**Образовательный минимум по предмету Cultural Studies (3 четверть)**

*Тема: Holidays in the UK/USA*

***Red Nose Day****–* Red Nose Day takes place every two years in spring. In 1988, the charity had the idea of selling red plastic noses, to raise money. It was a huge success, and selling red noses became a regular part of the charity`s fundraising efforts. They also encouraged people around Britain to organize sponsored events – the funnier the better. The money helped projects all over Africa and in the UK too.

***April Fool’s Day*** *–* Great Britain people celebrate this day on the 1st of April. In Great Britain, that day is usually called “APRIL FISH”, bakeries decorate their windows with chocolate fish, and for jokes, people stick paper fish on their friends back. People challenge and make competitions to see who could come up with the best prank.

***Easter*** *–* Easter is a spring festival of new life. It takes place on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. The name comes from the Anglo-Saxon goddess of the dawn and spring – Eostre. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter celebrates life and rebirth, which is why we see lots of symbols of new life at Easter, like eggs, chicks and rabbits.

***Maypole Dancing*** – is a tradition on May Day. People dance around the tree poles in celebration of the end of winter and the start of the fine weather. Traditionally, maypole dancers are young girls. However it is more common to see secondary school children twirling the ribbons around the pole.

***Father’s Day*** - Father`s day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June. It Is a day to honor fathers, grandfathers and fathers in law. Many people on this day visit their fathers and give them cards and presents.

***Labor Day*** - is celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of the country. It is considered the unofficial end of summer in the United States and recognized as a federal holiday.

***Citizenship Day/ Constitution Day*** - is held on the 17th of September. This is the day when the Constitution was signed by the government in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania’s Independence Hall. A day when citizens of US honor and celebrate the creation of America and it’s people to remember the signing of the US law, to honor the new responsibilities of American citizens, to celebrate the independence of America.

***Election Day*** - is on Tuesday after the first Monday in November. It can take place between November 2 and November 8. It is the day when popular ballots are held to select public officials. These include national, state and local government representatives at all levels up to the president.

***Veterans Day*** - is an official United States public holiday, celebrated on November 11, that honors military veterans; that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day is celebrated with parades and church services.