



Children's Christmas Book



Christmas in England

1. Read

Before Christmas

English people decorate a tree.

They put many toys on the tree.

They put a stocking under the tree.

They put presents in the stocking.



On The Christmas Eve



English people sit at the table.

They eat Christmas turkey.

They eat Christmas pudding.

They sing Christmas carols.

Christmas in England is celebrated from 24th-26th December. The 24th is called Christmas Eve, the 25th Christmas Day and 26th Boxing Day. Children hang out stockings on Christmas Eve, over the fireplace or at the end of their beds. During the night, Father Christmas is supposed to come and fill the stockings with presents. Children open their presents on Christmas Day.



2. Sing a song

*Happy Christmas, Happy
Christmas,
Happy Christmas Day
Here comes Father Christmas
Happy Christmas everyone. /2/*

*Clap your hands and stamp
Clap your hands and stamp
Clap your hands and stamp your
feet
Happy Christmas everyone.*

Christmas in Bulgaria

3. Read and complete Vera's letter.

Flat 20
80, Winter Street
London

20th December

Dear Amy,
Greetings from Bulgaria!

We have Christmas holidays next week. Hurray! We already have a lovely _____ tree. There are _____ on the tree. There are red, orange, blue and _____ balls. The presents are in _____ on the table. I am happy!

I wish you a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Vera



Fill in.
yellow
Christmas
boxes
toys



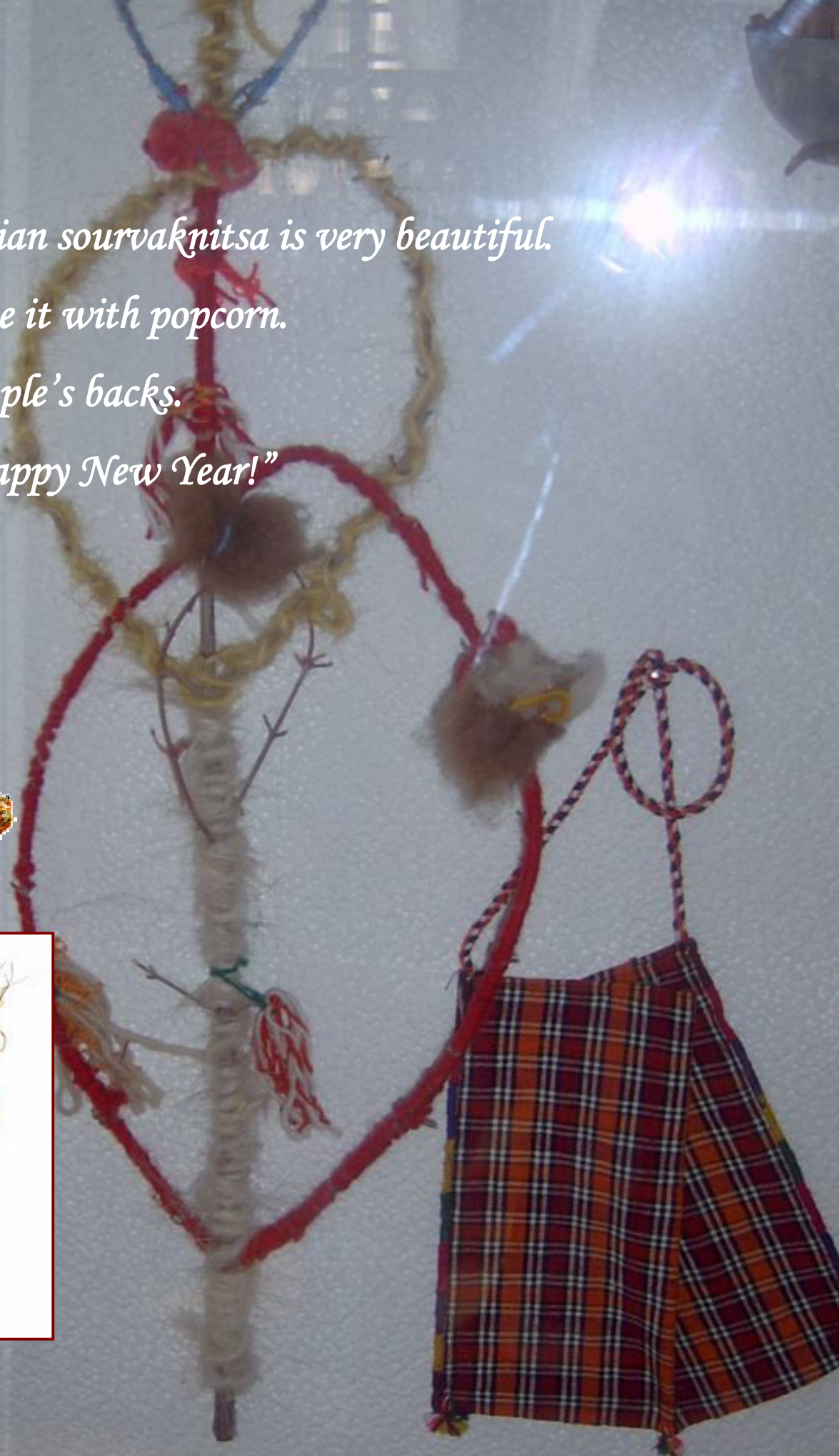
4. Read

The Bulgarian sourvaknitsa is very beautiful.

We decorate it with popcorn.

We tap people's backs.

We say "Happy New Year!"



Christmas in Italy



Christmas in Italy may not look like Christmas back home, but it's taken very seriously here and is an important holiday to all Italians. Christmas is "Natale" in Italian, and to wish people a Merry Christmas you'll say, "Buon Natale." Instead of images of Santa Claus everywhere, however, the Christmas image you're going to see on display throughout the country - both in churches and outdoors - is the nativity scene. It's called a "presepio" in Italian, and you'll find them everywhere.

According to the legend, the night before the Wise Men arrived at the manger they stopped at the shack of an old woman to ask directions.

They invited her to come along but she replied that she was too busy. Then a shepherd asked her to join him but again she refused.

Later that night, she saw a great light in the sky and decided to join the Wise Men and the shepherd bearing gifts that had belonged to her child who had died. She got lost and never found the manger.

Now La Befana flies around on her broomstick each year on the 11th night, bringing gifts to children in hopes that she might find the Baby Jesus. Children hang their stockings on the evening of January 5 awaiting the visit of La Befana.





Christmas cake - Italy



Christmas in Mexico

Christmas for Mexicans, in traditional homes and rural areas, is a religious holiday.

It is a celebration of the Nativity. This means the birthday of Our Lord Jesus. In order to prepare for the day of symbolic commemoration, we have the "Posadas". These celebrations are a "Novena" or nine days before the 24 which is the "Noche Buena" or "Holy Night".



In Mexico the children receive presents from The Three Kings.





Dia de Reyes

Dia de Reyes, or Three Kings Day, is celebrated on January 6th. Also known as the Epiphany, it is a Christian celebration that celebrates the three kings who bring gifts to the Christ child.

A tradition in Mexico, January 6th also marked the day that children "receive" gifts from The Three Kings, just as kids in the United States wait for Santa on December 25th.

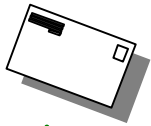




Christmas Around The World

<http://www.the-north-pole.com/around/index.htm>

<http://www.santaclausbg.hit.bg/sveta.html>



Write a letter to Father Christmas.

Dear Father Christmas,

I want to have _____

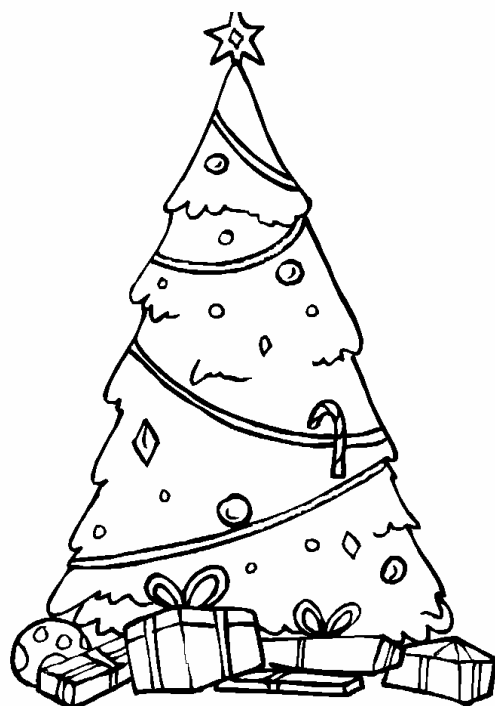
_____ for Christmas.

Thank you very much.

Yours,



☺ *Print and colour.*



Have a blessed

Christmas!



Mrs. Rabineva



RESOURCE:

Blue Skies for Bulgaria for 3rd Grade - Longman

English Adventure – Starter A – Longman

Freeway for 3rd Grade – Bulvest 2000

Internet

Asen Zlatarov Primary School - Smolyan