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In this edition, we will talk about:

- New Year's resolutions
- Inauguration Day in the USA
- Australia Day
- The careers event for the 4èmes/3èmes (Year 9 and 10 classes)
- Valentine's Day and the special weeks in our school

Last but not least, you will be able to play a puzzle game and make your own pizza!



What are your New Year's resolutions for 2025?

A New Year's resolution is a promise that we make to change something in our lives to improve ourselves.

Will you play more sports, eat healthier food, save more money, spend more time with family and friends, spend less time on your phone, and go outside more?

And at school, what about getting good grades in all subjects, studying more, being more attentive during classes, participating more in class, being respectful with your teachers and classmates and doing homework regularly?



Do you know what is special about January 20th in the USA?

It's Inauguration Day!

On that day, the new president elected in the previous November takes up office for a 4-year term.

Donald Trump is **the 47th American president** and his term will last until January 2029.





Australia Day



Did you know that another name for Australia is “Oz” and that Australians are sometimes called “Aussies” (or Ozzies)?

January 26 is an important date in Australia's history. The tradition of celebrating Australia Day as a national public holiday was established in Australia's first colony, Sydney, and has persevered since the early nineteenth century.

On that day, there are many events such as a big concert in Sydney, parades, ceremonies and fireworks.

The Sydney Opera House which looks like ships or sails is illuminated with a spectacular Aboriginal artwork.



Aboriginal art is the oldest tradition of art in the world: there is a drawing in the Northern Territory that's 28,000 years old!





Special event on Thursday 30th January

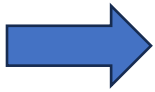


The careers event for all Year 9 students and some Year 10 was organized in our school by Mr Bezaud.

During one afternoon, 212 pupils were able to meet some parents who came to talk about their jobs like a nurse, an eye doctor, a carpenter, real estate agent, an engineer, a mechanic, a fireman, a speech therapist... and former students who talked about their current educational establishments.

It was a great opportunity for them to discover the professional world.





Happy Valentine's Day from the USA!



More than 335 million people live in the USA, and in 2025, 52% of them planned to celebrate Valentine's Day!

Good and bad gifts

Nearly 1/3 of American adults like to receive chocolates or candy on Valentine's Day. But 15 % of

An expensive day

Americans spend an average of 193 dollars on their darling on Valentine's Day! But 60 % of Americans think that Valentine's Day is celebrated because of commercial pressure, not because of love.

Cities of love

Two American cities have particularly romantic names ... « Loveland » in the state of Colorado, and Romeoville, in Illinois.

Two small towns - « Love Valley », in North Carolina, and « Valentine », in Texas - also sound like good places to fall in love !

Old and new styles of Valentines

A « valentine » is either the person you are in love with or a greeting card.

In the 1840s, a lady called Esther A.Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines cards in the USA. They were elaborate creations with lace, ribbons and pictures. Today, Americans send 145 million valentines ... but 63 % of people prefer to send their love in a text message !

We also celebrated **love and friendship** at school before the holidays. It was a time of sharing, kind thought, generosity, and gentleness.

This year, our school is collecting donations (food, hygiene items) for “*Elancoeur*”, an association which helps families in need.

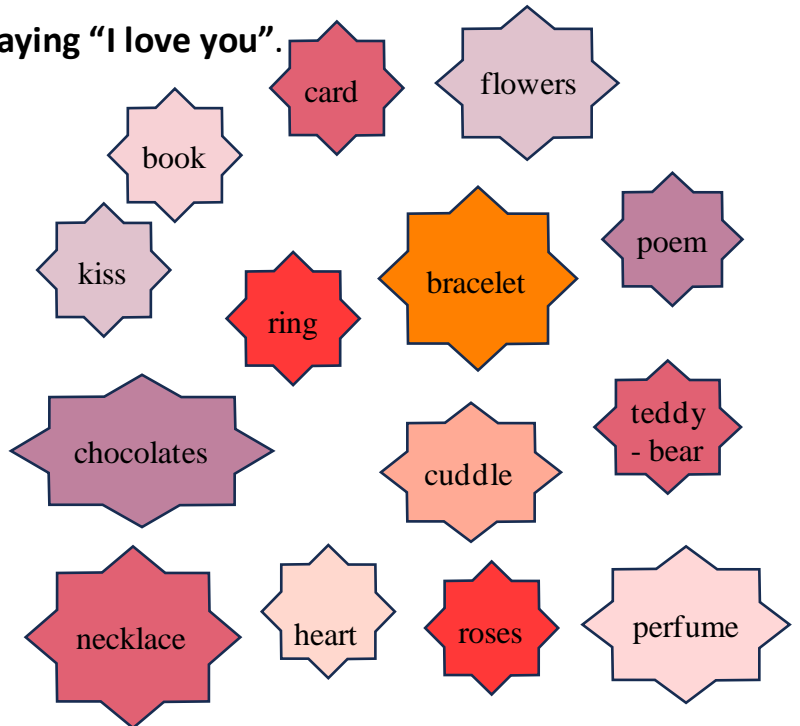


Now, have fun!

The words in the list are gift ideas and gestures to express your love.
Cross them out in the grid.

The letters left will form a short way of saying "I love you".

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R	O	S	E	S	V	U	O	R	C
F	L	O	W	E	R	S	P	T	E



And what about cooking your own heart-shaped pizza?

Ingredients:

- 1 ready-made pizza base
- 2 balls of mozzarella cheese
- mushrooms (champignons)
- basil (basilic) and rocket leaves (feuilles de roquette) to decorate
- tomato sauce
- cherry tomatoes



1. Preheat* the oven* to 200°C.
2. Roll out* the ready-made pizza base on the baking paper* and put it on a baking tray*.
3. Cut out a large heart shape.
4. Spread* the tomato sauce on the heart-shaped pizza base.
5. Cut the mozzarella into slices* and place them on the pizza.
6. Slice the mushrooms and cherry tomatoes and put them on top of the mozzarella.
7. Bake in the oven* for 10 to 15 minutes.
8. Remove from the oven and decorate with basil and rocket leaves.
9. Enjoy your **heart-shaped pizza!**

*préchauffer / *four / *dérouler / *papier cuisson / *plaque de cuisson / *étaler / *tranches /

WE WISH YOU GOOD AND RELAXING WINTER HOLIDAYS!