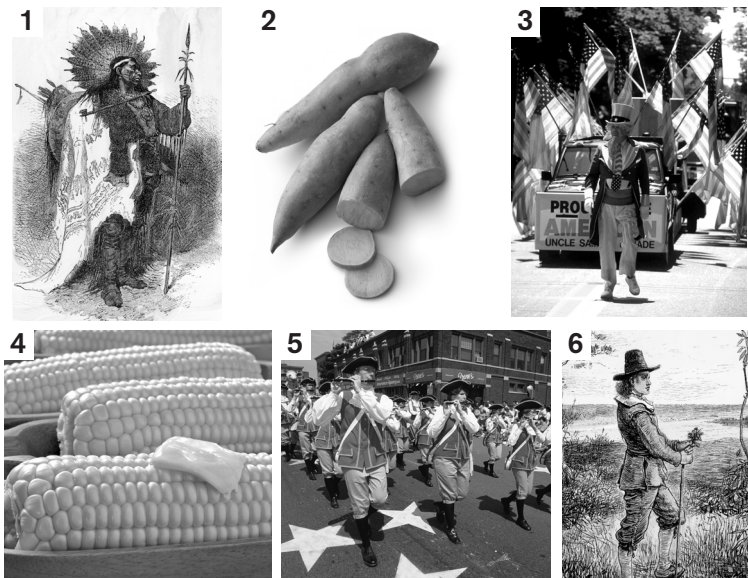


Vocabulary

1 Match the words with the pictures.

- marching band ☐
- parade float ☐
- corn on the cob ☐
- sweet potato ☐
- a Pilgrim ☐
- the Wampanoags ☐



2c Complete the table below with information from the articles and factfiles.

	Independence Day	Thanksgiving
When		The fourth Thursday of November
What it celebrates		
Foods		
Celebrations		
Sport		

Reading

2a Read the article about the 4th July Parade in Bristol, Rhode Island.

- 1 Why do Americans celebrate on 4th July?
- 2 When was the first 4th July parade in Bristol?
- 3 What did many families do this year?
- 4 Was the parade a success this year?
- 5 How many people came to see the parade?

2b Read the article about the Thanksgiving Day play at the elementary school.

- 1 Do the students at Erdenheim Elementary School perform in a Thanksgiving play every year?
- 2 Who comes to the play?
- 3 How did the kids surprise the audience this year?
- 4 Who were the Wampanoags?
- 5 Were the pilgrims and the American Indians friends?

Listening

12 Work with a partner. Read the sentences about the New York fireworks display. Decide if they are (T) or false (F). Listen to the radio news story and check your answers.

- 1 Americans don't see their families on 4th July.
- 2 Patriotic speeches by politicians are unusual on 4th July.
- 3 New York City's 4th July celebration was the most important in America.
- 4 The fireworks display was along the Hudson River.
- 5 The fireworks of the show weighed 1,800 kilos.
- 6 The fireworks happened during the day.

The USA - 4th of July

Bristol, Rhode Island

It all went perfectly on the USA's favorite national holiday – Independence Day. Bristol's 4th of July Parade began in 1785 – the oldest in the country. Thousands of families had barbecues with lots of hot dogs, hamburgers and corn on the cob! The baseball teams – professionals and kids – played in the park while people watched and cheered. Our 4th of July parade was fantastic! Thousands of people stood along the streets to cheer the best 4th of July celebration in the country. The floats this year were amazing. There were lots of colorful marching bands and men dressed as British soldiers from almost 250 years ago.



School kids know their Thanksgiving!



The students at my little sister's school, Erdenheim Elementary, put on their annual Thanksgiving show for family and friends last night. Their play told the story of the first Thanksgiving. All the kids dressed as pilgrims or American Indians. We all had a big surprise at

the end of the show. The kids quizzed us about Thanksgiving. Eight-year-old Jessica asked us: 'Who were the Wampanoags?' We didn't know! They were an American Indian tribe. They taught the pilgrims to grow maize. We had lots of fun and we learned stuff too.

Factfile

4th of July

- The United States were originally British colonies.
- The 4th July celebrates the USA's declaration of independence from Great Britain on 4th July 1776.
- The United States won the War of Independence from Britain in 1783.

Thanksgiving

- Celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.
- The Pilgrims (English Protestants) came to America for religious freedom.
- It celebrates how the Pilgrims survived their first winter in America.
- The first Thanksgiving was in 1621 – Native Americans and the Pilgrims ate together.
- Traditional dinner: turkey, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie

Project space My country's national holidays

- 4 Write about your favourite national holiday. Answer these questions.**

What does it celebrate? What do you do to celebrate it? Who do you celebrate it with? What do you eat? Why do you like this holiday?