**Activity ideas for …**

**A Tale Dark and Grimm by Adam Gitwitz**

**Activity 1**

Using the Internet, find a recipe for a house made out of gingerbread, make your own gingerbread house and decorate it. Remember to take a picture of it before you have all the fun eating it. If you do not want to make a house out of gingerbread, you can make one out of scrap materials and decorate it. You can take a picture of this one too, but probably best not to eat it!

**Activity 2**

Fairy Tales or Traditional Tales, regardless of where in the world they originate from, quite often have similar themes, plots and characters. Your task is to take some or all of the characteristics identified below, or even identify some of your own, and write your own Fairy Tale.

* Hero/Heroine is an orphan
* 3 tasks to be completed (the number 3 is very powerful in Fairy Tales)
* Meets a wicked witch that they must outsmart
* Acts of kindness are often rewarded
* Has a wicked stepmother
* Can be very gruesome and gory
* Talking animals/trees and the use of anthropomorphism. (Why not use a dictionary to look this word up if you don’t know it?)
* There is a moral to the story or a lesson to be learned, often a cautionary tale.

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**Activity 3**

Choose your favourite fairy tale and create a cartoon strip of the tale. Think about how you can shorten the tale and still get the message across to the reader.