Go to www.euroclub-schools.org and enter the French Zone. Click on Christmas in France. By scrolling up and down the web page, can you find the answers to the following questions?

1. What is the French name for Father Christmas?

2. What is the English translation of le sapin de Noël?

3. Write a Christmas proverb in French and its meaning in English.

4. What is un santon?

5. Fill in the missing letters. The traditional cake eaten at Christmas in France is called:

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6. Find and write the French translations of the following words:

   Bethlehem .............................................. the Baby Jesus .................................................................

   the Three Kings ..................................................... the turkey ...........................................................

   the star ............................................................. Christmas Day ........................................................

7. In some parts of France, children celebrate the arrival of which saint on 6 December?

   Who is his scary companion?

8. Find and write the English translations of the following words:

   le chant de Noël ..................................................... le berger ............................................................

   le soulier de Noël ..................................................... l’âne ............................................................

   la crèche ............................................................. la Saint-Sylvestre ...........................................

9. What is the name of the special meal eaten late at night on Christmas Eve?

10. Find and write the French translations of the following words:

    Merry Christmas! .......................................................... Happy New Year! ............................................

    gold, frankincense and myrrh ...............................................................

11. What is the name of the French cake eaten on 6 January?

    What is the name of the trinket hidden inside the cake?

12. Write the first three words when writing a letter to Father Christmas in French.

13. What is une bonne résolution de Nouvel An?
14. Find and write the following words in French. Trouve et écris les mots en français:-

the animals .......................................................... the goose ..........................................................

the duck .............................................................. the lobster ..........................................................

the smoked salmon ............................................. the mistletoe ..............................................

New Year’s Day ..................................................... the gingerbread ...........................................

15. Name the foil-wrapped chocolates eaten in France at Christmas.

16. Which festival takes place in December in the city of Lyon? Write its name in both English and French.

17. Traditionally, on Christmas Eve, what do French children leave at the fireplace for Father Christmas to fill?

18. Describe the figurine called le ravi.

19. Write a French way to say Boxing Day.

20. Which English word comes from the French verb étinceler (to sparkle)?

21. Write the meanings of the following words: 

   la bougie - 

   la guirlande électrique -

   le bonhomme de neige -

Using the words printed in blue below, can you work out how to write the following vocabulary in French?

   et = and  dans = in  avec = with  sur = on

the star and the angel ..........................................................

the shepherd on the donkey ..........................................................

the Baby Jesus in the manger ..........................................................

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! ..........................................................

Father Christmas with the Christmas stocking ..........................................................

the Three Kings and the star ..........................................................

Mary with the Baby Jesus ..........................................................

the angel on the Christmas tree ..........................................................

the king and the queen with Father Christmas ..........................................................

the fairy lights on the Christmas tree ..........................................................

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