

New Year in Italy



New Year is an important holiday in Italy. Italians celebrate it from the 24th of December till the 6th of January. It is a big holiday and there are lots of traditions in Italy.



All cities, towns and villages are decorated.



There is a big, beautiful New Year Tree in the center of Rome. A lot of people come to enjoy the New Year decorations.



The Italian people name New Year «Capodanno».
«Capodanno» is the time for presents, guests,
wishes and special meal.



New Year dinner consists of 13 dishes. The people eat meat, fish, chicken, cakes, sweets, vegetables, nuts and grapes.



Grapes is the symbol of New Year in Italy. There must be 12 grapes on the plate. People eat them when the clock strikes 12 times. Grapes brings luck, health and happiness.



The children write letters to «Babbo Natale».
«Babbo Natale» is the name for Ded Moroz.



Children prepare red stockings for presents. «Babbo Natale» brings presents and put them into the stockings.



There is a special holiday for children on the 6th of January. The kind woman «Befana» flies to every house, opens the door with her gold key and gives presents to children.



There are a lot of salutes all over the country. They are colorful and beautiful. People enjoy New Year very much.