

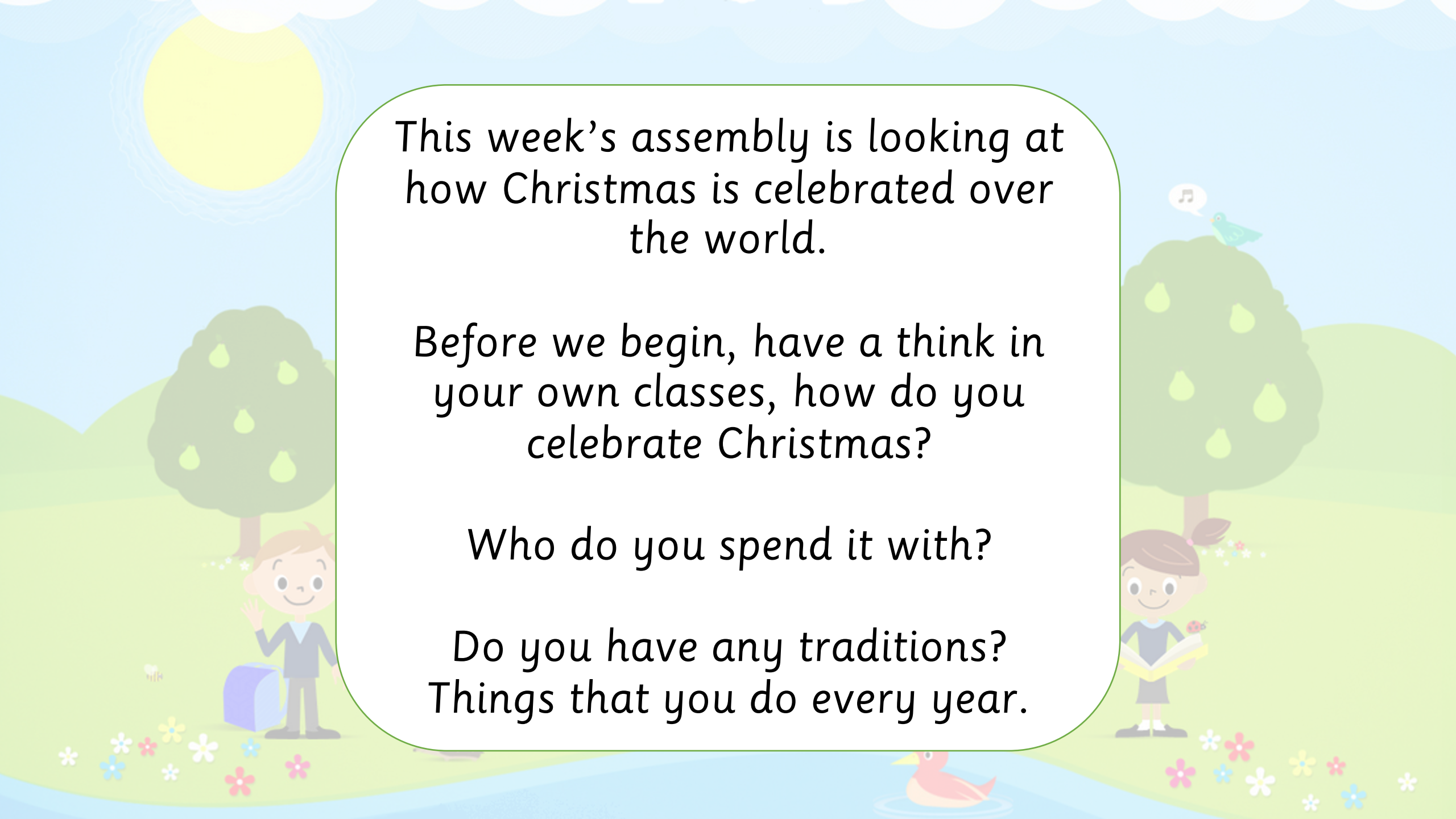


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Christmas around the world






This week's assembly is looking at
how Christmas is celebrated over
the world.

Before we begin, have a think in
your own classes, how do you
celebrate Christmas?

Who do you spend it with?

Do you have any traditions?
Things that you do every year.



Let's take a look
at some Christmas
figures from
around the world.

Father Christmas

He is considered to be the same as '*Santa Claus*'. Traditionally he is thought to land his sleigh and reindeer on the roof and come down the chimney to leave gifts for well behaved children, usually these are left under the tree or in stockings.



France



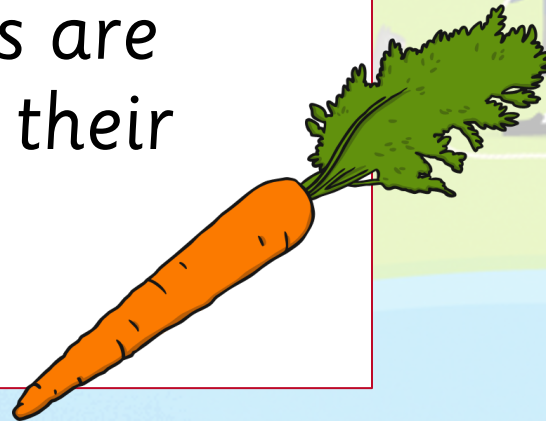
Le Père Noël

'Father Christmas'



Children leave their shoes by the fireplace filled with carrots for Père Noël's donkey Gui. If the children have been good, he will leave them presents.

Traditionally, these gifts are small enough to fit into their shoes.



Norway



Julenissen

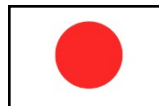
‘Christmas Pixie’

Thought to be the spirit of the house or farm, he does not come down the chimney but through the front door delivering gifts to the household.

A similar spirit also visits homes in Denmark, Sweden and Finland



Japan



Hoteiosho

Hoteiosho is a Buddhist monk who acts like Father Christmas. He brings presents to each house for children. Some think he has eyes in the back of his head!



Russia



Ded Moroz

‘Old Man Frost’ or ‘Father Frost’

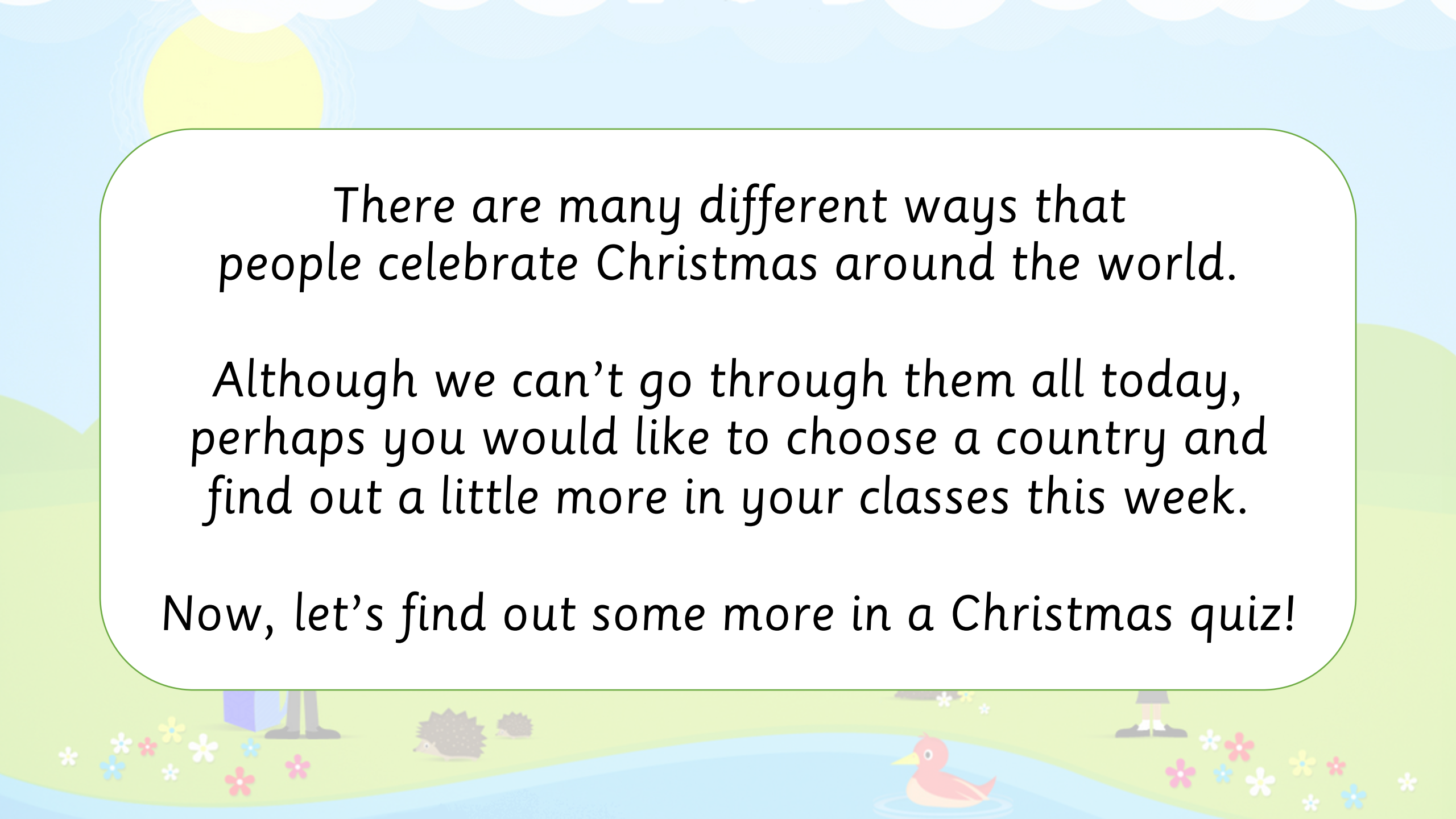
Ded Moroz brings his presents in person to children at New Years Eve celebrations. Snegurochka is his granddaughter and helper. Ded Moroz is the only traditional Christmas figure with a female helper.



Baba Noël

Baba Noël visits children by climbing through windows and leaving presents. Some children leave out kahk, which are traditional Egyptian round biscuits, for Baba Noël. The kahk can be plain but are often filled with dates or honey and nut filling.





There are many different ways that people celebrate Christmas around the world.

Although we can't go through them all today, perhaps you would like to choose a country and find out a little more in your classes this week.

Now, let's find out some more in a Christmas quiz!

Christmas around the world quiz!

What is a popular Christmas Eve meal in Japan?



Sushi



Yorkshire pudding wraps



KFC



Frogs

Christmas around the world quiz!



Several years ago in 1970, KFC launched a campaign when people in Japan struggled to buy a whole turkey for Christmas.

It is now a very big tradition and orders are placed up to two months in advance!

Christmas around the world quiz!

What is the last ornament German families traditionally hang on their Christmas tree?



Rubber duck



Mug

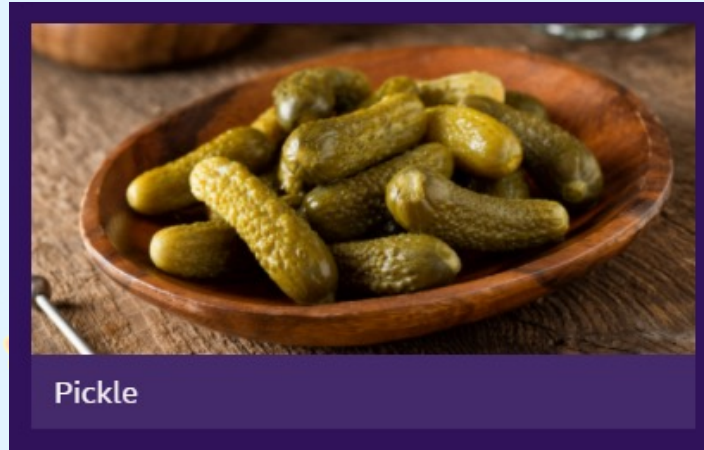


Candle



Pickle

Christmas around the world quiz!



It's a pickle!

Not a real one however, it tends to be a blown glass ornament that is passed down through generations.

The first child who finds the hidden pickle on Christmas morning is blessed with good luck for the next year and a special gift.

Christmas around the world quiz!

Instead of stockings what do people from The Netherlands place by the fire in the build up to Christmas?



Oven gloves



Coal sack



Shoe



Wooden box

Christmas around the world quiz!



They leave their smelly shoes out!

In the days leading up to December 5th, Dutch children put their shoes by the fireplace in the hope that Sinterklaas fills them with gifts and treats.

However, if the child has been naughty that year they will only receive a potato!

Christmas around the world quiz!

What's on the Christmas menu for many people in South Africa?



Caterpillars



Ants



Tarantula



Crickets

Christmas around the world quiz!



Fried caterpillars!

Forget the turkey and the roast potatoes, every year the local children of South Africa feast on not just any old caterpillar, but the Pine Tree Emperor Moth also known as the Christmas caterpillar!

Here are some ways to say Merry Christmas in different languages
Why not learn a few and surprise your teachers this week!



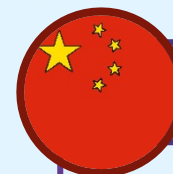
English

Merry Christmas



Spanish

Feliz Navidad



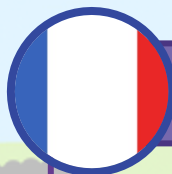
Mandarin

Shèng dàn kuài
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Vietnam

Giáng sinh vui
vẻ



French

Joyeux Noël



Dutch

Vrolijk
Kerstfeest



Japanese

Merii
Kurisumasu



Italian

Buon Natale



German

Fröhliche
Weihnachten



This is our school,
Let peace dwell here,
Let the rooms be full of contentment.

Let love abide here,
Love of one another,
Love of mankind,
Love of life itself.

Let us remember
That as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school
Help us to learn, play and share together.

We hope our school will be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,
A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.

