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HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS

In the Western world, the holiday of **Jesus Christ** has been celebrated on December 25th since AD 336 following an earlier date of January 7th. The Christmas had by then appropriated many pagan festivals and traditions of the season that were practised in some parts of the British Isles and Europe, as a means of ensuring their own.

There were several reasons why the date of December 25th was chosen for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The date of the winter solstice, when the days are longest and the nights are shortest, is on December 21st. The Roman calendar celebrated a festival dedicated to the god of peace and plenty, who was born on the 21st of December. Pagan religious ideas were combined with Christian faith and symbols were exchanged and the population, Roman and non-Roman, celebrated the season with great enthusiasm.

In the 4th century, a period of time known as the 'Year of Consensus' saw the adoption of the date of December 25th as the date of the birth of Jesus. The date of the winter solstice was chosen because it was the date of the birth of the sun, and the date of the winter solstice was chosen because it was the date of the birth of the sun.

The Celtic culture of the British Isles arrived all pagan ideas, but particularly reverence and fertility. These were combined with the date of the winter solstice to produce the festival of Yule. The Yule festival was a pagan festival of the winter solstice, and the date of the winter solstice was chosen because it was the date of the birth of the sun.

In 1600, a tradition developed for observing the birth of Christ and the celebration of the season of the winter. This tradition was based on the date of the winter solstice, and the date of the winter solstice was chosen because it was the date of the birth of the sun.

Another popular story for the history of the Yule Log, which is usually established in the region of the winter solstice, is that the Yule Log was a log of the winter solstice, and the date of the winter solstice was chosen because it was the date of the birth of the sun.

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CHRISTMAS DAY CROSSWORD

Across

1. The name of the day on which Christmas is celebrated.
2. The name of the man who is believed to bring gifts to children on Christmas Eve.
3. The name of the tree which is decorated with lights and ornaments.
4. The name of the food which is eaten on Christmas Day.
5. The name of the gift which is given to children on Christmas.
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Christmas Pudding

(A Traditional Christmas Treat)

INGREDIENTS

- 400g currants, 400g raisins, 200g sultana, 200g citrus peel, 150g chopped almonds, 400g butter, 400g brown sugar, 8 eggs, 150ml brandy (optional), 200g bread crumbs, 200g plain flour, 1 small salt, 1 teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda, 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg, 2 teaspoon mixed spice.

YOU WILL NEED:

- A large bottle of wine; mixing bowl; wooden spoon; knife and cutting board and pudding cloth.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Clean and prepare fruit.
2. Blanch and chop almonds.
3. Cream butter and sugar.
4. Stir fruit in well.
5. Add bicarbonate, white flour, salt and nutmeg and spoon.
6. Mix well together.
7. Tie up in a strong pudding cloth being sure to leave some expansion.
8. Place in boiler of boiling water and cook for 6 hours.
9. Cook a further 3 hours on the day it is to be eaten.

What other Christmas cooking recipes can you find?

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Materials:

- 1. A large sheet of paper (A3 or A4) with a grid on it.
- 2. A pair of scissors.
- 3. A ruler.
- 4. A pencil.
- 5. A pen.
- 6. A pair of tweezers.
- 7. A pair of pliers.
- 8. A pair of forceps.
- 9. A pair of nail clippers.
- 10. A pair of nail polish.

Instructions:

1. Draw a cracker shape on the paper.
2. Cut out the cracker shape.
3. Fold the cracker in half.
4. Draw a smiley face on the cracker.
5. Cut out the smiley face.
6. Glue the smiley face to the cracker.
7. Write a message on the cracker.
8. Fold the cracker back together.
9. Pull the cracker apart.
10. Enjoy the cracker!

Christmas Cracker Plan

1. My Christmas Cracker Design

2. List of names that will be inside my cracker:

3. List of jokes that will be inside my cracker:

4. What I will give my cracker to:

Christmas Wordfind

WORDLIST

Christmas	happy	tree	stockings
barbecue	giving	paper	crackers
present	family	holiday	decorations
friends	lights	joyful	summer
poohutukana	carols	Jesus	wrapping

Christmas Maths Quiz

Write out each equation.

There are 8 decorations on the tree. 10 more are put on later. How many decorations are on the tree altogether?

There are 20 presents in Santa's sack. He gives out 5, but then refills it with 10. How many presents are now in the sack?

Shannon wrapped up 7 presents on Monday, 8 presents on Tuesday, and 5 presents on Wednesday. How many presents are there altogether?

William used 1 card on Monday, 4 on Tuesday, 2 on Wednesday, and 3 more on Thursday. How many cards did William use?

This is collecting Christmas Cards. Last year she collected 12 cards, this year she has collected 13 cards. How many cards does she have altogether?

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