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The class 3F is ready to go to Sweden.

The first days were freezing, it snowed a little . My hosting family admitted that it was too cold for spring. During the week I noticed some different customs.

After sunset they turn on small lights set close to the windows and when they have dinner they switch on candles on the table .I think that it is a beautiful habit because houses seem more cosy.

My hosting family was very friendly and welcoming. They made me feel at ease. My Swedish friend, Jackie was very kind and funny, we had a very good time together. Her parents cooked very well, so they made me love Swedish food, especially meat balls with potatoes and raspberry jam.

Their school is different from ours. They have a lot of subjects that we don't have such as painting, cooking.

They don't have many lessons during the day, they have to stay at school from 8 to 3.30 p.m., but actually they have a lot of free time in which they can stay or just sit around a table and talk with friends.

They have lunch in the canteen around 10.30 – 11, and when school finishes they usually go to a confectioneries shop to eat something.

We were very lucky because we met very nice ,friendly young people, and I think we made a joint group. Nassjo is a very small town, but nice and pretty with all houses with gardens.

There isn't much to visit so our Swedish friends organized trips to different cities.

We went to Granna, a village famous for a type of candy, and there we went on a ferry-boat to reach Visingso, an island located in the middle of a huge lake.

One day we visited Jonkoping, a bigger city than Nassjo, but smaller than our city.

The last day we visited Stockholm, that's a beautiful city, even if we stayed there for a few hours we saw many beautiful buildings.

I really like Sweden! It's incredible how many forests and lakes they have.

I hope we will keep this important friendship in the future.

I think that experience had a great influence on us.

It helped us improve our English, learn about a different culture and we had the great opportunity to visit a country which is far from Italy.

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