



May Half Term Activities



Fun, games and ideas for all the family to enjoy over the May
Half Term.

Lolly Stick Pirate Flags

Ahoy, matey!!! Are you ready to do some craft today? Well let's batten down the hatches and check out this fun Lolly Stick Pirate Flag.

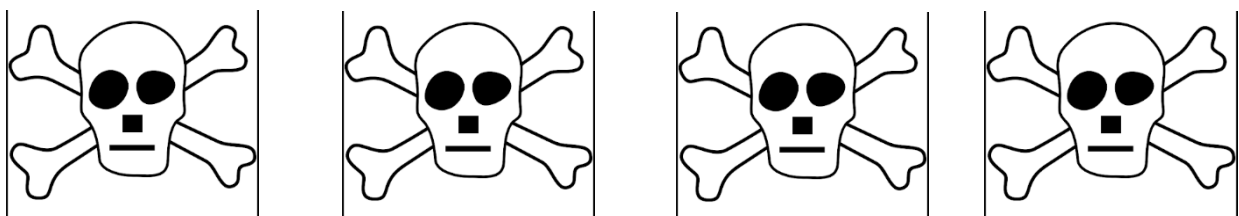


Here's what you'll need:

- Jumbo Lolly Sticks (for the body of the flag)
- Wavy Paddle Fan Sticks (for the flag pole) not essential
- Glue
- Red/Black Paint
- Paint Brushes
- White Card

Instructions:

- First assemble the base of your flag by gluing six lolly sticks in a straight line, on an extra large lolly stick (see above picture for example). Set aside to let it dry completely. Repeat for each flag
- Next paint the "stripes" of the lolly stick flag, alternating between red and black
- Now grab your white card and cut out a pirate skull design. (you could use the ones below)
- And glue it to the centre of the flag. Then display proudly



Handprint Flower Cards



Here's what you'll need:

- Coloured card (most importantly GREEN)
- Double sided sticky tape or glue
- Scissors (please use adult supervision)
- Pen

Instructions:

- Choose the colour card you would like to make your card with and fold it in half. Put to one side.
- Trace one of your hands on some coloured card with a pen. Cut out. Repeat for each card you want to make
- Grab some green card and cut out a simple stem & leaf shape for your flower design. Repeat for each card you want to make
- Next grab some card and cut out a rectangular piece that is slightly smaller than your folded card. (try and use a different colour so it stands out)
- Glue that smaller piece of card to the front of your folded card.
- Now glue the stem and leaves to the front and glue the hand print to the top of the stem to give the look of a flower.
- Now jazz it up with glitter, sequins and rhinestones.

I wonder who you will send it to!

Amazing ideas for indoor and outdoor activities over the May Half Term!!!!!!

- Skipping with a rope
- Try an outdoor science experiment (search engine: kiddle.com)
- Set up an obstacle course in your garden or the park
- Camp in your back garden
- Go swimming
- Make no-churn ice-cream (recipe below)
- Go to the beach
- Try a new sport
- Invite friends over for dinner
- Plan and have a treasure hunt
- Make pizza (recipe below)
- Make lemonade (recipe below)
- Outdoor family games night
- Indoor family games night
- Have a photo shot! (who's going to be the photographer?)
- Make a fairy/gnome garden
- Go for a bike ride/scoot
- Visit friends and family
- Play Frisbee
- Have a water fight



More to follow!!!!

Recipe for homemade lemonade!



Ingredients

3 unwaxed lemons, roughly chopped
140g caster sugar
1litre cold water

Method

- Tip the lemons, sugar and half the water into a food processor and blend until the lemon is finely chopped.
- Pour the mixture into a sieve over a bowl, then press through as much juice as you can.
- Top up with the remaining water and serve with plain ice or frozen with slices of lemon and lime.



Recipe for no-churn ice-cream!

Ingredients

½ a 397g can sweetened condensed milk
600ml pot double cream
1 tsp vanilla extract

Method

- Put the condensed milk, cream and vanilla into a large bowl.
- Beat with an electric whisk until thick and quite stiff, a bit like clotted cream.
- Mix in chocolate chunks, frozen fruit, smarties, broken cookies, chopped brownie or something of your choice.
- Scrape into a freezer container or a large loaf tin, cover with cling film and freeze until solid.

Recipe for pizza!



Ingredients

For the pizza dough

150g wholemeal spelt flour
350g strong white flour
1 ½ tsp dried fast action yeast
½ tsp salt
1 tbsp olive oil
Or you can just buy bases from the shop.

For the tomato sauce

1 can chopped tomatoes
1 small garlic clove
pinch of dried thyme

For the toppings

160g grated cheddar and mozzarella cheese
1 red pepper cut into strips
1 yellow pepper cut into strips
1 courgette cut into rounds or spiralized
1 small pack cherry tomatoes halved
handful pitted olives
1 can salt-free sweetcorn drained.

Or anything you fancy!

Method

1. To make the dough, put both flours into a large bowl, then stir in the yeast and salt. Make a well, pour in 400ml warm water and the olive oil and mix with a wooden spoon until you have a soft, fairly wet dough. Bring together with a light knead in the bowl then turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead for 5 mins until smooth. Cover with a tea towel and set aside. Leave the dough to rise if you have time but it's not essential for a thin crust.
2. To make the sauce, blitz the tomatoes, garlic and thyme and a little seasoning, either in a food processor or using a hand blender.
3. Heat oven to 240C/fan 220C/gas 8. Get the toppings ready in bowls so that your children can decorate their own.

Method continued

4. If the dough has had time to rise, give it a little knead in the bowl, then split into four balls. On a floured surface, roll out two of the balls into wide circles using a rolling pin. The dough needs to be very thin as it will rise in the oven. Lift these onto two floured baking sheets or pizza trays.
5. Smooth sauce over bases with a spoon. Scatter with cheese, then start making the faces. Courgette rounds make great eyes or cheeks, halved courgette rounds can be used for ears and spirals of courgette for hair. Strips of pepper are good for eyebrows and mouths while olives and halved cherry tomatoes make great eyes or earrings. Sweetcorn can be used for teeth or freckles. Let their imagination go wild.
6. Cook for around 10-15 mins until crisp. You'll want to swap the pizzas to a lower shelf halfway through the cooking time.
7. Repeat for the second two pizzas or freeze the balls of dough in two separate freezer bags, plus any remaining sauce in a sealed



More amazing ideas for indoor and outdoor activities!!

- Go to the park
- Feed the ducks
- Make ice-lollies (recipe below)
- Go for a forest walk
- Geocaching (google)
- Decorate rocks and hide them
- Bake cakes and cookies (recipes below)
- Play board games
- Arts and crafts
- Make smoothies (Kiddle.com)
- Have a picnic either out somewhere, in your garden or indoors
- Play hide and seek
- Tie dye T-shirts (kiddle.com)
- Have afternoon tea
- Make treats for the neighbours
- Play balloon tennis
- Make a bird feeder
- Make puppets and have a show
- Walk the dog somewhere different
- Have a backwards day (pudding first)
- Go on a bug hunt



Frozen Yogurt Lollies

Ingredients

450-500ml Yoghurt (any kind, Greek with honey is a fave!

A handful of fresh fruit (summer berries)

A few tbsp of jam (optional)



Method

1. Basically, you can just pour your favourite yogurt into an ice lolly mould and freeze it. If you're using natural yogurt, you'll need to sweeten it with honey or a swirl of jam.

2. These are some different flavour combos: - Greek style natural yogurt with honey + crushed raspberries or blackberries folded through it. - Vanilla yogurt + fresh blueberries dotted through the lolly. - Strawberry yogurt + thin banana slices. - Natural yogurt + generous swirls of strawberry jam.

3. To make your lollies really striking to look at, pour the yogurt in the lolly mould first. Then, add the fruit or swirl the jam into it, so you can see it along the sides of the lolly moulds. This is a bit messy but they look great afterwards.

4. Freeze for at least 2 hours, or till frozen solid. Run under warm water to help you ease the lolly from the mould. Delicious on a hot day!

If you Google [BBC Good Food](#) you will get lots of different recipes.



Chocolate cornflake cakes

Ingredients

50g butter

100g milk or dark chocolate, broken into chunks

3 tbsp golden syrup

100g cornflake

Method

1. **Children:** Weigh out the ingredients. Older children can do this by themselves with supervision and little ones can help to pour or spoon ingredients into the weighing scales. Put 50g butter, 100g milk or dark chocolate, broken into chunks and 3 tbsp golden syrup in a saucepan or microwavable bowl. Put 100g cornflakes in another large bowl.
2. **Grown ups:** Melt the weighed butter, chocolate and golden syrup in the saucepan over a low heat or briefly in the microwave. Allow to cool a little before pouring over the cornflakes.
3. **Children:** Stir the ingredients together gently using a wooden spoon. Spoon the mixture into 12 cupcake cases arranged on a muffin tray (or baking sheet, if you don't have one). Grown ups will need to do this for younger children or simply arrange on a tray and let the mess happen. Put in the fridge to set.

Decorate with smarties, hundreds and thousands, marshmallows or with anything you want.

Malty choc chip cookies

Ingredients

- ✓ 140g butter, softened
- ✓ 50g golden caster sugar
- ✓ 100g soft light brown sugar
- ✓ 2 medium eggs
- ✓ 200g plain flour
- ✓ 175g malted milk drink powder (we used Horlicks)
- ✓ ½ tsp baking powder
- ✓ 100g bar dark chocolate, chopped



Method

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and line 2 baking sheets with baking parchment. Beat the butter and sugars in a bowl until light and fluffy, then beat in the eggs one at a time.
2. Add the flour, malted milk drink powder, baking powder and a good pinch of salt, then stir with a wooden spoon until the mixture forms a dough. Tip out onto the work surface and gently knead in the chocolate. Divide the mixture into 20 pieces, roughly the size of a whole walnut. Roll each piece into a ball and place on the baking trays, leaving plenty of room for the cookies to spread. Flatten each ball slightly with your hand.
3. Bake for 10-12 mins until starting to turn golden brown on the edges. Remove from the oven, leave on the baking tray for 5 mins to cool slightly then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Will keep in a cake tin or cookie jar for up to 5 days.

Paper Plate Dinosaur

If you've got some dino fans in your house then this craft will go down a treat.

You will need the following:

- Large paper plate
- Scissors (please use adult supervision)
- Pencil
- Glue
- Toilet roll
- Paint
- Paint brush
- Wiggle eyes



How to make a paper plate dinosaur:

- Fold a large paper plate in half, and cut into 2 to create the 'shell' of your dinosaur
- Take one half of the plate and draw and cut a head, a tail and triangular spikes in whatever shapes you fancy. Glue these to the second half of the plate to start to create the template for your dinosaur
- To make the feet, measure and cut a toilet roll into 3. Take 2 pieces and cut slits in the top on opposite sides. Insert the dinosaur's body onto the feet so it's stable and can stand
- Paint the dinosaur with your chosen colour of acrylic paint and leave to dry – this could take a few hours
- Add a wiggle eye to the dinosaur's head to give yours some character and a face with personality. Now all that's left to do is to name your new pet!

Orange bird feeders

Turn an orange into a lovely homemade bird feeder. Hang it in your garden and give birds a little treat!

You'll need:

- An orange (one orange makes two feeders)
- Knife
- String
- Birdseed
- Lard

Instructions:

- Cut the orange across and scoop the flesh into a bowl
- Pierce two holes in the orange skin (at the base) and thread a piece of string through them to make a hanging loop
- Mix small pieces of lard with bird seeds and fill the orange with the mixture
- Hang your bird feeder up on a tree branch in a visible area to attract birds



