

Reception: Week 11

Hello everyone. For the next 2 weeks we are thinking about Elves and Fairies. Please find a copy of *The Elves and the Shoemaker* for this week (there is a link to a YouTube video of the story on the class newsletter. Next week we will be reading *Cinderella* and *Sleeping Beauty*). We have thought of lots of activities around these texts which you might like to do, or you might think of your own. However, we thought you would all like to make your own **Elf and Fairy Garden**. You could make it out in your own garden or even in a shoe box. Think about growing some cress to make a little maze, tiny pebbles to make a path, a little piece of tin foil for a pond. Have you got some pipe cleaners to make fairies and elves?

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English Activities / Knowledge and Understanding of the world.

Vocabulary focus: elves, shoemaker, tiny, stitch, help, kind,

Can you retell the story? Can you remember the story and tell your adult about it?

Draw some pictures from the story and **write** what is happening in your pictures.

Draw or paint a picture of the elves.

Have you got some sticky paper? Can your adult help you make a simple elf shape on some card? Then can you cut out some sticky paper to make some clothes? What colour will their hats be?

Think about the shoes/boots in your house. Talk about when you wear them. What is special about wellies? Why do you wear them when it is wet? When do you wear trainers? Dancing shoes? Slippers? Draw a picture of you wearing a different pair of shoes.

Maths Activities / Knowledge and understanding of the world

Can you find all your/or your family's shoes? Can you put them into pairs?

How many pairs are there? How many shoes are there altogether? Can you count in twos?

What shape is your elf's hat? Can you design a triangular hat for your elf? A square hat?

A circle hat? Has it got spots or stripes or is it rainbow coloured? What other shapes would make a good hat?

With your bricks can you make an elf house with a little table and chairs?

Have you got an old pair of unwanted shoes, or has your adult? **With their permission** can you decorate them with coloured sticky gum shapes? Felt tip pens? Make them really funky?

Do some measuring with your shoes. How many shoes long is your table? Your bed?