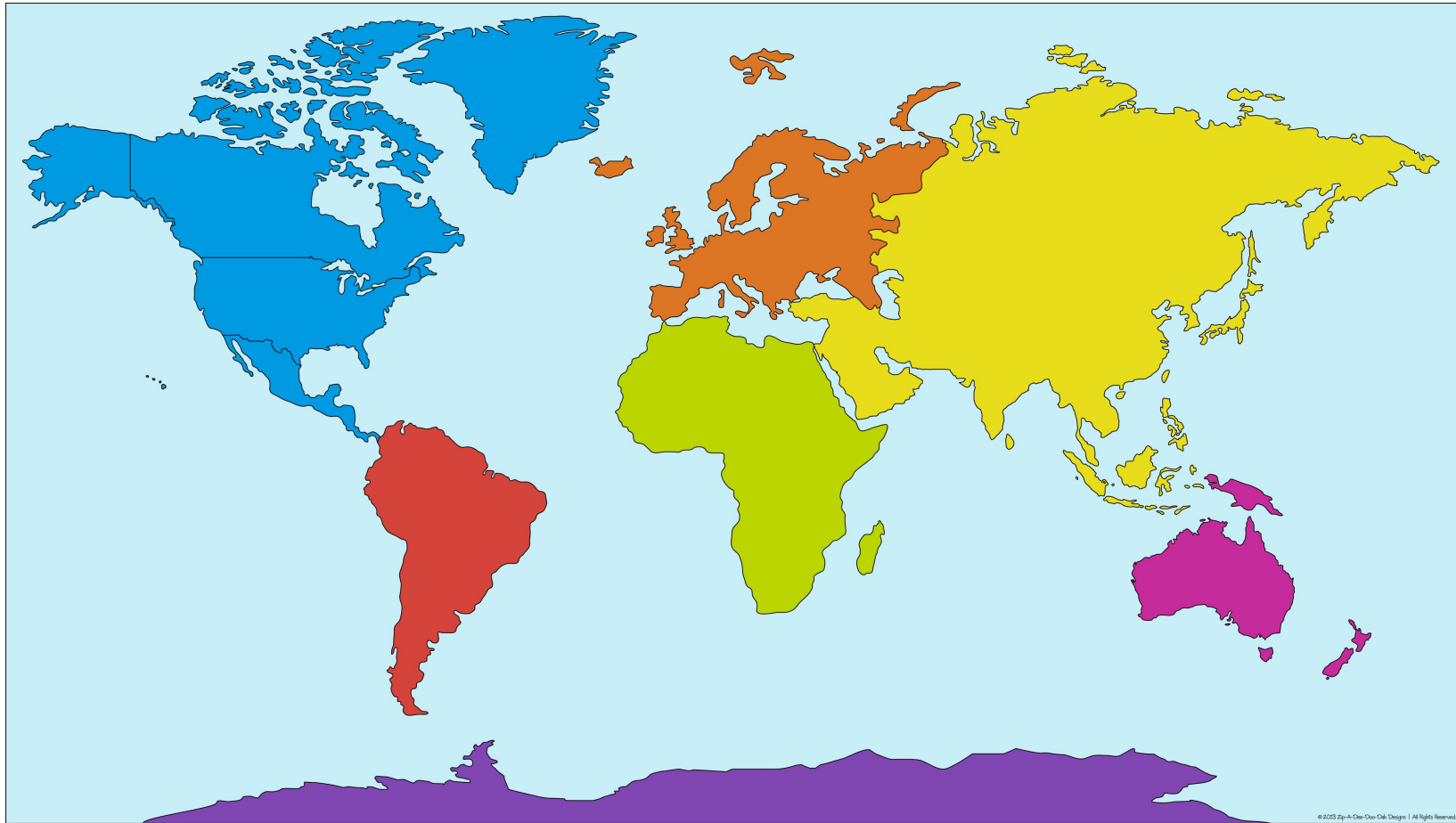


CHRISTMAS

IN IRELAND



HOLIDAY FOOD



turkey



soda bread



potatoes



Yorkshire pudding

SANTA TRADITIONS



Santa Claus is called Daidí na Nollag in Ireland, which means Father Christmas or Daddy Christmas. He is also called Santy or Santa. Many children leave out mince pie for him. Santa goes down the chimney on Christmas Eve so people make sure to keep their chimneys extra clean. Sometimes he leaves books called Christmas Annuals for the children.

TRADITIONS



Laden table



biscuit tins



candle in the window



Christmas crib

FACTS



Thousands of people in Ireland jump into the freezing cold sea on Christmas. It's called The Christmas Swim. People do this to raise money for charity.



On December 26th, groups of boys dress up in paint and straw. They go door to door, singing and dancing. People give them coins. This is called Wren's Day. If you give the boys coins, that keeps bad luck away in the new year.



January 6th is called "Little Christmas" or "Women's Christmas." The men take over for the day, cooking food and giving the women a break. This is also the day when the tree and all the Christmas decorations are taken down and put away until next year.

