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Our topic this week is 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have read lots of different versions of 'The Gingerbread Man'. Thank you to parents/carers who sent in their stories from home.

Activities/provision this week:

- **Gingerbread Man craft** - The children have loved making their own gingerbread man with craft materials.
- **Gingerbread Playdough** - The children used pretend baking trays, real rolling pins and gingerbread man shaped cutters to make their own gingerbread man.
- **Gingerbread themed home corner** - The children pretended to make gingerbread themed foods and hot chocolates.
- **Gingerbread Man small world play** - The children acted out the story using farm animals, puppets, a farmhouse and pretend grass/water.
- **Decorating a gingerbread man** - On Wednesday the children decorated a gingerbread man with icing and ate them for snack.
- **Making a bridge for the Gingerbread Man** - We talked about the ending of the story and how it could have been different. The children used different construction materials to make a 'bridge' for the gingerbread man so he wouldn't get eaten by the fox.
- **Baking the Gingerbread Man** - On Friday the children worked together to bake gingerbread men and decorate them with icing.
- **Gingerbread Man loose parts** - The children used loose parts e.g. pipe cleaners and buttons to decorate a Gingerbread Man.

Phonics: Body percussion

This term our phonics focus is Body Percussion! The children are learning to develop their awareness of sounds and rhythm. They have been using their bodies to make different sounds e.g. tapping, stomping, clicking, clapping. We have been practicing making sounds slow, fast, loud and quiet.

Maths:

The children have been learning how to:

- Try and guess the number of objects by just looking at them (1-5 objects)
- Recognise how many objects are in a group without having to count them one by one (1-5 objects).

Next week the topic will continue to be: **The Gingerbread Man!**

Important information

- Please can the children bring in any **versions of 'The Gingerbread Man' and any winter themed stories.**
- **PTFA Christmas Shop - Monday 8th December - children attending pre-school will choose their gift at some point during the week.** Each year all the children are invited to buy presents for members of their family/loved ones.

The gifts are £3 each and every child may choose up to 2 presents for family members. There are both male and female appropriate gifts available.

Children will be choosing the gifts, wrapping and writing out the gift tags. They will be sent home with them by their teachers, but no peeking until Christmas Day!

Please log on to Eduspot/SchoolMoney (shop tab) and reserve and pay by midnight on Friday 5th December.

The number of presents required needs to be finalised and confirmed and after then it will not be possible to add any extras. So please order your gifts in time!

The children will be writing their tags in advance so please complete the online form. This will help the elves and children make sure the right gifts go to the right people! This form will close at 9am on Friday 5th December. It will not be able to be accessed after this date.

Please make sure that you fill out the online form as well as paying on Eduspot/SchoolMoney, if you do not fill out the online form we will not know who the gifts are intended for.

- **Christmas Craft Workshop for parents to join their children - Wednesday 10th December 2-3pm** - Due to numbers and capacity this event is only for children who usually attend on a Wednesday.
- **Christmas Dinner Day Thursday 11th December** -

If your child would like a School Christmas Dinner, please book the Roast Turkey option on Thursday 11th December. Veggie alternative available too. (Select the veggie option for that day).

Please note that these will be the ONLY options available on the day. If your child is booked in for something other than this, they will receive a Christmas Dinner. If your child does not want a School Christmas Dinner, please provide them with a home packed lunch.

Don't forget to wear your Christmas Jumpers on that day too! Please book your child's School Christmas Dinner via Eduspot/SchoolMoney by Wednesday 3rd December.

- **Applications for starting primary school in September 2026 open on 15th November 2025 and close on 15th January 2026.** The date that all allocations of school places are announced in England is known as 'offer day'. For September 2025 primary school starters this will be on **16th April 2026**. Apply online at the Citizens Portal.
- Please send in WOW moments for your children to share at circle time - pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org