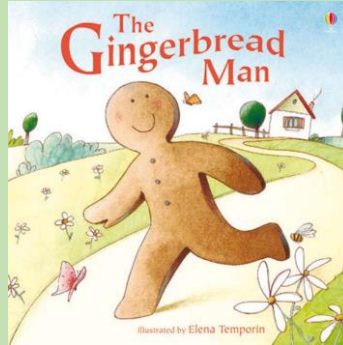


Dear Parents,  
Next week our story is...  
**The Gingerbread Man**



Have fun exploring the story and the get creative!

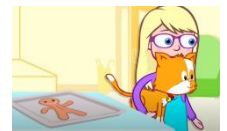
**Activity 1 - Introduce the story**

Please see the links below to versions of the story if you do not have a copy of the book at home.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U89dkGrsYZY> Oxbridge Baby version.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/alphablocks-man> The Alphablocks make a Gingerbread Man

**Activity 2 - Run, run as fast as you can!**

Melody listens to some music and it makes her think of the Gingerbread Man. Can you listen to the music too and run fast like the Gingerbread Man? Maybe you can do a little dance too?



- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/melody-gingerbread-man> Melody listens to some music and this makes her think of the Gingerbread Man.

### Activity 3 - Bake a Gingerbread Man

Here is a fabulous recipe for Gingerbread Men taken from the BBC Good Food website.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/gingerbread-men-0>

#### Ingredients

- 225g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp salt
- 2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 heaped tsp ground ginger
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp cinnamon
- 50g unsalted butter
- 100g soft brown sugar
- 100g golden syrup



#### Method

1. Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5 and line a baking tray with baking parchment. Sieve the flour, salt, bicarb, ginger and cinnamon into a large bowl. Heat the butter, sugar and syrup until dissolved. Leave the sugar mixture to cool slightly, then mix into the dry ingredients to form a dough. Chill the dough in the fridge for 30 mins.
2. On a surface lightly dusted with flour, roll out the dough to a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thickness. Stamp out the gingerbread men shapes with a cutter, then re-roll any off-cuts and repeat. Place your gingerbread shapes on the lined trays, allowing space for them to spread. Cook for 10-15 mins, then remove from the oven and leave to cool.



If you prefer to watch how to make them, then Annabel Karmel has a great method too.

<https://www.annabelkarmel.com/videos/annabels-gingerbread-men/>

### Activity 4 - Gingerbread Men Paper Chains



Making paperchains are a great way to practise those cutting out skills! How many different Gingerbread Men can you decorate on your chain?

Follow the instructions below on how to make one!

#### What you need

- pencil
- paper
- scissors
- crayons

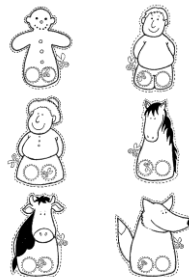
#### Activity

1. Fold paper, accordion-fashion.
2. The number of folds in the paper determines the number of Gingerbread Men in the chain.
3. On the top piece of the folded paper, draw the outline of a Gingerbread Man whose hands extend to touch the folds of the paper on each side.
4. Carefully cut around the Gingerbread Man, making sure not to cut where the hands meet the folds.
5. Open up the paper and your child will have a chain of several Gingerbread Men holding hands.
6. Colour them in, make different expressions on each face, or add sparkles!



### Activity 5 - Puppets

Have fun acting out the story in by making your own Gingerbread Man puppets. This will help your child to remember the key phrases and words in the story and retell it in a fun way.



### Activity 6 - Gingerbread Man Small World

Can you make your very own Gingerbread Man world? You can include all of the places he runs past in the story... or make up your own places! Have a look at some of the ideas to give you some inspiration!



In Year 1 the first topic will be 'Once Upon a Time' and your child will be learning more about Traditional Tales and The Gingerbread Man. If you would like to take some photographs of your child's activities to share with their new Year 1 Teachers, we would love to see them!

Have fun!

