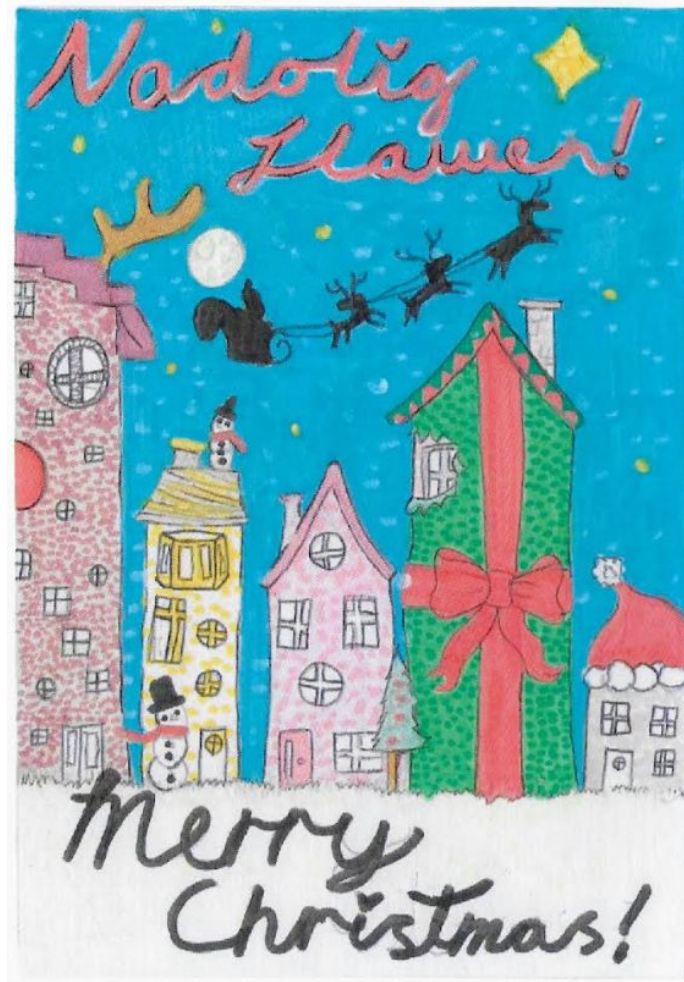


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# REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

## Make This Christmas More Eco-Friendly!

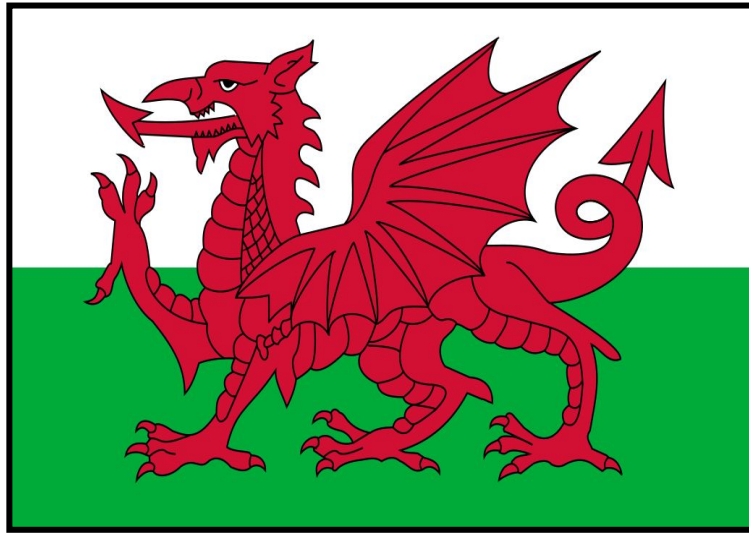
Christmas can be stressful, and the last thing you need is extra waste from leftover wrapping paper and packaging. The Eco Committee has some great ideas to help you celebrate in a more sustainable way this festive season:

- **Skip the shops** and make your own unique cards using recyclable materials. Want to go the extra mile? Ditch the cards altogether and send eco-friendly e-greetings instead.
- **Create homemade decorations** using natural materials or repurpose old Christmas cards for a personal touch.
- **Recycle old Christmas jumpers** by donating them to Whitchurch Primary School to be reused next year.
- **Save energy** by turning off your Christmas lights overnight.
- **Get creative with gift wrapping** : Use pages from newspapers or magazines. Sports sections are perfect for football fans, and recipe pages make a thoughtful choice for foodies!
- **Ditch the tape** and secure your gifts with twine or string tied in a simple bow.
- **Make the most of leftovers** : Turn them into fun and tasty meals! How about a Christmas pizza? Use cranberry sauce as the base, then load it up with turkey, stuffing, and leftover cheese—delicious!

We'd love to hear your eco-friendly Christmas tips! Email the school office to share your ideas and inspire others to have a greener holiday season.



# SIARADWCH CYMRAEG!



Welsh is a good language to learn, especially if you live in Wales or have a job there. Recent research shows that being able to speak and write in both Welsh and English can give you an important advantage whether you're looking for a job or wanting to further your career. Speaking a second language also improves problem-solving, multitasking and decision making. Numerous studies have found that bilingualism (speaking multiple languages) can improve brain functions like the ability to focus attention and perform mental tasks.

## Useful Phrases

Good Morning-**Bore Da**

Good Afternoon-**Prynhawn Da**

How are you?-**Sut wyt ti?**

Thank you-**Diolch**

You're welcome-**Eich croeso**

Come in-**Dewch i mewn**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ydw  
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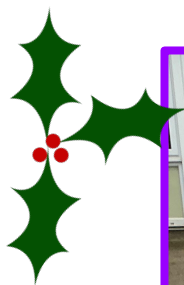
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Christmas to hear  
a welsh christmas  
song!



# ACTIVE TRAVEL CREW

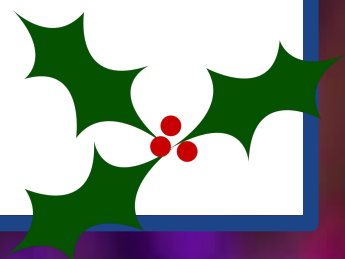
The Active Travel Crew organised a festive Bling your Bike event to spread some festive joy! The entries were superb!

We would like to see lots of you continue to stay active in 2026 by cycling school! Join in the Bike Bus and take part in the Big Walk Wheel in the spring term.



Da iawn !

Nadolig Llawn from the  
Active Travel Crew!

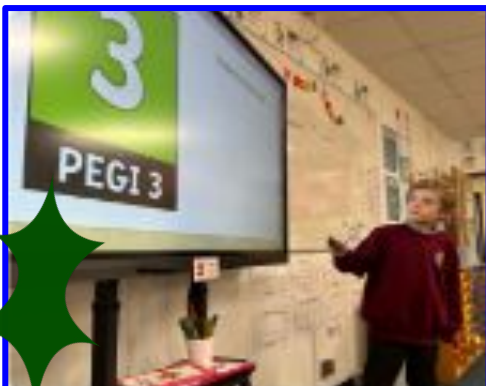


# DIGI DUDES

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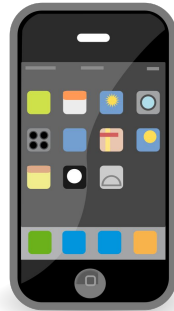
Digi Dudes have been delivering in-class assemblies all about PEGI age ratings, helping pupils understand why game age restrictions are important and how to make safer choices online!



# DIGI DUDES

*Christmas message...*

Do you know how to stay  
safe online this  
Christmas?



- ★ Always keep personal information private.
- ★ Never speak to strangers online.
- ★ Always be nice to others online.
- ★ Speak to an adult if you feel unsure about something.
- ★ Check that information is reliable.

# CHRISTMAS RECIPE

## Mince pies ingredients:

1 large jar mincemeat (about 600g)

2 satsumas, segmented and finely chopped

1 apple, finely chopped

zest 1 lemon

little icing sugar, for dusting



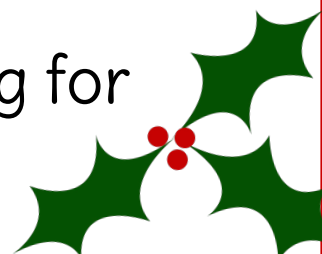
## For the pastry:

375g plain flour

260g unsalted butter, softened

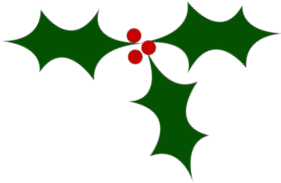
125g caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling

1 large egg, plus 1 beaten egg for glazing



# CHRISTMAS RECIPE

## Method



### STEP 1

Place 375g plain flour and 260g softened unsalted butter in a bowl and rub together to a crumb consistency.

### STEP 2

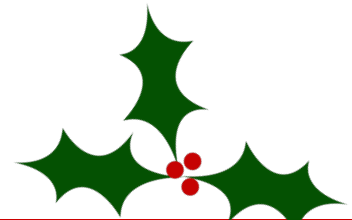
Add 125g caster sugar and 1 large beaten egg, and mix together

### STEP 3

Tip out onto a lightly floured surface and fold until the pastry comes together, be careful not to over mix

### STEP 4

Wrap the pastry in cling film and chill for 10 mins..



# CHRISTMAS RECIPE

## STEP 5

Scoop the large jar of mincemeat into a bowl and add 2 segmented satsumas, 1 finely chopped apple and zest of 1 lemon.

## STEP 6

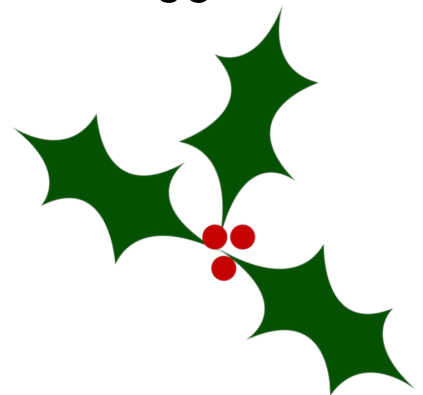
Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7.

## STEP 7

Roll out the pastry to 4mm thick.

## STEP 8

Using a round cutter (about 10cm), cut out 16 bases and place them into muffin trays. Put 1½ tbsp mincemeat mixture into each. Brush the edge of each pie with a little beaten egg.



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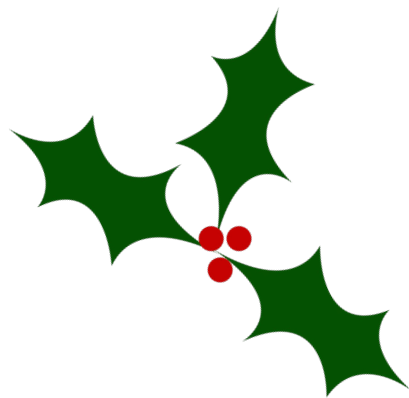
## STEP 9

Re-roll out the pastry to cut 7cm lids and press them on top to seal. Glaze with the beaten egg, sprinkle with the extra caster sugar, then make a small cut in the tops.

## STEP 10

Bake the mince pies for 15-20 mins until golden brown. Leave to cool before releasing them from the muffin trays and dusting with a little more icing sugar before serving.

**After all of that you'll have mouth watering mince pies!!**



# CHRISTMAS POEM

Will it snow on christmas eve?



Will it snow on christmas eve?  
I think somehow it might,  
But only once we're all asleep,  
And Santa is in flight.  
Reindeers need that snowfall,  
To muffle out their sound,  
Or else you'd hear them,  
As they pull the sleigh around.  
Of course this is enchanted snow,  
That falls just on this night,  
Whilst Santa hops from roof to roof,  
Then it melts before daylight.  
And now it's time to go to sleep  
The sleigh is in the skies!!  
But Santa's journey can't begin,  
Until you close your eyes.  
Once we're all tucked up, asleep,  
We'll let the magic begin,  
Then the gift of Christmas,  
And of giving can begin!



# CHRISTMAS STORY

## The Star in the School Playground

It was the last week of term and the school was full of excitement. Snowflakes drifted past the classroom windows and the smell of gingerbread from the canteen seemed to follow everyone down the corridors.

That evening, as the children left, something unusual appeared in the schoolyard. A tiny star, no bigger than a marble, shimmered faintly on the frosty ground. Nobody noticed it at first except Mia, who had stayed behind to collect her forgotten scarf.

She bent down and the star twinkled brighter, as if happy to be found. Carefully, Mia cupped it in her hands. It was warm, glowing softly like a candle flame.

“Where did you come from?” she whispered. The star gave a gentle hum and suddenly the playground lights flickered into shapes: snowmen dancing, reindeer leaping, and bells ringing in the air.

The next morning Mia told her classmates. At first they laughed, but when she opened her hands the star shone so brightly that everyone gasped. Together they placed it at the top of the school Christmas tree in the hall.

# CHRISTMAS STORY



## The Star in the School Playground



From that moment magical things began to happen. The star seemed to listen to the children's wishes. When one boy hoped his dad would make it home in time for Christmas, the star glowed warmly. When another wished for her grandmother to feel better, the star sparkled like silver dust.

On Christmas Eve the whole school gathered in the hall. The star blazed brighter than ever, filling the room with golden light. For a moment everyone felt the same thing: joy, hope, and the warmth of being together.

And then, just as suddenly as it had arrived, the star rose from the tree, drifted through the window, and soared into the night sky. The children watched until it became just another twinkle among the constellations.

But they knew it was not gone. The star had left something behind, an invisible glow that filled the school with kindness, laughter, and the true spirit of Christmas.

From that year on, whenever the tree was lit, the children swore they could feel the star's magic again. And every Christmas they remembered that sometimes the smallest light can bring the greatest wonder.



# CHRISTMAS JOKES

1. Why did Santa go to music school?

2. How did the reindeer learn to play piano?

3. Why don't Christmas trees knit?

4. What do you call an old snowman?

5. How much did santa pay for his sleigh?

6. Why was the turkey at the Christmas party so proud?

7. What's red, white, red, white, red, white?

8. What do you get if you cross a snowman with a dog?



# CHRISTMAS JOKES

1. Why did Santa go to music school?

To improve his wrapping!

2. How did the reindeer learn to play piano?

He was ELF-taught!

3. Why don't Christmas trees knit?

They drop their needles!

4. What do you call an old snowman?

A PUDDLE!

5. How much did santa pay for his sleigh?

Nothing, it was on the house!

6. Why was the turkey at the Christmas party so proud?

Because it was stuffed!

7. What's red, white, red, white, red, white?

Santa rolling down a hill!

8. What do you get if you cross a snowman with a dog? Frostbite!



# CHRISTMAS RIDDLES

I come with many colors, very bright and big  
and I turn so many houses into beautiful sights  
What am I?

I could keep a giant's foot warm, and people look  
forward to finding me near the fireplace.  
What am I?

When traveling around the world, I can find the  
way. I travel everywhere while helping pull  
Santa's sleigh. What am I?

I'm green, and grumpy and stole Christmas one  
night. But then my heart grew, and I set  
everything right. Who am I?

I'm a Christmas treat that can be made into  
many things. I can be a cake, a cookie, or an  
edible cottage with icing. What am I?

# RIDDLE ANSWERS



Christmas lights



A Christmas stocking

Reindeer

The Grinch!

Gingerbread



# CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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Christmas tree  
Santa  
holly



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# CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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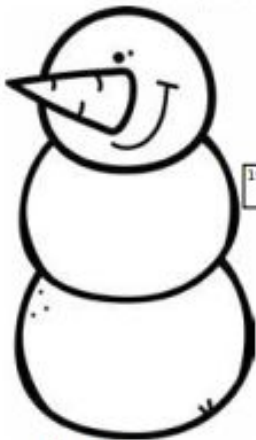
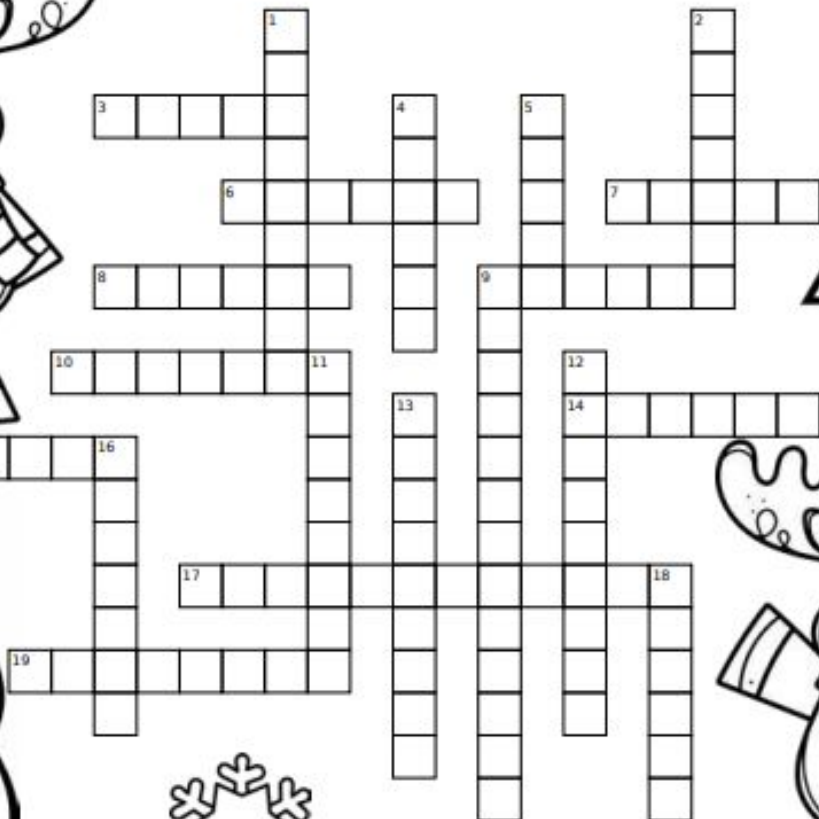
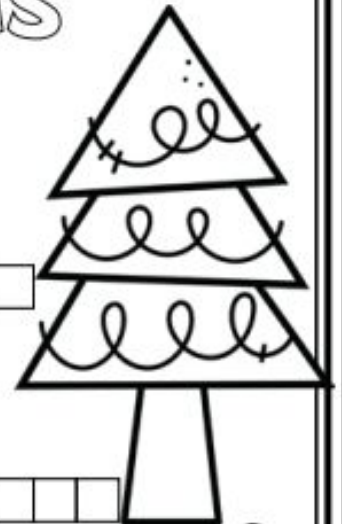


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# CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

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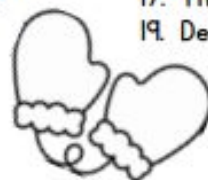


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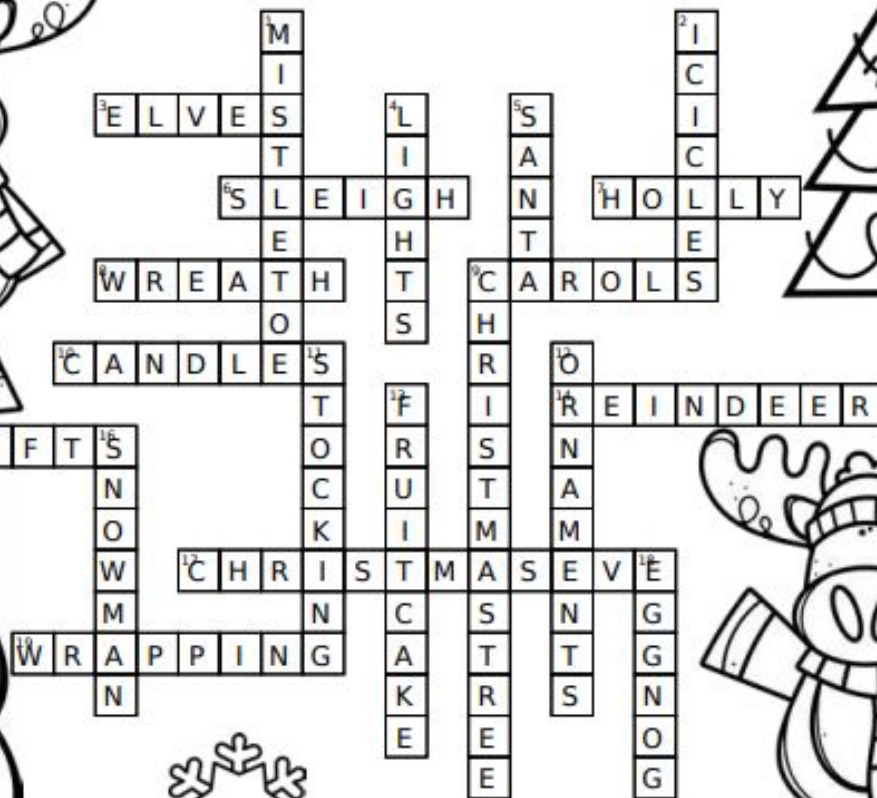
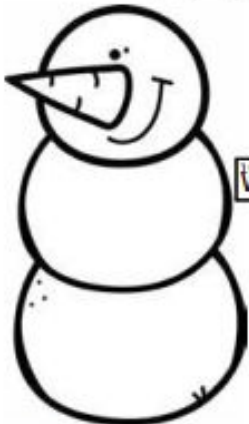
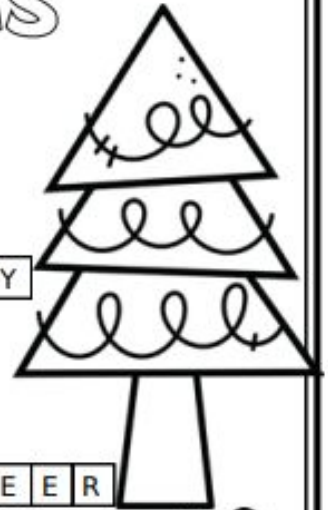
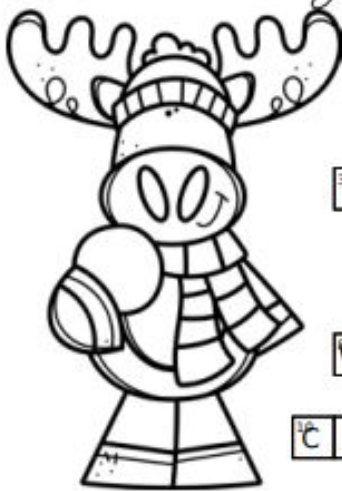
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# CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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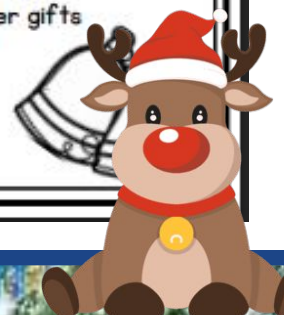
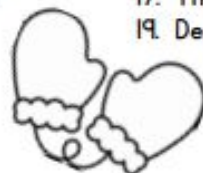


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# CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. What plant is associated with kissing at Christmas?

2. Which country sends a Christmas tree to London's Trafalgar Square?

3. Which drink company helped popularise Santa's red suit?

4. Which reindeer's name means 'thunder'?

5. What Christmas carol was the first song broadcast from space?

6. In *Elf*, what are the four main food groups Buddy knows?

7. Which country is credited with starting the tradition of the Christmas tree?

8. What do the three gifts brought by the Wise Men represent?

9. What colour are Santa's boots usually shown as?

10. What is the name of the snowman who comes to life in a famous Christmas song?

# QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Mistletoe

2. Norway

3. Coca-Cola

4. Donner (or Donder)

5. Jingle Bells (by the Beatles)

6. Candy, candy canes, candy corn, and syrup

7. Germany

8. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh

9. Black

10. Frosty the Snowman