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Druh výukového materiálu:	Pracovní list s prezentací k tématu Britské a americké svátky se základní slovní zásobou a cvičeními.
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Využití:	Shrnutí poznatků a slovní zásoby týkající se tématu Britské a americké svátky a možnost procvičení si znalosti slovní zásoby.

British Holidays

What are the bank holidays and how can you divide British holidays?

Bank holidays are public holidays in Britain, originally called so as banks were closed on these special days. We can divide British holidays into two groups: holidays connected with Anglo-Saxon tradition (Halloween) and religious holidays celebrated in all Christian countries in the world (Christmas, Easter...).

How is Christmas celebrated in Britain?

It starts on **December 24th (Christmas Eve)** when families decorate their houses with coloured paper, paperballs and chains, **holly with red berries, ivy, mistletoe** and the Christmas tree. They say that people who stand under the mistletoe should kiss and wish something. On the mantelpiece there are **Christmas cards** wishing Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Shops are open until late in the evening so that last minute shopping for presents can be done.

In every house there is the nativity scene or the crib with Three Wise Man, shepherds, camels and baby Jesus. Children hope that **Father Christmas** will come down the chimney and bring some presents for them at night. So there are smaller presents in the **X-mas stockings** and larger presents are under the tree. Children get up very early in the morning on **December 25th** to open the presents and play with new toys. They also watch TV and sing **Christmas carols**.

The day after Christmas is also a national holiday, known as **Boxing Day**. Many British make contributions to churches and charities and the delivery people and others who have provided personalized services throughout the year are tipped.

What do the British eat at Christmas?

They have Christmas dinner usually at noon or in the evening on Christmas Day and eat **roast turkey** with **chestnut stuffing**, vegetables and sauce and plum pudding with brandy. Sweet cakes stuffed with candied fruit.

How is Christmas pudding prepared?

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How is New Year's Eve celebrated?

On New Year's Eve people go to church or attend parties, they stay up till midnight to see the old year out and drink a toast to the New Year and gather on squares, link arms and sing.

New Year's Day (January 1st) is often a time for receiving guests at home. Titles and decorations are also awarded by the King / Queen on this day.

Homework - Easter: Read the article and fill in the missing words:

Hot Cross Buns	chocolate	turkey	first full moon	happy Easter	egg hunt	religious
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Easter is a festival commemorating the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is celebrated on the 1st Sunday after the in spring. People eat on Good Friday, which are sweet bread rolls made with spices and dried fruit, and a cross marked on top. Other popular Easter food is roast chicken or for lunch on Easter Sunday and a fruit cake covered in marzipan. Children believe that Easter Bunny hides the eggs in the garden. On Easter Monday children look for hidden eggs, which are made of, and chocolate in the garden. This is called People wish each other a

Trooping the Colour

It is Queen's official birthday celebrated on June 6th. It takes place at Whitehall with Horse Guards' Parade.

Scottish holidays

Edinburgh International Festival is a festival of Scottish music and dancing. The Scots are dressed in **tartan kilts** and compete in their typical sports: **tossing the caber**, **throwing the hammer** or a **tug-of-war**.

American Holidays

Americans celebrate lots of festivals and holidays because they come from all over the world and practise many religions. They celebrate also a lot of holidays commemorating historical events from American history. Holidays in America are often family and community events. Many Americans travel long distances for family **gatherings** or **take vacations** during holidays.

Christmas is celebrated in the same way as in the UK. It is a very commercial holiday. **Christmas trees**, **wreathes**, **holly** and **ribbons** are the typical symbols of this season.

Homework - SANTA: Read the article and fill in the missing words given in the table:

gifts	stockings	reindeers	sleigh	chimney	beard
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Santa Claus is the legendary bringer of at Christmas. He is generally described as a fat, jolly man with a white, dressed in a red suit trimmed with white and riding a full of toys drawn through the air by eight Santa, also called Saint Nicholas enters houses through the to leave presents under the Christmas tree and in the of all good children. This image of Santa Claus is a North American invention from the 19th century which influences the celebration of Christmas throughout the world.

Independence Day commemorates **victory over the British** in American Civil War in 1776. It is a day of picnics, parades and flying the flag, parties, barbecues, concerts and fireworks. It is celebrated on **July 4th**.

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the **last Thursday of November** and it is the second most important holiday of the year after Christmas. The name of this festival comes from the time when Pilgrim Fathers settled in America in 1620, they suffered a lot during the first winter and half of them died. The next year the Native Americans taught them how to plant corn and other crops (pumpkins, barley, beans) so in autumn 1621 they celebrated the first harvest / their Thanksgiving Day for the first time. They also invited local Indians to the celebration.

Nowadays the Americans eat **roast turkey** and **pumpkin pie**, squashes and cranberries and they wish one another happy Turkey Day. They travel long distance to gather as a family and enjoy a four-day holiday. This is the day of gifts, charity and food for poor people.

Find a film / book where we can see the British settlers, their lives and relationship to the Native Americans:

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Columbus Day reminds Columbus' landing in the New World. There are parades in the streets.

Homework - Halloween: Read an article and fill in the missing words given in the table:

Halloween	doors	locked	owner	witches	day	pumpkin
candle	costumes	apples	present	example	trick	goblins

Halloween gets its name from All Hallows' Eve (originally religious holiday). It is the before All Saints Day. People believed that the night of October 31st was the night when evil spirits and would come out and everyone would stay at home with the door and perform special rituals to keep the spirits away. Nowadays people often have parties on the day when children or young people dress up as ghosts, witches or They carve the inside out of a or a large turnip and cut a face in it so that when a lit is put inside, the face shines with a weird flame. These carved pumpkins are called jack-o'-lanterns and decorate the houses. Children in the United States go from house to house in their knocking on and playing trick-or-treat. The of the house must either give them a small such as candy, chocolate bars, toffee apples or other confections, or they will play a on him, for put butter on the doorknob so it is difficult to open the door. There are several traditional foods such as apples, pumpkins, baked potatoes and treacle toffee (caramel). Traditional games include "apple bobbing" where you have to pick out of a bowl of water with your teeth.

Homework

Explain these terms: Anglo-Saxon, crops, American Civil War, Pilgrim Fathers.