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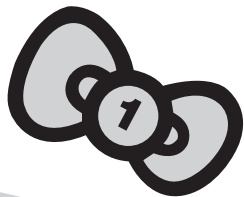
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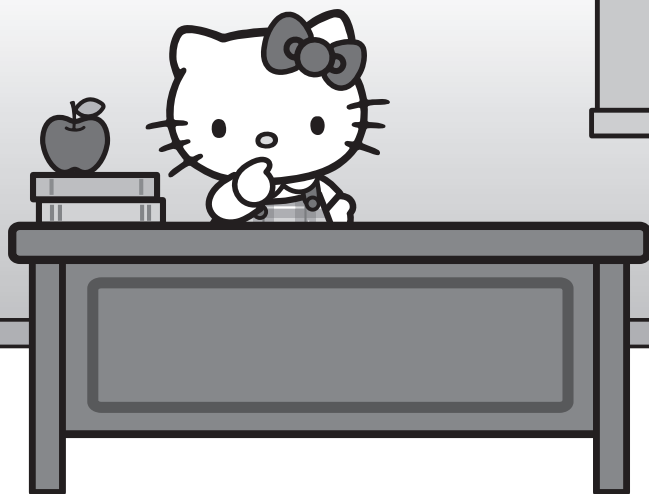


Christmas Is Coming!



Hello Kitty crossed her arms and sat up as straight as she could as Miss Davey, her teacher, looked around the class. Hello Kitty was wishing **hard** that Miss Davey would call on her. Every day since the first of

HELLO KITTY *and friends*



December, Miss Davey had chosen one person to go up to the front and open the next door of the advent calendar.

Miss Davey's eyes settled on Hello Kitty and she **smiled**. Today would be Hello Kitty's turn! Hello Kitty jumped to her feet and hurried to Miss Davey's desk. She found the little door

❄️❄️❄️ The Christmas Tree

marked with the number '5' and opened it carefully. What would the picture be?

It was a beautiful Christmas tree decorated with coloured balls and tinsel. Miss Davey asked Hello Kitty to carry the calendar round and show it to the whole class. She hoped that the class would make sure the school's very own Christmas tree looked just as *beautiful* by the end of the day.



HELLO KITTY *and friends*

They all nodded excitedly. Their class had been picked to decorate the school Christmas

tree! It was going to

be delivered at

lunchtime and they

were going to get

out the decorations

and make it look

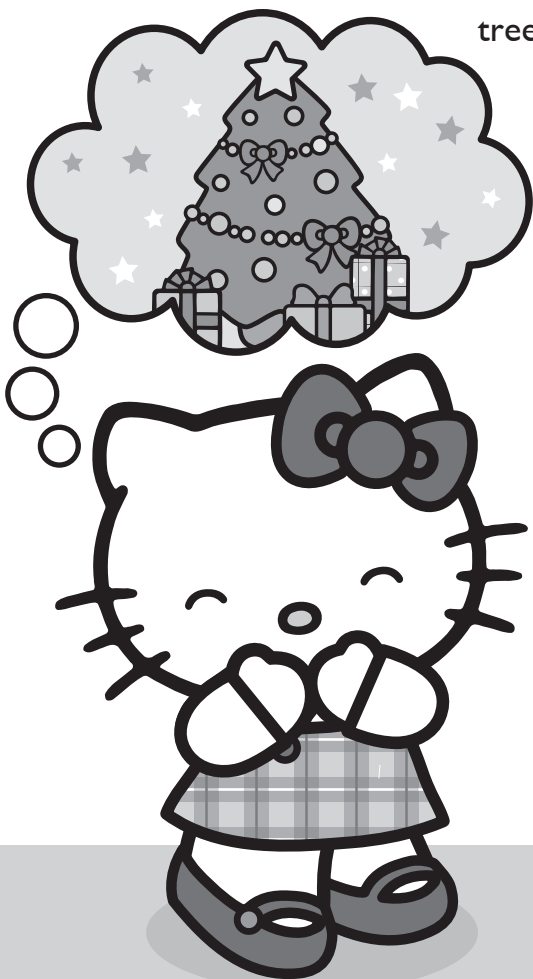
lovely and festive.

Hello Kitty felt

just **super** even

thinking about

it – she loved

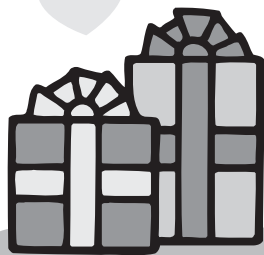
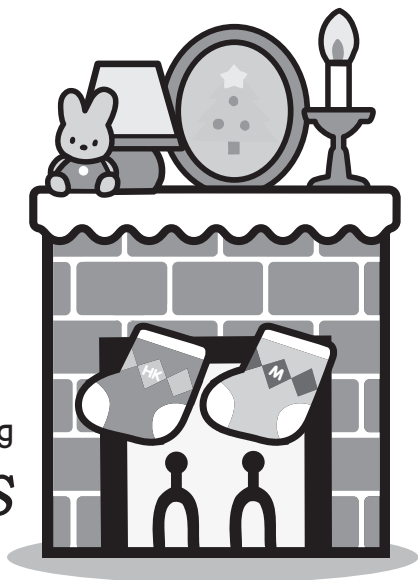


Christmas! She
loved everything about
it, especially...

- ❄️ Putting up decorations
- ❄️ Singing carols
- ❄️ Hanging up her stocking

And ***PRESENTS***

of course!



Hello Kitty gave the advent
calendar back to Miss Davey,
who hung it on the wall. She
told the class to use the last ten
minutes before lunch to finish off the
Christmas stories they were writing.

HELLO KITTY *and friends*

Hello Kitty sat back down with Dear Daniel, Fifi and Tammy. The four of them were such good friends that they had started their very own Friendship Club – they had meetings at each other's houses, made things, baked, had sleepovers and went on outings. It was **great**



fun! They also made up rules about friendship.

They had quite a few so far, like...



Hello Kitty picked up her pen, but she wasn't ready to finish off her story just yet – she wanted to talk about Christmas! She wished it wasn't still twenty days away. That was **AGES!**