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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:

- **Feed the fox maths game** - The children practised their counting by counting the number of buttons on each gingerbread man before feeding him to the fox.
- **Rescue the gingerbread man** - The children used magnetic fishing rods to 'rescue' the gingerbread man from the river.
- **Making a gingerbread house** - The children made a miniature gingerbread house using three biscuits, icing and buttons
- **Gingerbread man sensory tray** - The children played with moon sand in a tray that looked like gingerbread. They explored the texture and used the cutters/rolling pins to 'make biscuits'.
- **Gingerbread man stamping**- The children used gingerbread men cutters to paint on a large piece of black paper.
- **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.
- **Christmas cards** - The children have started making their Christmas cards to send home for their families.

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: **Christmas!**

Important information

- Please can the children bring in any **Christmas/winter books** to share at circle time.
- **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