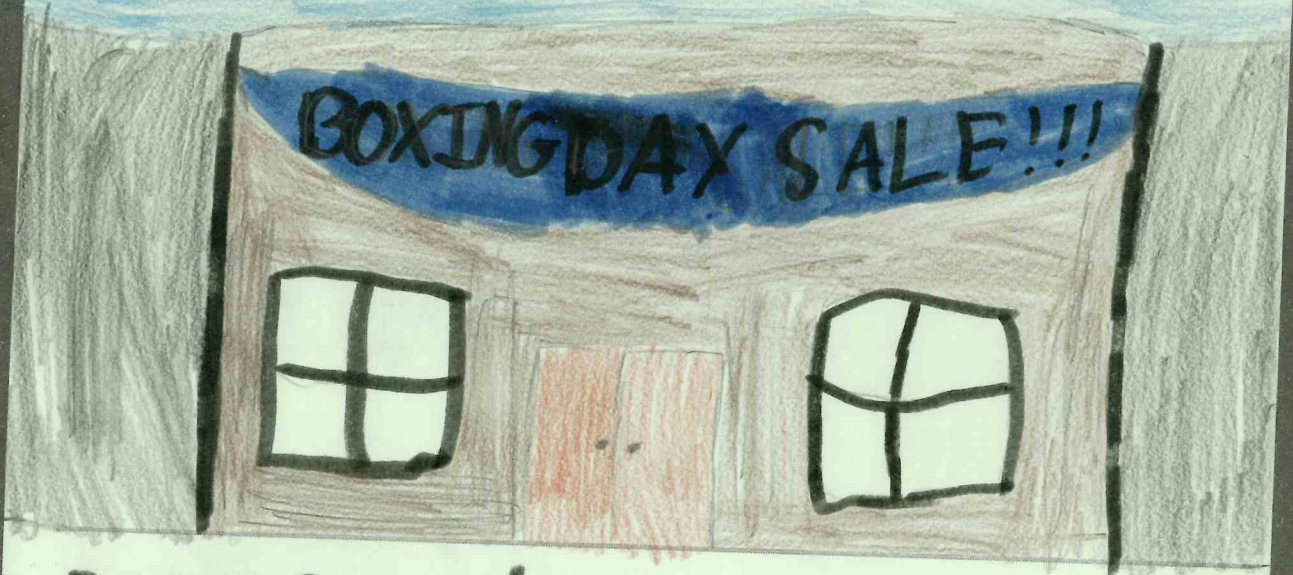


DAY!

Boxing Day

Boxing Day is the day after Christmas day. In the olden days servants for rich families were given boxed gifts to take home for take home to their families. The boxes were filled with luxury good items which they would not otherwise eat.

26th December



Boxing Day sales.

On Boxing Day lots of people go to the shops as most stores hold a massive sale. The shops are always very busy and there are large crowds, especially in Oxford Street, London!



Lots of people host parties on New Year's Eve for their family and friends. We stay up until midnight and countdown Big Ben's chimes to exactly midnight before we wish each other a 'Happy New Year'!



As the new year begins, many people think of a new year resolution they would like to look forwards to.

Here are some Resolutions:

THE NEW YEAR

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

- To eat more fruit and veg.
- To exercise more every day.
- To read more.
- To tidy my bedroom (I need to do it often).
- Learn a new hobby and skill.
- To be more good!

2020!



At midnight, as the clock strikes 12 am New Years Eve we sing a song called 'auð langsiðne'. It is about remembering good times shared together.

Auld Lang Syne

aus Schottland

Should auld ac - quaint - ance be for - got, and nev - er bro't to mind? —

Should auld ac - quaint - ance be for - got, and days of auld lang syne? —

For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne; —

we'll tak' a cup o' kind - ness yet for auld lang syne. —

Chords: F, Dm, Gm, C7, F, F7, Bb, F, Dm, Bb, C7, F, F, F7, Bb, F, Dm, Bb, C7, F, Bb, F

2. And here's a hand, my trusty frien',
And gie's a hand o' thine;
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,

For auld lang syne;

We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet

For auld lang syne.

We are looking forward to hearing all about how you celebrate Christmas and New Year in Spain. Wishing you all the best for 2020!

From everyone at Parkfield Primary School in London

