

**English and Literacy**  
**Home Learning Read and Respond Units**  
**Reception - Week 10**



Watch and listen to the short version of *Teddy Bear Picnic* on CBeebies with Ferne and Rory:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/my-pet-and-me-teddy-bear-picnic>. Has your child ever been on a picnic? Recall and discuss any picnics you have shared. Have they heard the song before? Explain to the children that it is a very old song. Listen to and enjoy the 1950 Bing Crosby recording here, which has been set to some images of teddy bears' picnics:

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

Tell your child that you will be holding your very own teddy bears' picnic at the end of the week! You will need to plan who to invite and what to eat, but first, spend some time practising the song! You can read the lyrics and sing along here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A12LP1aqSA8> (Note: contains some American spelling).

Who shall we invite to our teddy bears' picnic? Ask your child to choose three or four of their favourite toys/bears. When they have chosen them, talk about what is special about each toy/bear. Can your child remember when they got it or from whom it was a gift? It would be lovely if other family members could talk about their own favourite toy/bear from when they were little. You could search for an image on the internet to show your child or, even better, you might still have it! Encourage family and friends to join in this conversation via a video call etc. Once the toy/bear guests are finalised, fold some card or paper to make place labels for the picnic. Use your phonics to help you spell each of the sounds.

Time to make your invitations! Ask: what do your teddy bears/toys need to know? (Talk about this with your child, e.g. *day, time, place*. To help your child, you could write these headings for them to complete). What else do we need to include? E.g. *Dear... love from...* How shall we decorate our invitations? With an adult, have a look online for some party invitations to help you with ideas. You might choose to design and make one invitation for all the toys, or you might be feeling keen and want to create one for each of them – it's up to you! When you have written your invitation(s), use colour and any craft materials available to make your invitation(s) as attractive as possible.

# Teddy Bears' Picnic



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'*There's lots of wonderful things to eat*'. This is a line from the *Teddy Bears' Picnic* song. Talk about the wonderful things you will eat at your picnic. What do teddy bears like to eat? Children might know that Winnie the Pooh likes to eat honey and Paddington likes to eat marmalade sandwiches. You might like to include some of these in your picnic, but don't forget to include your favourites too! Listen to and enjoy again the 1950 Bing Crosby recording here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrvkHAXnjzI> Look at the images and spot all the ideas for picnic treats.

Together, read and enjoy some picnic recipes online. There are plenty on the CBeebies and BBC Goodfood websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/picnic-food-ideas>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/picnic-recipes-kids>

Once you have decided what you will eat and drink, write a list of all the things you will need to buy. Use your phonics to help you sound out and spell the words. Remember to allow time to make/bake any dishes for the picnic with an adult. Take photos of yourself baking and preparing the food too – this is half the fun!

Picnic time! Today is the day to have your teddy bears' picnic. Don't worry if it's too cold or rainy – indoor picnics are fun too! Remember to set the places with your name labels, plates, cups, cutlery and all your tasty food! Take some photographs of your picnic and if you can, print them out and write a/some sentence(s) about your picnic later on. When you have eaten, settle your toys down and read them your favourite story about bears – there are some suggestions in the linked text box below. You could sing the *Teddy Bears' Picnic* song with your toys too. Have fun!

Linked texts and other activities:

- *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*:  
<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories/goldilocks-and-the-three-bears>
- *Paddington Goes for Gold* by Michael Bond  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7JCsUFa4VM>
- *Winnie the Pooh - Party in the Wood* by A.A. Milne  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQaT5jBFCEU>
- *Can't You Sleep Little Bear?* by Martin Waddell  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1aJimzuzbg>