



## Newsletter: December

*"Play is the highest form of research." Albert Einstein*

Our aim is to provide a safe and stimulating environment in which you and your child can make friends and enjoy learning through play. Inspiring creative and imaginative play and encouraging your child's natural curiosity is central to our ethos. We hope that you enjoyed our Firework themed session in November. At Stay & Play, we offer ideas and fun to keep your little ones entertained as we all adjust to the changing seasons. This session is all about Christmas!

### Our theme this month is: 'Christmas'

As the holidays draw closer and closer, our lives get busier and busier! So we at Stay & Play have some Christmas activities for your little ones which allow them to get creative, have some fun and let off steam! Christmas is a very special time of the year and we invite you to come and play. To put you in the Christmas spirit we have some crafty Christmas tree ornaments for your toddler to make - so let's get busy with the glitter and the glue! This month's 'Stay & Play to go' features some exciting ingredients to add to your playdough for a festive twist. We hope you all have a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

### Stay and Play 'to go'

Play dough is a popular resource with children and easy to make at home. As well as adding colouring to your playdough, it can be exciting to use different scents. You can add a few drops of any supermarket bought essences or spices such as peppermint, vanilla or cinnamon. Or if you're feeling adventurous, have an experiment with herbs and even powdered jelly! Gingerbread is one of our Christmas favourites here at Stay & Play.

For an extra special treat for the season, Snow Dough is a must try.

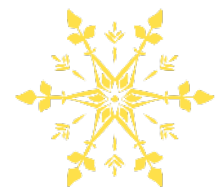
- 2 cups corn flour
- 1/3 -1/2 cup vegetable or baby oil
- 3-4 tablespoons iridescent, white or silver bio-glitter

Mix together with a spoon, then use your fingers to rub the oil in completely. It should feel smooth, slightly damp and will take a form if moulded.

### Song Time

"Christmas Pudding"  
(sung to the tune of 'Here Comes Thunder')

Christmas pudding, Christmas pudding,  
Piping hot! Piping hot!  
Sprinkle on the sugar, sprinkle on the sugar,  
Eat the lot! Eat the lot!



### Upcoming Stay and Play dates:

All sessions run from 09.30am-11.00am. Please visit [www.theabbey.co.uk/events/stay-play](http://www.theabbey.co.uk/events/stay-play) for more information and email [stayandplay@theabbey.co.uk](mailto:stayandplay@theabbey.co.uk) to book your child's place.

14 January 2022  
11 February 2022  
11 March 2022

If you require any further information about The Abbey School, please contact our admissions department on 0118 987 6818.

