### About Swedish Tomten

The tomten is a Swedish legend who lives on the farm and helps take care of the animals. He is small, has a white beard and often dresses in grey with a red hat. The tomten is said to come out at night and tip toe around the farm, they only know he is there by his footprints. Similar to Santa, he knows if children have been naughty or nice and he will ride the Julbock, a goat, into the house to bring presents to the good children.

### Tomte Song:

**Hi, Tomtegubbar**

Hi, tomtegubbar, come and dance
And let’s be jolly together
Our time is brief upon the earth
With troubles many and little mirth.
Hi, tomtegrubbar, come and dance
And let’s be jolly together.

**Hej, Tomtegubbar**

Hej, tomtegubbar, Kom och dansa
Och låt oss lustiga vara.
En liten tid vi leva här,
Med mychen möda och stort besvär.
Hej, Tomtegubbar, kom och dansa
Och låt oss lustiga vara.

### Crafts:

This month we will be making woven paper hearts and our own tomte! Below are pictures of the finished crafts.
Activities to try at home:

Straw Ornaments
These are simple ornaments you can make with straw or even use toothpicks. You can glue together and decorate with read string or yarn.

Pepperkakker Playdough

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<th>Play Dough Recipe</th>
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<td>1 cup flour</td>
<td>1. Mix everything in a pot and put over medium heat on the stove.</td>
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<td>½ cup salt</td>
<td>2. Stir until dough forms.</td>
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<td>2 teaspoons cream of tartar</td>
<td>3. Let the dough cool, then it is time to play!</td>
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<td>1 tablespoon oil</td>
<td>4. Store in an airtight container.</td>
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<td>1 cup water</td>
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<td>2 teaspoons cinnamon</td>
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