



Last term the children loved the story about the Gingerbread man and enjoyed acting it out together. We even made our own Ginger biscuits and luckily for us they didn't run away. The recipe is displayed on this newsletter if you would like to have a go at making the biscuits at home.



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## Happy New Year

### RSPB: Big School Birdwatch

5<sup>th</sup> Jan -13<sup>th</sup> February

The children have really enjoyed watching the birds and learning their names. We have made bird cake and talked about what birds like to eat, and why we need to feed them when it's cold. We hope that you have enjoyed watching the birds at home with your child and recording them on your sheet. Let us know how many different kinds you have seen.

There are lots of resources available if you would like to get involved with national bird watch at home – visit

[www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)



## Chinese New Year

Year of the Monkey – we will be finishing this term off learning about Chinese New Year.

### World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

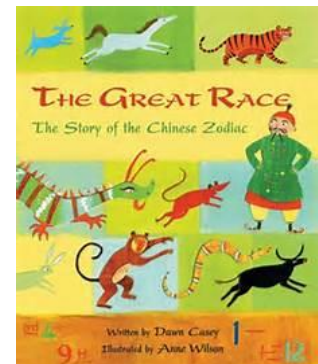
To celebrate World Book Day, we are inviting the children to bring in their favourite books to share over the week, and come to school dressed as their favourite story character from a book on the Thursday (please no super heroes) . We would love parents to come in a share their favourite stories with the children during the week too. It will be great for the children to share in a love of books and stories with others. We are hoping that the lady from the library will also be visiting. Please speak to Claire or Vicky to arrange a time for your visit.

## Sainsbury Tokens

Great news Active kids vouchers are back in the stores – please support us and donate your tokens to us. Thank you.

## Stories of the Month

This month we will be reading 'The Great Race' by Dawn Casey, a story about how the animals were chosen to represent the different Chinese new year. We will also be reading Mr Wolf's Pancakes by Jan FEARLEY



## Rhyme of the Month

Mix a pancake

Stir a pancake

Pop it in the pan

Fry a pancake

Toss the pancake

Catch it if you can

## This Month - Outdoor Clothing

AS the weather gets colder and wetter please could you ensure your child comes to pre-school with a warm waterproof coat and a pair of wellington boots. This ensures the children can still have lots of fun outside while keeping dry and warm

## Half Term

Our last day of term will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We have one week off and return Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## Attendance/Illness

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent – all children's attendance will now be recorded and monitored as part of our Ofsted requirements

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## Pancake Day – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

Pancake day, also called Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras (which is French for 'Fat Tuesday'), is the last day of feasting before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It is named due to the tradition of eating pancakes on that day. We will be making pancakes and holding a race in the garden that day

## Cold Weather Policy

In the event of bad weather we will do our best to open. Please check out our Facebook page for up to date news about opening times.

## Listening Skills

Conversations involve one person speaking while the other listens, and then the other person speaking while the first listens.

Learning to listen in this way is really difficult for young children to learn and any game that involves taking turns helps to develop this important skill. Playing bubbles encourages turn taking and eye contact with you before you blow bubbles for them to pop.

### Fun game to play at home -Hide and seek a sound

– choose a favourite musical toy, or use an alarm clock. Hide the toy and encourage the child to find the toy by listening to its noise. Say things like, "listen, can you hear the noise" "where is it?" This game encourage children to really focus on their listening and is great fun t

## Gingerbread Recipe

### INGREDIENTS

350g / 12oz plain flour  
175g / 6oz light soft brown sugar  
100g / 4oz butter  
1 medium egg  
4 tablespoons of golden syrup  
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
1½ teaspoon of ground ginger –

We only used a small amount of ground ginger so that younger children enjoy the taste. But it's fine to double the amount of ground ginger if you want to make a stronger tasting biscuit.

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Put the flour, butter, ground ginger and bicarbonate of soda in a mixing bowl. Mix it all together with fingertips until crumbly. Add sugar, syrup and egg and mix until it forms a firm pastry mix.

2. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4

3. Using the rolling pin, roll out the pastry to about 5mm thick. Make sure the surface and the rolling pin are well dusted with flour. Cut out the shapes with a knife and/or pastry cutter

4. Place the cut out pastry on a greased or non-stick baking tray, each 2cm apart to allow for them spreading out.

5 -Find a selection of anything you like to decorate the gingerbread men. We used raisins but you could use chocolate chips or edible silver balls.

Put the baking trays in the pre-heated oven. Remove after 15 minutes (check after 10 minutes).



