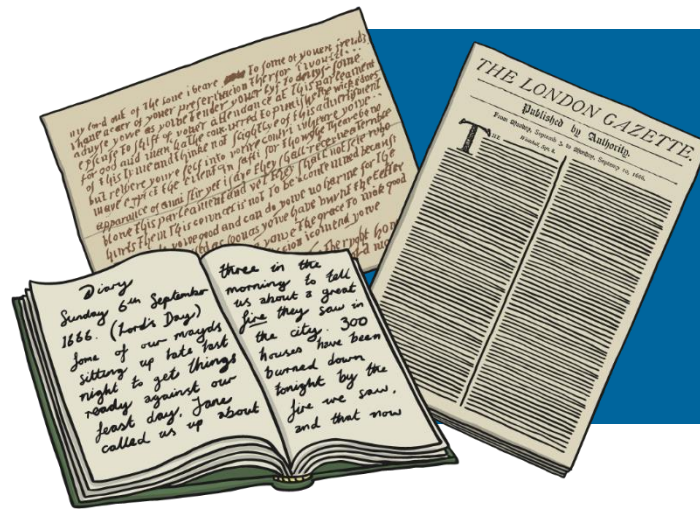


# Burns Night



# What is Burns Night?

Burns Night is a celebration often held in Scotland around 25<sup>th</sup> January.



It celebrates the life and work of a famous writer named Robert Burns.



# All About Robert Burns



Robert Burns was born on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1759.

He was a poet and song writer and is famous around the world.

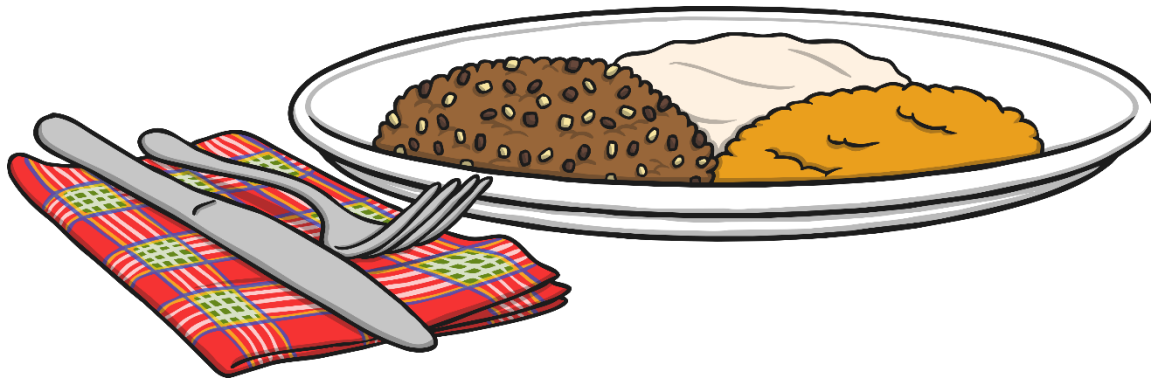
One of his most famous songs is Auld Lang Syne, which is often sung at New Year and Burns Night.

# Burns Night

On Burns Night, many people have a traditional dinner called Burns Supper.

This usually includes eating haggis, which is a traditional Scottish food. It is often served with neeps (swede) and tatties (potatoes).

Poems written by Burns are often read aloud too.



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Before people start eating their Burns Supper, the Selkirk Grace is often said:

Some hae meat and canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it;  
But we hae meat, and we can eat,  
And sae let the Lord be thankit.



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Bagpipes are often played during Burns Night celebrations. Bagpipes are instruments that are played by blowing into reeds and squeezing a bag of air. Have you heard bagpipes before?



There is also lots of traditional Scottish dancing. Many people wear clothes made of tartan fabric, including kilts.

# A National Figure

Robert Burns is still very famous today. He has been voted 'The Greatest Scot' by the Scottish Public in a survey held by national Scottish television channel, STV.



There is also a Robert Burns Museum which is in the place where Robert was born.



