

Reception Class Newsletter

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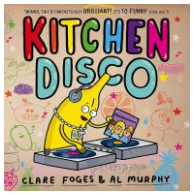


Café

The children have enjoyed talking about different foods. We read Kitchen Disco about some fruits that like to party!









Afterwards we talked about other foods that are healthy and sorted our pretend food creating some very healthy menus.

Everyone agreed that chocolate cake everyday wouldn't be a healthy option, but a treat occasionally is ok.

The children helped create a café role play area. They made signs welcoming customers and menus to tempt!

There have been lots of lovely conversations between the children who have taken their roles seriously.



Literacy

This week we have been looking at recipes. We learnt that it's important to gather the equipment needed and to use the right ingredients. It was great exploring the ingredients and making a list of words to describe them. The children knew it was essential to wash their hands before baking. We watched a video clip about how to make chocolate mug cake. We discovered it is important to be bossy when giving instructions, ensuring the steps are clear, simple and in the right order. The children ordered the instructions and numbered them from 1 to 6. Lots of amazing writing this week using our phonic knowledge. Well done.



Here is the recipe:

- 4 tbsp flour
- 4 tbsp sugar
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 egg
- 3 tbsp milk
- 3 tbsp oil
- a few drops of vanilla essence
- 2 tbsp chocolate chips, sprinkles, or raisins

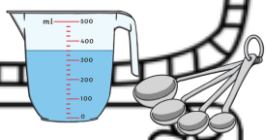






Maths

It's been a week of exploring and investigating mass and capacity. The children have enjoyed using the balance scales to find things that are light and heavy. They talked about what happens to the scales and explained that heavy things push the balance down and lighter things 'make it go up'. The children were challenged to find out how many ladles of water it would take to fill a bucket. The children also wanted to try this using different sized spoons – great work.



Phonics

We have been learning the last of our new sounds (until Year 1):

air er

air catchphrase – *chair in the air*

er catchphrase – *a bigger digger*

The children have been spotting these sounds in words and blending to read.

For example:

hair fair boxer mixer

We have also been reading longer words with double letters like ladder, hammer chunking them up

Next week

- Following the instructions to make our Chocolate Mug Cakes – exciting!
- In Literacy we will be looking at a Non-Fiction text – *Penguins*
- We will be finding out about what penguins are like
- In Geography we will be looking at the world map and identifying the UK and Antarctica, comparing the places
- In Phonics we will be reading longer words with more than one syllable
- In Maths we will be looking at 6,7,8

Enjoy the new 'blue' sound flashcards!

