TIÓ DE NADAL

Tió de Nadal is a character in the Christmas tradition of the region of Catalonia (Spain). The Tió is a hollow log with a smiley face, a blanket and the traditional Catalanian hat, or barretina, and he is said to bring presents to children in Catalonia on Christmas day.

Beginning on December 8, children feed the Tió with nougat and sweets every day until Christmas Eve, and cover it with a blanket so he is nice and cozy. On Christmas day, the children put the Tió by the fireplace or in a special part of the house and ask the Tió to poop out presents for them. To make it poop, children beat the Tió with sticks, while singing songs of Tió de Nadal:

"Caga tió,
caga torró,
avellanes i mató,
si no cagues bé
et daré un cop de bastó.
caga tió!"

Poop, log,
poop nougats (turrón),
hazelnuts and mató cheese,
if you don't poop well,
I'll hit you with a stick,
poop, log!*

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