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Christmas Eve has a host of traditions: a wee dram for Santa – it can be cold on that sleigh – a carrot for Rudolph and the hanging of stockings from the mantelpiece. And families are increasingly adopting a new tradition – giving children a present of a hamper the night before the main event.

A hamper is a great way to distract the kids so you can get on with food prep for lunch the next day. It will also help them to sleep more easily if they're not bursting with anticipation about the gifts that Santa is about to bring.

So what goes inside one of these magic boxes? That's up to you – and your budget. Small presents, similar to stocking treats, are as much a delight to unwrap for little fingers as bigger gifts. And no Christmas Eve hamper would be complete without a bag of milk chocolate coins and a candy cane.

Seasonal pyjamas and slippers, such as John Lewis & Partners' Christmas

Santa's little helper

It can be a long wait for Saint Nick, so start the celebrations early with a Christmas Eve hamper for kids

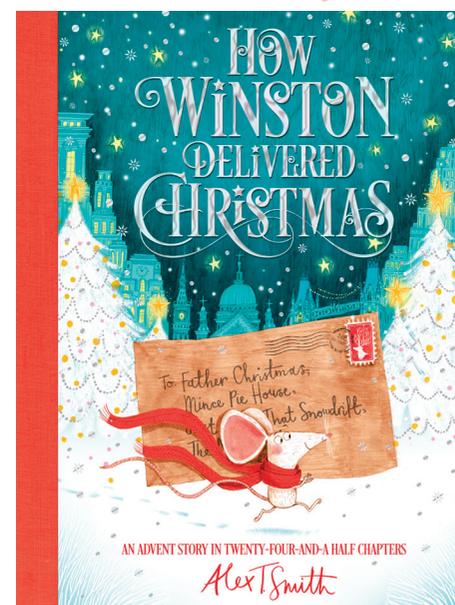
Onesie and Rudolf the Reindeer Boot Slippers, will keep the kids cosy through to new year. And if they need some company to snuggle down with as they drift off to sleep, the Portable North Pole Baby Reindeer Plush Soft Toy will go down a treat.

At bedtime, give them a warming mug of hot chocolate, before reading them the final chapter of *How Winston Delivered Christmas*, which is guaranteed to become a family favourite.

Fill your hamper in-store or online at JohnLewis.com



For the moments that make your Christmas



Portable North Pole Reindeer Plush Soft Toy, **£10**; John Lewis & Partners Christmas Onesie, from **£22**; Chocolate Company Hot Choc Spoon, **£3.50**; Rudolf the Reindeer Boot Slippers, from **£15**; milk chocolate coins, **£1**; Mr Stanley's Candy Cane, **£1.50**; How Winston Delivered Christmas, **£14.99**