

## Yusuhara a Home from Home: 27. Christmas Time and Baking!

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IT'S CHRISTMAS! as the iconic Christmas would shout. With the snow having arrived this means I can experience a "white Christmas." A white Christmas is as the name suggests a Christmas with snow. It's an iconic image of the festive period but ironically, at least in most parts of The U.K., an incredibly rare event. So to see one again makes me feel warm and peaceful.

I have mentioned before how this year the school has started a new English club which takes place on Mondays. This year the last day of term, the closing ceremony and Christmas Day fall on a Monday. So, we decided to do something fun but also to learn about different cultures of course all in English.

We baked some traditional British food. Specifically, a traditional Victoria sponge cake. Named after Queen Victoria it has a long and popular history in The U.K. and while not normally associated with just Christmas it can in fact be enjoyed all year round. A more traditional offering of Christmas cake would take weeks to make if done properly so this was a nice compromise. I created a simple recipe for the students to follow and each group ended up with a delicious light and airy Victoria sponge cake. I also showed them how to make a creamy vanilla custard to go with it. All in all, what a great way to spend the festive period. A white Christmas and baking. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Here's the Victoria sponge cake! Looks really good, right? I wish you could try some... .