Dear partners

We hope that the dolls which our pupils made with love and care have found their way to your schools! We thenk you for all the lovely decorations we are receiving from your schools!

CHRISTMAS IN ESTONIA

TRADITIONS

http://estonianworld.com/life/christmas-customs-estonia/

In Estonia the end of December has been an important time of the year as long as people have lived here because then the dark long nights start becoming shorter and the days longer. At Cristmas time the days are only 6 hours long and people are looking forward to more light and sunshine.

On Christmas Eve (24 December) families come together. Many people go to graveyards to light candles on the graves. Country people also go to sauna. In the evening families sit together at the table and have dinner. Santa Claus comes on Christmas Eve and brings presents. Nobody gets a present before saying a poem or singing a song.

Traditional Christmas food have been pork, meat in jelly (sült in Estonian), sauerkraut, potatoes, blood sausage, pumpkin salad and lingonberry jam, rye bread and sweet white bread. People used to make beer at home. Apples and nuts are also traditional









CHILDREN SING ABOUT CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S EVE, DWARFS (elves) AND WINTER

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cX VazVSKFI

Tiliseb, tiliseb aisakell

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5ASZaYhS1k

Me kolmekesi tuleme

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-VkBqEvbLo

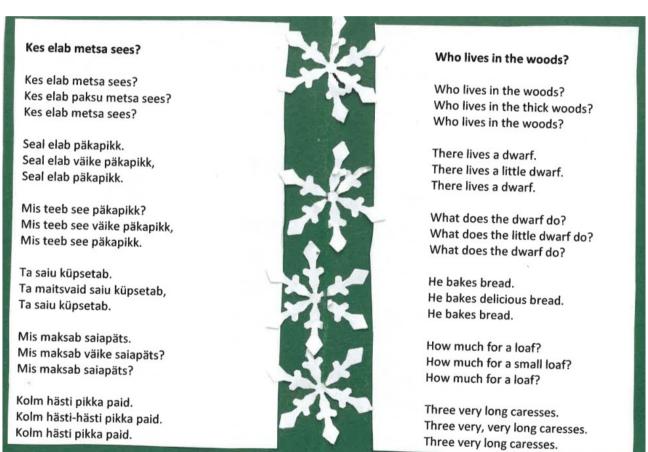
Päkapikkude lumesõda

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLqiVUPh184

Pakaselisel päeval

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LA1TAdHAgs4

Kes elab metsa sees (Who lives in the woods?)



SOME MORE SONGS by Estonian authors and singers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7IxWHD4p88

Sulle, kes sa kaugel (To you, who is far away)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2jP1CvFdYQ&index=22&list=PLVy1Q-5F3lrrpaFXozKT0nUH3-490nzpz

Siis kui minu vanaema oli alles plika (When my granny was a child)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=43&v=KvLmFaPVUDg Jõuluvalgus (Christmas light)

Jõuluvalgus **Christmas Light** Peagi käes öö, on taandumas tuul. Soon it will be night the wind is calming down Sajab üle väjade lund, Snow is falling over the fields eemal kauguses, further away in the distance kus on silmapiir. where the horizon is näed kutsuvat tuld. you will see a welcoming fire Kodu poole me teel, We are on our way home see ootus me hinges the expectation in our souls kui soojendav leek me kannul käib . follows us like a warming flame Ref .: Ref .: On kaugel ootamas meid, Far away we are being waited for vana tuttav jõuluvalgus by the good old Christmas light kõiki teeliseid neid, Sending all of us travellers saadab koju keset pimedat ööd . home in the middle of this dark night Sinu soojad käed, Your warm hands lumehelbed näol. snowflakes on your face puistab tähti taevast öö. the night is scattering stars from the sky On kauneim aeg, It's the most beautiful time on jõulud. it's Christmas On jõulupuu all , täna kõik üheskoos . Under the Christmas tree we all have gathered today Taas kohtuvad vana ja noor. Again the old and young people meet Ei ole öelnud sulle, et I haven't told you that täitunud on minu suurim jõulusoov. it's been fulfilled my biggest wish for Christmas Olla sinuga koos on lõputult hea, To be with you is the best thing ever mu kallis. my dear Ma soovin , et jääda I wish that everything võiks kõik nii . could stay as it is

OUR DECORATION. Why did we make a doll?

This year has been very festive in Estonia. On 24th February 2018 the Republic of Estonia celebrated the 100th anniversary. You can find more information here: www.ev100.ee

We decided to make this doll because it shows our national costume. A striped skirt has different colours and different stripes in every parish, but still the striped cloth is very typical. Also the white long sleeved shirt and a wide belt around the waist.

The sweets that we put into the parcel are from our traditional confectionary Kalev. Actually Kalev is a man's name and the son of Kalev (Kalevipoeg) is the hero of our national epic.

Best wishes from year 5 and 6 pupils and teachers in Kääpa school, Estonia.