

Culture – connectedness in diversity

Part one: How Christmas is celebrated in Spain



1st theme: Culture

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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Christmas traditions in Spain

We use to celebrate Christmas the last day of the first term. During this day we all do activities related with Christmas. However during the month of December there are some things going on in the school, those things are also related to Christmas.

1

ADVENT CALENDAR

Before the month of December starts, some parents that belong to the parent's association club, walk into the classes and offers each group an advent calendar.

Children love that event because it means that Christmas is close. They also love it because they love chocolate and as you all may know this Calendar hides chocolate pieces behind of each day.



2

PRESENT FROM OUR INVISIBLE FRIEND

The last day of school we all get a present. We make a game which is called "the invisible friend". Each student have got the name of a partner, it is a secret that we must keep until the last day. This name it's the person you have to buy a present to and the last day of school you offer it to you invisible friend who becomes visible!



3

Christmas cards and decorations

All the students make a Christmas card in the arts and crafts class. This Christmas card is a present for their families.

We also decorate the school walls with cards and beautiful pictures.

The last day of school, three wise men partners come to the school and we sing them a Christmas song and recite a poem. We also make a wish and tell them about it.



4

We sing Christmas carols and hit a piece of wood called TIÓ

The most funny and popular tradition from Catalonia is "El caga tió" a piece of wood that we look for in the woods and take care of it during some weeks before Christmas Eve. We feed him and cover him with blankets. Then on Christmas Eve we hit him with a stick and ask him to give us some presents and he does! We also celebrate this tradition in the school.

Every year to share with the families on the school we do a little Christmas Carol Concert. We work different songs with our music teacher and we sing them for our parents and friends. We love singing and we do it really well!

