## CHRISTMAS ACROSS THE MILES

Christmas is such a great time of year for us at Little Hadham Primary School and also for our Erasmus+ partner countries.

## Read on to find out about Christmas in different countries.

## Χριστούγεννα στην Ελλάδα (Christmas in Greece)

In Greece, they celebrate Christmas in an exquisite way to celebrate and enjoy with their families. *These are some Greek traditions:* 





Although Christmas trees are extremely popular in Greece, both Christmas trees and boats can be found in the villages of the Greek islands. Throughout the country's history, Greek wives and children would decorate wooden boats to welcome their husbands and sons back from the sea, safe from harm. Today, the tradition still carries on. Christmas boats and

trees are used as decorations.

Children sing Kalanta. Kalanta are Christmas carols.

Cookies become their own food group! Cookies are sweet treats for all to enjoy. Many are dipped in syrup – delicious!

Gifts aren't exchanged on Christmas Day. Greeks will wait until St. Basil Day on January 1<sup>st</sup> to exchange gifts. But many families today now give gifts on Christmas Day.

Could you wait until January 1<sup>st</sup> for your presents?

We know that we couldn't!