

# All about New Year

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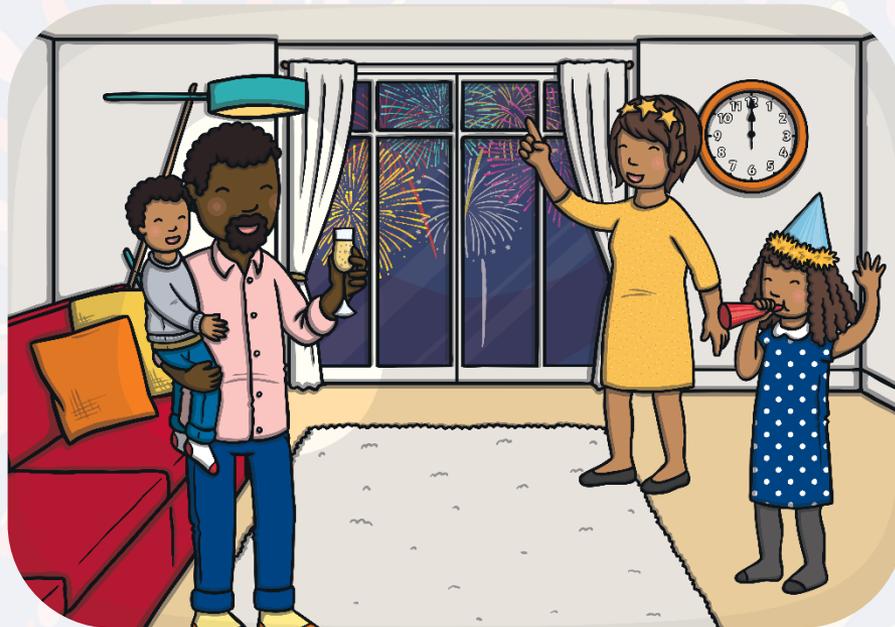
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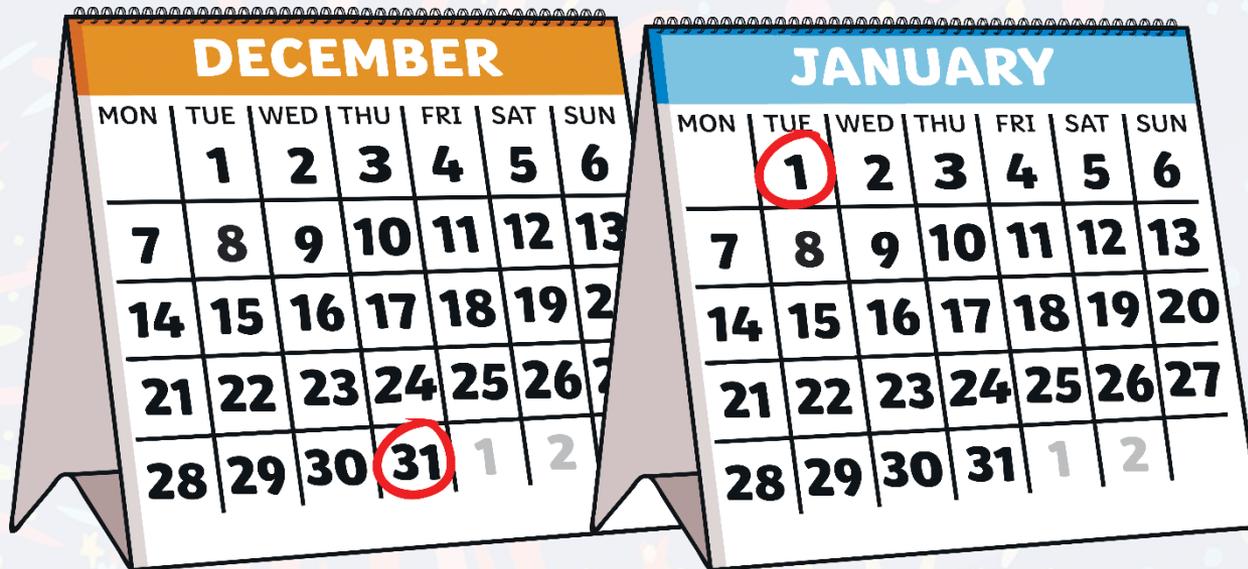
# What Is New Year?

New Year's Day is the first day of the new year. It is celebrated as a holiday in almost every country in the world.



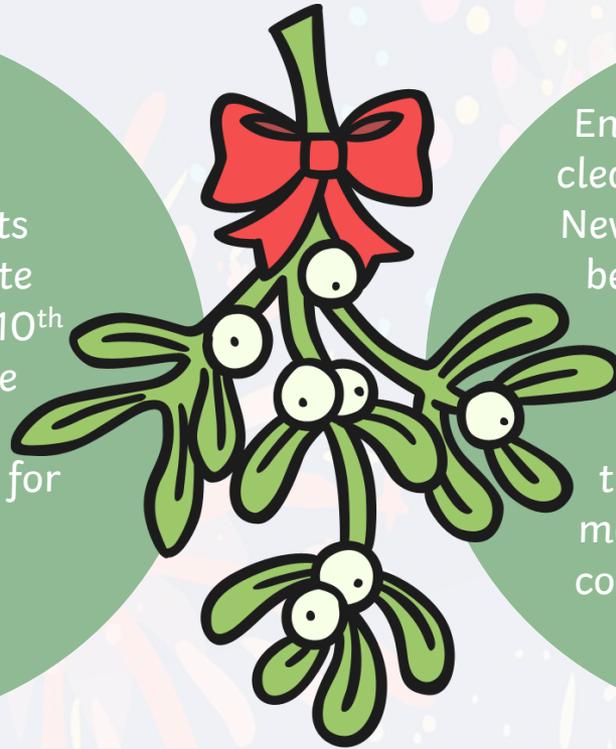
# When Is New Year?

New Year's Eve is on 31<sup>st</sup> December. From midnight on that day, it becomes New Year's Day and 1<sup>st</sup> January.



# What Was It like Long Ago?

In England, priests started to celebrate their New Year on 10<sup>th</sup> March. They gave branches of mistletoe to people for charms.



English people used to clean their chimneys on New Year's Day as they believed this brought good luck.

This began the saying "cleaning the slate". It means making resolutions to correct faults and bad habits.



# How Do People Celebrate Now?

New Year is celebrated in different ways.

Many people celebrate New Year's Eve by spending with family and friends.

It can be a time...

- of fun and celebration;
- to remember the past;
- to hope for good things in the future;
- to think about new beginnings;
- to think about what has been done in the last year and what is going to be improved.



# What Are New Year's Resolutions?

Is there anything you would like to do better this year?

Could you be more helpful in any way?

People promise to get better at things and some people make a list of their resolutions.

Is there anything that you may like to give up?

Have you made any New Year's Resolutions?

They might be things like:

- I will try to work harder at school.
- I will eat more vegetables and less sweets.
  - I will do some more exercise.
- I will try to keep my bedroom tidy.
- I will stop biting my fingernails.
- I will be kinder to my brother/sister.



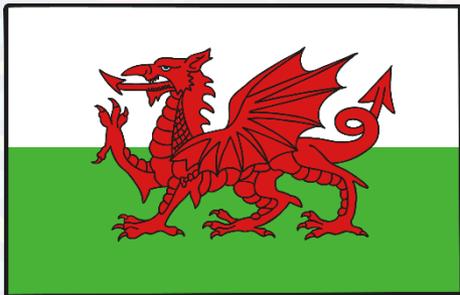
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In Scotland and Wales, many people also enjoy fireworks and spend time with their friends and families.



In Scotland:

- The cannons fire at the stroke of midnight at Edinburgh Castle.
- New Year is called Hogmanay and people celebrate with gifts.



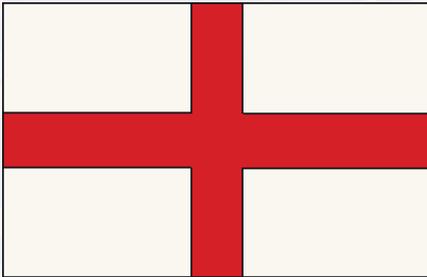
In Wales:

- New Year is called 'Calennig'. This means 'first day of the month'.
- In the Welsh capital, Cardiff, there are lots of celebrations at Cardiff Civic Centre with live music, fireworks, ice skating and fairground rides.
- Many people give bread and cheese as gifts.



# What Is New Year like in England and in Ireland?

In England and Ireland, many families and friends get together to sing and watch fireworks.



In England:

- Thousands of people watch fireworks over the embankment in London and Big Ben strikes at midnight to welcome the New Year.
- On 1<sup>st</sup> January, there is a New Year parade in London which has happened every year since 1987.

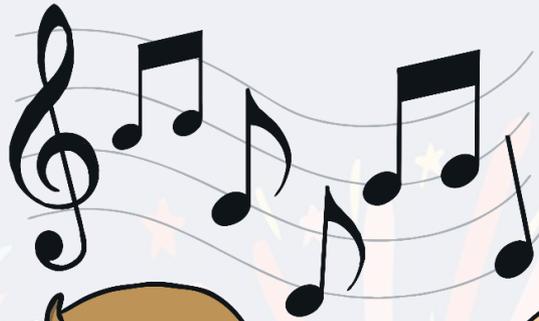


In Ireland:

- Many people enjoy big firework displays and events in large cities, including Belfast and Dublin.
- Lots of people enjoy small parties in their homes.



# What Is the New Year Song?



The traditional song many people sing at New Year is called 'Auld Lang Syne'.

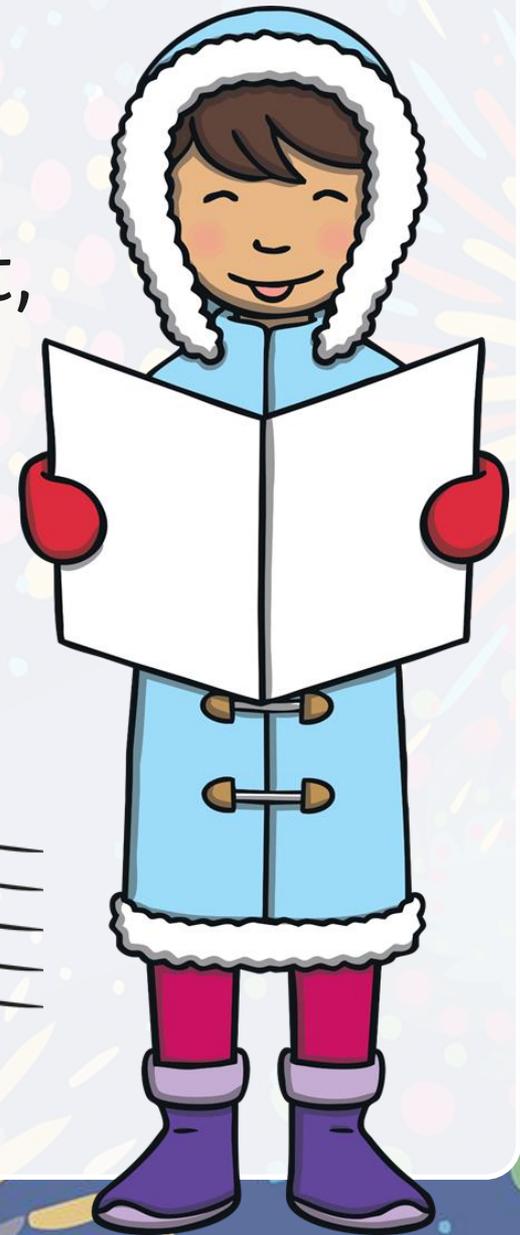
Look at the next 6 pages to learn the words!



Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And auld lang syne!



For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne.  
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.



And surely ye'll be your pint stwop!  
And surely I'll be mine!  
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.



We twa hae run about the braes,  
And pou'd the gowans fine;  
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit,  
Sin' auld land syne.



We twa hae paidl'd in the burn,  
frae morning sun till dine;  
But seas between us braid hae roar'd  
Sin' auld lang syne.



And there's a hand, my trusty fere!  
And gie's a hand o' thine!  
And we'll tak a right gude-willie waught,  
For auld lang syne.





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