



Activities at Home

Project: Traditional Tales and Rhymes

Dear Parents,

The activity for week: 5 beginning: 4th February is: 'The Elves and the Shoe maker'

The activity we will be covering involves:

- Enabling the children to follow a story by listening, watching and interacting using hand puppets.
 - Reinforcing the importance of helping each other and teamwork.
 - Using and further developing language for position and size in discussion.
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Our activity includes:

- Listening to the story 'The Elves and the Shoemaker, inviting the children to act out the role of the Elves and asking them questions about what might happen next and how the story might end to ensure their participation.
 - After the story I will divide the children into three groups. The first group will try shoes in different styles and sizes (these shoes will all be mixed up). After trying them, I will ask the children to discuss and negotiate together and sort out the shoes in pairs and sizes. The second group will be asked to trace their foot on a printed measuring template with the teachers' support. Finally they will design and decorate their own shoe on a card using different materials.
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You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations.

Our suggested activities are:

- Trace around the feet of all the family and maybe visit friends and measure and compare the sizes.
- Let your child try different shoes sizes and sort them out by size.
- Visit a shoe shop and ask them to measure your child's feet.
- Read together the story 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' and encourage your child to anticipate what will happen next.