



## St. Mark's Elm Tree Nursery Weekly Newsletter w/b 06/11/17



### **This half term's theme is 'All about me'**



Our overarching topic this half term is 'Traditional tales'. As previously mentioned all our learning is child-led and follows their interests and preferences. The children really enjoyed 'The Little Red Hen' story last week. When we asked them which activity they liked the most, many said 'baking the bread and using the oven'. To stick with a theme of baking, we will be reading 'The Gingerbread Man' and planning purposeful play experiences to help them learn. This will include cooking and tasting our own gingerbread men. We will be listening to the story and joining in with the repeated parts. We will also be mark making on a giant gingerbread house and building a house made of biscuits!

### **Things to do at home:**

When out shopping, help your child to find the biscuits aisle, perhaps you could even buy some ginger bread men to decorate at home, counting the eyes and buttons as you stick them on. If you have time, you could even bake some at home together.



### **Please help:**

Please can we ask again that parents put names on their children's clothes, including their coats? We appreciate your support with this.

### **Special Events**

- **Thursday 9th November 3.15-4.00;** 'Stay, Play and Learn' session. All parents of new starters (summer 2017 term onwards) and those who haven't attended a session before, are invited to an informal parent and child session about how to transfer learning from nursery into your home. You will have had a text about this if it applies to you.
- **Monday 20th November 3.00-4.00;** we have 20 spaces for parents to come into nursery for a cooking session with their child as part of our learning with 'Funky Foods'. Please inform a member of the team if you would like to come, so we can write your name down.
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Nursery Christmas party.
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10am-** Nursery Nativity. More information to follow closer to the time.

*If anyone has any questions about absolutely anything, please ask a member of the team and we will be happy to help.*

*Thanks again for all your support*

*Laurie Kidd*

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