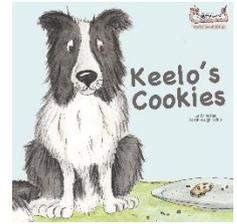


## Keelo's Christmas Cookies



**Keelo loves freshly baked crumbly cookies. Scrummy yummy cookies!**

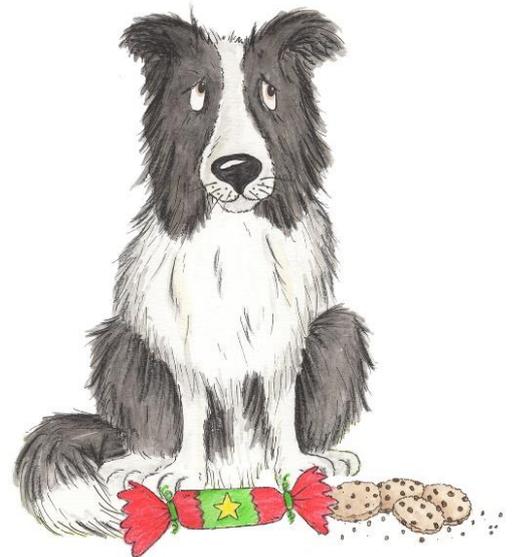
*Baking is a lovely activity for building language skills – pretend baking with playdough, sand or mud provides many of the same opportunities too.*

*You can talk about what you are doing, seeing, feeling, smelling, tasting, and what comes next. It's a great way to learn new words and concepts in context. Lots of opportunities for questions and answers and ideal for developing turn taking skills too.*

This recipe will make about 25 cookies – ideal for cutting into festive shapes.

### You will need:

- 75g butter
- 1 small egg
- 275g plain flour
- 30g golden syrup
- 1 level teaspoon baking powder
- 100g soft brown sugar
- A little cinnamon, mixed spice or ginger



Set the oven at 170° then make the cookie dough:

- Sift the flour and spice into a bowl and then stir in the sugar
- Add the butter in small pieces.
- Rub the flour and butter together until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs.
- Break an egg into a small bowl or cup and beat it with a fork. Add the golden syrup to the egg and mix it with the egg.
- Make a hollow in the flour and pour in the egg mixture. Mix everything together into a big ball of dough.
- Pop it in the fridge (in a bowl or bag) for 10 mins so it's easier to roll out.
- Sprinkle some flour on a flat surface and your rolling pin and then roll it out until it is about 0.5cm thick.

Make lot of different shaped cookies! Then put them on a baking tray in the oven for about 15 minutes – until they are golden brown.

Leave to cool and then, as its Christmas, you could ice them and decorate them with coloured chocolate beans and sprinkles.

Cooking and baking activities are full of 'k' words – giving you lots of opportunities to highlight and reinforce this sound.

*Some 'k' words you might use:*

Keelo	Christmas	crumbly	cookies
make	mix	bake	cook
look	cup	crack	break
fork	mix	mixture	cold
thick	careful	cut	cutters
like	colour	decorate	chocolate
count	shake	sprinkle	crumbs

If the children know the *Early Soundplay* story *Keelo's Cookies* you can talk about the story too:

We know Keelo loves crumbly cookies. Scrummy yummy cookies! But some of his friends think they are 'Yuk!' What would Keelo's friends like?

- Would Kitty Caterpillar like to eat crinkly cabbage cookies?
- Would Clara and Clarabelle decorate theirs with clover and buttercups?
- Would Clip Clop and Cleo like crisp apples or crunchy carrots in their cookies?
- What would Jake the snake like? Broccoli cookies?
- What cookies would you like to eat?
- And look out – Erica's chicks love cookies!

