

Home Learning Fun 2

(Easter Fun)

Foundation Stage



Playdough

Chocolate!



You will need:

3 cups icing sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup powdered milk
113g softened butter
6 tbsp cocoa
8 tbsp golden syrup

Method

1. Make sure the butter is nice and soft. Combine all of the ingredients in a bowl and stir together.
2. Work the mixture together to form a clay-like consistency.
3. Get playing!

***This recipe is intended to be used as soon as it has been made and not to be stored for future use.**

Sensory Stories



Choosing a story

Try to find a story/book that has lots of repetition, actions and excitement to it.
In class we enjoy reading the same story over and over again so that we can really begin to understand it and anticipate what is going to happen next.
Incorporate lots of actions, signs and maybe even props to create a fun sensory story!

Sounds

Shaker Eggs



Making noise and exploring sound

Besides making the eggs more visually exciting, the different fillers provide a range of sounds. The lentils will make a very loud noise, why the sand will make a softer sound. Make a range of sounds and have fun!

You will need.....

Empty Plastic Eggs

Rice, pasta, sand, dried lentils etc

Tape

Simply put different ingredients inside plastic eggs and seal tightly with tape, ensuring none of the filling spills out and gets into mouths!

Cooking Easter Biscuits



As Easter is approaching we had some exciting recipes we were planning on following in our cooking lessons at school, here's a easy one to follow at home.

Ingredients

- 300g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 150g white caster sugar
- 150g slightly salted butter, chopped
- 1 large egg
- 2 tsp vanilla extract or vanilla bean paste

For the iced option

- 500g royal icing sugar
- your favourite food colouring gels

For the jammy middle option

- icing sugar, for dusting
- 400g apricot jam, or lemon curd

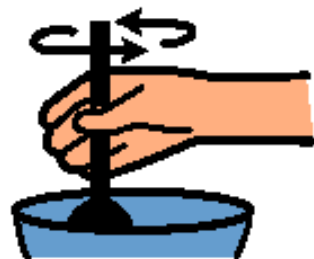
Method

1. Weigh the flour and sugar in a bowl. Add the butter and rub together with your fingertips until the mixture resembles wet sand, with no buttery lumps. Beat the egg with the vanilla, then add to the bowl. Mix briefly with a cutlery knife to combine, then use your hands to knead the dough together - try not to overwork the dough, or the biscuits will be tough. Shape into a disc, then wrap in cling film and chill for at least 15 mins. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Line two baking sheets with baking parchment.
 2. Dust a work surface with flour. Halve the dough, then roll one half out to the thickness of a £1 coin. Use an egg-shaped cookie cutter (ours was 10cm long; you could also make a cardboard template to cut around) to stamp out as many cookies as you can, then transfer them to one of the baking sheets, leaving a little space between the biscuits. Repeat with the other half of the dough. If you want to make jammy biscuits, use a small circular cutter to stamp holes in half of the biscuits (where the yolk would be). If you intend to make both iced and jammy biscuits, only stamp holes in a quarter of the biscuits.
 3. Bake for 12-15 mins, until the biscuits are pale gold. Cool on the sheets for 10 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to cool fully. Once cool, decorate to your liking (see next steps). *Will keep in an airtight container for up to five days.*
 4. To decorate the biscuits with icing, add enough water to the icing sugar to make a thick icing - it should hold its shape without spreading when piped. Transfer about a third of the icing to a piping bag fitted with a very small round nozzle (or just snip a tiny opening at the tip). Pipe an outline around the biscuits, then draw patterns in the middle - lines, spots and zigzags work well. Leave to dry for 10 mins. Divide the remaining icing between as many colours as you'd like to use, then use the gels to dye them. Loosen each icing with a few drops of water, then transfer them to piping bags. Use the coloured icing to fill the empty spaces on the biscuits. You may need to use a cocktail stick to tease it into the corners. Once covered, leave to dry for a few hours.
 5. To make the jammy middle biscuits, dust the biscuits with holes in the middle with a heavy coating of icing sugar. Spread the jam or curd generously over the whole biscuits, then sandwich the dusted biscuits on top of them
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mix



stir



chop



wash dishes



wash hands



cut



oven



cooking



cook



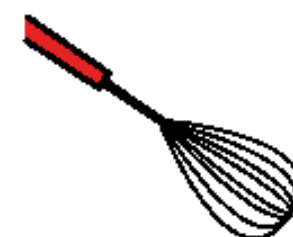
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cooking spoon



whisk



Movement

Stretching

Wherever possible spend lots of time moving, stretching, dancing and having fun! At school we have lots of time using various pieces of equipment and on the mats. Whilst on the mats we enjoy playing instruments, exploring sensory objects and lights and playing games together.

You will be able to find a lovely song on YouTube. It's called 'Busy Body' by 'Sing and Grow'. The link to song is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOAcdbDFjGo>



Body Awareness

If you're happy and you know it...

At home enjoy some fun interacting games with family members. A favourite at school is "If you're happy and you know it... This is another fun way we can work on our stretching. Either independently or with hand over hand support try....

If you're happy and you know it.....

Clap your hands,

Nod your head,

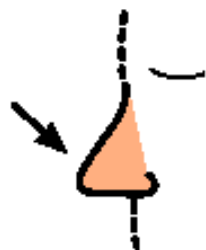
Wriggle your fingers,

Tap your knees,

Stamp your feet.....

The list is endless! Then try doing 2 things at the same time !

nose



hair



head



mouth



clap



hands



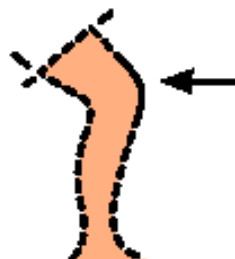
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ear



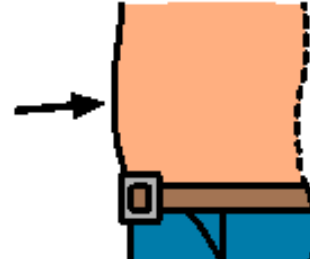
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belly



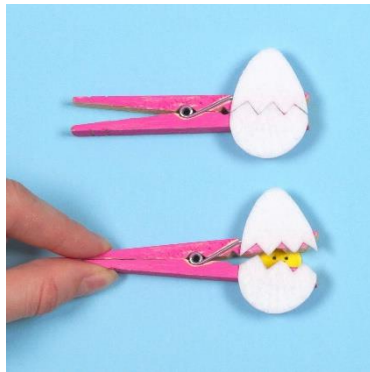
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Art and Craft

Easter Craft

In class we all enjoy making different craft things to be proud off. At home if you have access to craft materials, such as paint, paper, pens etc then any kind off craft work will be much enjoyed with your family. Here's some ideas but if you have anything else in mind then please use your own ideas



I can't wait to see your lovely Easter Activities!

Relax

At school we often enjoy some sensory massage time and this will be easy and simple to recreate at home.

Play some soothing/relaxing music, find some hand cream or moisturiser and then enjoy some quiet time.

If you have access to any sensory lights at home then this would be a great time to put them on and enjoy them in a dark space/room.



Sensory Exploration

Smell

In class we enjoy exploring lots of different and new smells as part of different activities.

Engage with different smells this Easter...

Can you smell different things in your house?

Can you smell different things outdoors?

Can you name different smells without looking?

Can you choose which ones you like/dislike?



Outdoor Learning

Easter Egg Hunt!

If you have access to an outdoor space and it is safe to do so then enjoy being outside, get some fresh air and explore! (Please ensure you are following current Government Guidelines and stay safe!)



Music

We love music activities/lessons at school so this would be a great way to have fun with all the family at home.

Do you have any instruments at home? If so, play them!

How much noise can you make?

Can you grasp onto an instrument?

Can you reach out for an instrument?

Can you independently explore/play an instrument e.g. shake a shaker?

Can you join in with singing a song?

Can you move/dance to a song/music?



Computing

Switch work

If you have access to a switch at home then there are lots of different games and websites you can try out.

In class the students all use different access methods to play cause an effect games/toys. Students are encouraged to reach out and press their switch in order to engage with the game/toy.





Song for this week!

"Spring Chicken"



One mother hen sat on 4 little eggs, Keeping them warm in her little egg nest, Then one day she heard a crack And a little voice said, as the egg was hatched;

I'm a spring chicken! I'm yellow and small. My feathers are fluffy and they're keeping me warm. My legs are not long, so I'll never be tall,

But I'm a real spring chicken and I'm having a ball! (Chicken I'm a chicken, I'm a having a ball!)

One mother hen sat on 3 little eggs, Keeping them warm in her little egg nest. Then one day she fell asleep And a little voice said in a whispered tweet:

I'm a spring chicken! I'm yellow and small. My feathers are fluffy and they're keeping me warm. My legs are not long, so I'll never be tall,

But I'm a real spring chicken and I'm having a ball! (Chicken I'm a chicken, I'm a having a ball!)

One mother hen sat on 2 little eggs, Keeping them warm in her little egg nest. Then one day she moved about And a little voice said, as a chick popped out:

I'm a spring chicken! I'm yellow and small. My feathers are fluffy and they're keeping me warm. My legs are not long, so I'll never be tall,

But I'm a real spring chicken and I'm having a ball! (Chicken I'm a chicken, I'm a having a ball!)

One mother hen sat on 1 little egg, keeping it warm in her little egg nest. Then one day she gave a sigh and a little voice said SURPRISE! SURPRISE!!?

I'm a spring chicken! I'm yellow and small. My feathers are fluffy and they're keeping me warm. My legs are not long, so I'll never be tall,

But I'm a real spring chicken and I'm having a ball! (Chicken I'm a chicken, I'm a having? a ball)

Maths

Counting

How many eggs can you count?



5 Easter eggs in the sweet shop
Round and fat with a ribbon on the top
Along came ... with a penny one day
Bought an Easter egg and took it right away.

4 Easter eggs in the sweet shop
Round and fat with a ribbon on the top
Along came ... with a penny one day
Bought an Easter egg and took it right away.

3 Easter eggs in the sweet shop
Round and fat with a ribbon on the top
Along came ... with a penny one day
Bought an Easter egg and took it right away.



Keep counting!



Final Thought



Have a lovely Easter! and don't forget!

Save Miss Sue a bit of Chocolate! (only joking)