

# Books and Activities Linked to Baking

**Books:** All of these books (except where detailed) are available on BorrowBox. YouTube links are included below for Read Aloud books if you don't have access to the physical book in your home. All these links will work on any mobile device as well as a laptop.

## Green Eggs and Ham

This story is also a cartoon on Netflix Ireland

Read aloud of the story with original book <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdotPwVJYzs>

Animated version of the story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B32u4qrIVZQ>

Matching, sorting and word activities <https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/green-eggs-and-ham>

Science experiment (baking soda and vinegar) <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/green-eggs-and-ham-activity/>

Sequencing sentences from the book <https://seasonal.theteacherscorner.net/read-across-america/worksheets/green-eggs-and-ham-sequence-cards.pdf> If you don't have a printer you could retell the story out of sequence/skip a couple of pages and see if your child can tell that you have done this. You can also write out sentences/phrases from the book and see if your child can read them and put them in order. Sequencing activities based on books are used when your child is very familiar with the text and has heard it repeatedly.

Art activities If you have paint at home can you paint hardboiled eggs green? Remember you can mix blue and yellow together to make lots of shades of green and child love mixing paints! You can also use blue and yellow food colouring to make shades of green and can dye any food green with it.

Cooking/baking activities with eggs There are lots of ways to cook eggs! Perhaps make eggs differently each morning for breakfast and encourage your child to see if they like or dislike scrambled/poached/fried/boiled/baked.... can they make up their own refrain like the cat in the book? E.g. 'I do not like scrambled eggs. I do not them on my plate, I do not like them they are a state' (courtesy of a 7 year old!)

Cooking in the kitchen song [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpYD\\_nCo-AU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpYD_nCo-AU)

## Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes

This is not on Borrowbox but my junior infants have loved Pete the Cat books for years especially the live read aloud of Pete the Cat I love my white shoes (number 2 link below)

Read aloud of the story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhphBT12rZA>

Read aloud of Pete the Cat I love my white shoes  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fj\\_z6zGQVvYM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fj_z6zGQVvYM)

Counting to ten song with movement <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGL7xYEVeaY>

Counting back from ten song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1E6JwGYhOY>

Pete the Cat website with lots of activities <http://www.petethecatbooks.com/activities/>

Easy cupcake/bun recipe <https://www.odlums.ie/recipes/cupcakes/>

All baking activities link very well with maths and numbers.

Counting game with Teddy <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

If you have seen ladybirds... <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>

The Muffin Man song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fXFg5QsTcLQ>

Maths activities linked to the story – maths is everywhere around us and linking it to stories and activities like baking really helps your child to learn in lots of different ways and from lots of different sources.

### Maths activities linked to the story

Make a number strip by writing the numbers 1-10 or 1-3 or 1-5 depending on your child's abilities

Write the numbers on your number line on individual squares of paper also

Encourage your child to:

Count up and down along the strip in numerical order

Put your finger or a counter on a random number and ask your child to name the number.

Cover a number and ask your child 'which one is missing' or ask them to write the number that is missing or pick the number out from numbers you have written on pieces of paper.

Using counters/dried peas/buttons/pasta pieces call out a number and ask your child to make a set of the number.

You can also do this on the floor with teddies; toy cars etc. – whatever toy your child likes. Draw sets with chalk on the ground outside if you have access to outside space.

Remove an object from the set, how many are left? Add an object to the set, how many are left?

Write down how many objects are in the set or put the number down beside it.

Circles drawn on paper or saucers/plates can be useful to help your child see the total number of objects in the set.

You can then, if your child is very good at the other activities move to adding two sets together or taking away one set from the other. Always take the smallest from the biggest!

Remember to do lots of real life activities before you ever move to paper and pencil and children need each level of these activities to be really explored before you move to the next one.

Hopscotch is a fun way to incorporate games into maths activities as is using a dice and playing board games.

## Gingerbread man

Read aloud of the story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoQyyB5xvLk>

Gingerbread man counting game <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/gingerbread-man-game>

Sequencing activities <https://www.earlylearninghq.org.uk/latest-resources/the-gingerbread-man-story-sequencing-cards/>

Lots of literacy and maths activities <https://www.123homeschool4me.com/free-gingerbread-man-printable-pack/>

**Baking gingerbread men** <https://www.odlums.ie/recipes/gingerbread-men-2/>

If you don't have icing sugar, melt white chocolate by placing a Milky Bar unopened in a warm bowl of water. When it is melted, snip off a corner, squeeze out the melted chocolate and use this as icing! You can do this with any chocolate in a plastic fully sealed wrapper and children love it!

**Potato gingerbread men:** If your child prefers savoury foods, make potato farls with leftover mashed potatoes from dinner the night before. It's really easy. Combine 4oz cold mash; 1 oz melted butter and 1 oz flour (self raising/cream/gluten free...) in a bowl and turn it out onto a floured surface when combined. It should feel like Play Doh in texture. Roll or pat it out and cut gingerbread men or women shapes from it. Fry on a dry medium hot pan for 4-5 minutes each side. Great way to use up leftovers!

Bake a cake song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIZXvoZKBQY>

Editable Gingerbread Man board game <https://funlearningforkids.com/editable-gingerbread-board-game/>

## Cutting activities

Cutting activities are very important for developing the muscles that aid writing skills – the gingerbread man is a good shape to practise cutting skills. If you have paper, cardboard, sandpaper, bubble wrap, newspaper, glossy magazines, toilet paper, paper plates, tissue.....have your child cut out gingerbread men in all of these textured materials and then describe how they feel to the touch....rough, smooth, bendy, soft etc. You can cut them and have your child touch them if they do not have cutting skills.

Can you make 'clothes' from paper for the Gingerbread men you have made? Remember if you don't have glue in the house you can mix flour and water to a paste and you have paper glue!

Colour in the clothes and dress him?

What name would you give him?

Can you add wool/thread for hair?

You can fold and layer newspaper and cut out Gingerbread Man bunting?

Pat-a-cake song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdg50KzCR9w>

## **The Cook and the King**

Read aloud of the story with Julia Donaldson herself!

<https://www.facebook.com/OfficialGruffalo/videos/3320475954631546/?vh=e&d=n>

This books links last week's theme of gardening and this week's theme of baking. If your child is a fan of The Gruffalo; Room on the Broom etc. they will enjoy this. Keep an eye on Julia Donaldson's Facebook page – she has been uploading videos of her books every Thursday.

Printable spot the difference based on The Cook and the King

<https://www.docdroid.net/WSwYDcf/the-cook-and-the-king-activity-pack-pdf>

Some other books based on the theme of baking. All the activities described for the other books can be done with these books...sequencing; identifying numbers; naming items; adding; subtracting; counting forwards and backwards; counting items; making sets of items; matching numbers to sets and vice versa; naming colours....exploring books and encouraging play is the way your child will learn and acquire new knowledge.

### **Eating the Alphabet**

Read aloud of the story here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7BdF3F8f-o>

### **Oliver's Fruit Salad**

Read aloud of the story here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcTprklmImI>

### **Froggy bakes a cake**

Read aloud of the story here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24ZoBJLUnnA>

### **Goose Cake Bake**

Read aloud of the story here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6obVFTUm40s>

### **Cloudy with a chance of meatballs**

Read aloud of the story here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5uXp4694sE>