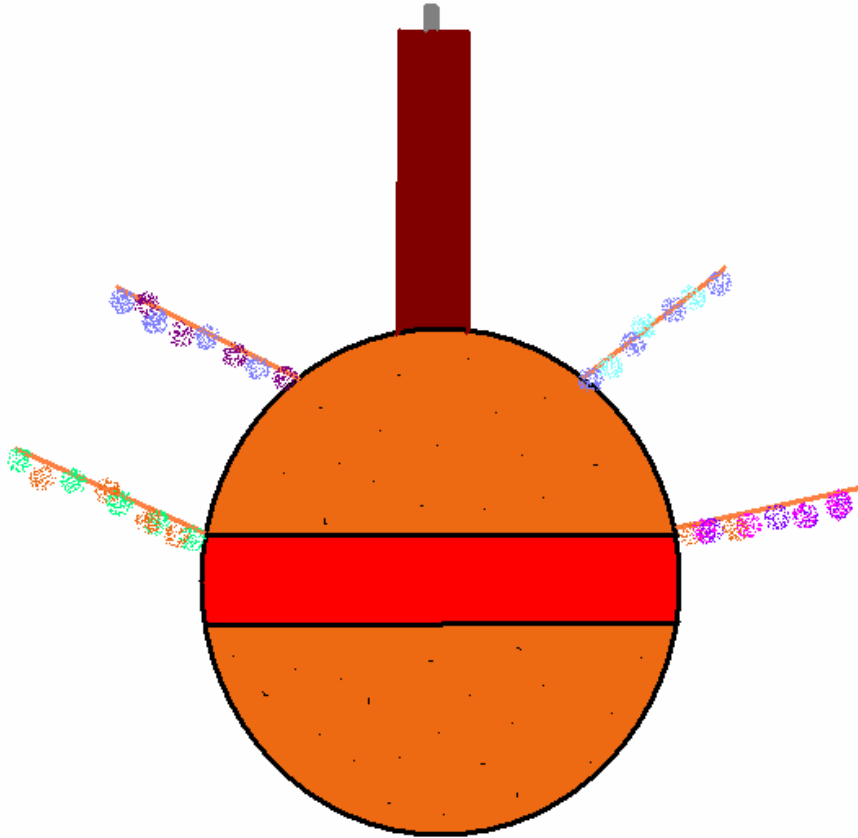


# *The Christingle*



Christingle means Christ light. Christingles were first used in Germany in 1747 and were created by Pasto Johannes de Watterville.

Christingle candles were originally made from beeswax because it burnt cleaner and represented Christ's purity.

Christingles are oranges with a candle in the top with a red ribbon round the middle (sometimes they have four cocktail sticks stuck in them with sweeties on, for children usually).

The orange symbolises the world; the red ribbon is Jesus' blood on the cross; the 4 sticks of dried fruit or sweets represent the 4 seasons and the fruits of the Earth; and the candle is Jesus, The Light of the World.