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St Dominic's ELC February 2021



Welcome! Thank you so much for all the fantastic interactions with our group times on Glow. We are enjoying seeing you all and having fun with our language skills. Your conversations are detailed and your expression skills and enthusiasm regarding your remote learning is a joy to observe.

Chinese Tradition says that this is the year of the Ox from the Lunar Year. This celebration happens all over the world. We would like you to use your knowledge of shape to have fun with making/creating your own Ox; you can use junk modelling or collage to express your ideas and we can't wait for you to share your craft ideas. Recycling old clothes is a great way of making new art, you could make a body and legs and stuff them with old materials and create a little "Ox" scarecrow for your garden.

Chinese culture shares the story of the Great Race, and this helps us to learn to appreciate other cultures and the world around us. We can have fun playing "Guess who I am?" and employ our language skills to describe the animals in the Great Race Story. You can create your own stories about animals, and you could invent your own animal. We have attached a recipe to make fortune cookies and you can have fun with your emergent writing skills by putting words or marks on the secret message inside the cookie. Make lanterns and practise your cutting skills.



The weather has been really cold and on some of our houses there have been icicles. You could try making your own ice sculpture by filling a balloon or old containers and leaving it outside to see what happens, maybe even put some paint or food colouring in the balloon or container with other shapes like old cookie cutters with water and see what happens, remember the temperature has to fall below zero to freeze.



Please keep practising your independence skills, including putting your jacket and shoes by yourself. Maybe you could time yourself to see how quickly you can do this and have fun having a race against yourself.



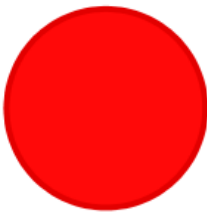
Remember to employ the language of time in your games.

Exercise is important to help us develop our awareness of our individual space and muscle development. You can play travelling games and take on the persona of the animals from the Great Race for example move like a Tiger, bounce like a Rabbit or slither like a snake. We play this game at ELC and have great fun while exercise and expressing our selves through dramatic play, this helps our performing skills alongside our confidence and self-esteem.



Remember to explore your number skills, look at the packaging around your house and find numerals. If you are out walking look for the numerals on doors and on cars, numbers are everywhere, and we use them in our daily lives. Sing the Bird song to count in two's and think about the biggest number that you can think of, like a million or a trillion this is lovely rich numeral language to have fun exploring through play.

Shapes



Circle



Oval



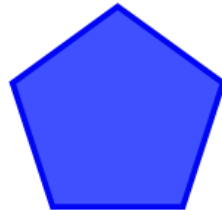
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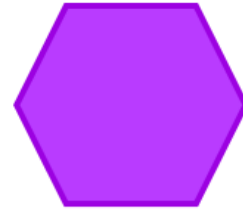
Square



Rectangle



Pentagon



Hexagon



Star



Heart



Cross



Crescent



Arrow



Diamond



Pie



Trapezoid



Parallelogram



Octagon



Semi-Circle



Decagon

FORTUNE COOKIES RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

For the cookie dough:

2 large egg whites

3 tbsp vegetable oil

65g plain flour

1½ tsp cornflour

pinch of salt

100g caster sugar

For the almond cookies:

1 tsp almond extract

150g white chocolate, melted, to decorate

50g chopped hazelnuts, toasted, to decorate

For the orange cookies:

1 tsp orange extract

orange food-colouring paste

EQUIPMENT

You will also need:

medium disposable piping bag

baking sheet lined with a silicone mat

12 small pieces of paper, each about 6 x 1cm and written with a fortune

large glass tumbler

12-hole muffin tin

METHOD

Step 1

Heat the oven to 150°C/130°C fan/300°F/Gas 2.

Step 2

Make the dough. Whisk the egg whites and vegetable oil together with 1 tablespoon of water until frothy but not aerated.

Step 3

Sift together the flour, cornflour and salt in a bowl, then stir in the sugar.

Step 4

Add the egg white mixture to the bowl and beat to a smooth batter. Try not to incorporate any air during the beating as you don't want bubbles in the batter. Divide the batter equally into two bowls.

Step 5

For the almond cookies, add the almond extract to 1 bowl, mix together, then set aside.

Step 6

For the orange cookies, spoon 2–3 tablespoons of batter from the second bowl into the disposable piping bag and set aside. Add the orange extract to the remaining batter along with some orange food colouring. Mix well together, adding colouring and stirring until the batter is bright orange.

Step 7

For the almond cookies, place 2 tablespoons of the almond batter on the silicone mat, spaced well apart. Using the back of a metal spoon, swirl the mixture to form 2 circles, each measuring 9–10cm in diameter. Bake for 10–12 minutes, until the outer edge is light golden brown.

Step 8

Remove the almond cookies from the oven and, working very quickly, lift off 1 cookie, place a fortune in the centre and while the cookie is still soft, fold it in half and pinch the edges together to seal.

Step 9

Place the middle of the folded edge of the cookie over the rim of the glass tumbler and gently pull the corners down on the inside and outside of the glass, to form the classic fortune-cookie shape.

Step 10

Place in the muffin tin (this helps to hold the shape) to cool and quickly shape the second fortune cookie. Bake and shape another 2 batches with the remaining almond batter, making a total of 6 almond fortune cookies.

Step 11

For the orange cookies, place 2 tablespoons of the orange batter on the silicone mat, spaced well apart. Using the back of a metal spoon, swirl the mixture to form 2 circles, each measuring 9–10cm in diameter. Snip the end of the piping bag and pipe 6 dots around each circle, 1cm in from the edge.

Step 12

Place a cocktail stick in the middle of one of the white dots and drag the cocktail stick to the next dot, and then the next dot (like dot to dot), until you have been through all the dots. Bake and shape as steps 7–10, making 6 orange cookies in total.

Step 13

To decorate the almond cookies, dip the ends of each cookie in the melted white chocolate, then sprinkle with your chosen topping.



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Two little Super Heroes

Two little super heroes sitting on a gate, one was wiggle and one was straight. Fly away wiggle, fly away straight, come back wiggle and come back straight.

Two little super heroes sitting on a cloud, one was quiet, and one was loud. Fly away quiet, fly away loud. Come back quiet and come back loud.

Two little super heroes sitting on a mop one at the bottom and one at the top. Fly away bottom, fly away top. Come back bottom and come back top.

Two little super heroes sitting on some ice, one was mean the other was nice. Fly away mean and fly away nice. Come back mean and come back nice.

You can think up opposites and a word that rhymes and invent your own verses to this funny song.



Songs

Research explains the importance of developing the skills of turn taking in conversations and to use 3D resources to embed our learning and ability to learn by association. We can do this through making a rhyme time bag or basket, put your favourite toys inside and have fun making up songs about your items, great fun and free.

Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys sitting in a tree, teasing Mr Alligator, "you can't catch me", "you can't catch me"

Along comes the Alligator hungry as can be and snap...

4 little monkeys sitting in a tree.....

3 little monkeys, 2 little monkeys, 1 little monkey, no little monkeys sitting in the tree only Mr Alligator as full as full can be.

Five little ladybugs

Five little ladybugs climbing up a door, one flew away and then there were four.

Four little ladybugs sitting in a tree, one flew away and then there were three.

Three little ladybugs sitting on a shoe, one flew away and then there were two.

Two little ladybugs looking for some fun, one flew away and then there was one.

One little ladybug sitting in the sun, she flew away and then there were none.



1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive.

6,7,8,9,10 then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?

Because it bit my finger so. Which finger did it bit, this little finger on my right.

