



Easter



Easter is upon us and we thought we would compile a list of activities you and your child can do at home together if you would like to.

Easter is a lovely time to be together and to learn not only about Easter and the story of Easter, but it is also a time where we celebrate spring and it is time to learn about the new life that this brings.

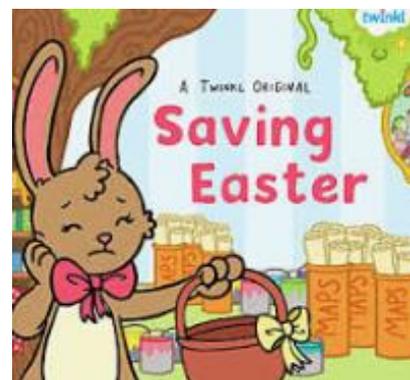
Books

There is a range of lovely books available but we selected a couple that is available online to you.

- Saving Easter- available on Twinkl
- Easter Mini books to print, colour in and read with your child:

An Easter basket- www.dltk-teach.com/minibooks/easter/index.htm

Easter is here- <https://www.dltk-teach.com/minibooks/easter2/index.htm>



Songs:

Some Easy and catchy songs with some movement too to keep your children active whilst they learn and sing about Easter and Spring. Where possible, please use Youtube Kids to watch YouTube songs and videos.

- Ten bunnies counting song- www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tyyh8rhwKQ8
- The way the bunny hops- www.youtube.com/watch?v=hb9tt7LiYrc
- Spring is here- www.youtube.com/watch?v=DobrRgD5aOU
- Sing a song of flowers- www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAcDUEgMgmY

PowerPoints:

- www.topmarks.co.uk/Easter/Easter.aspx A factual look at what is Easter broken up into smaller PowerPoints
- Twinkl also has a selection of PowerPoint presentations depicting the Easter story in age appropriate ways.

Easter Cards



Crafts is a great way of spending quality time with your child and also honing in their fine motor skills. On Twinkl there is a wealth of Easter themed

- Shape cutting
- Dot-to-dots
- Colouring in sheets

Why not complete them and then stick them on a card for an easy made-it-myself card? For the more adventurous out there, here is a link with some fantastic ideas for Easter cards:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Easter/EasterCards.aspx>

More fun activities

- Simple sewing- use a hole punch to make holes along the edge of any shaped card and teach your child to sew with wool or string that has tape on one end to make it easier to thread.
- Word searches- available online or you can make your own. Children love finding their own names and those of their family and favourite things.

www.thewordsearch.com/maker/



ICT

As always, when using the internet, please make sure you remain near your child to supervise online activity. Below is a list of fun websites with Easter Themed activities:



- www.primarygames.com

Lots of games and activities eg. colouring, mazes, dot to dot , numeracy and literacy.

- www.Topmarks.co.uk/Easter

Here you can learn about Easter traditions and customs. There are plenty of craft ideas, cooking, games and activities.

- www.activity.village.co.uk

There are lots of early learning resources, including tracing worksheets for fine motor control and handwriting worksheets full of Easter themed words.

- www.dltk-holidays.com/easter

Easter crafts, decorations, worksheets and colouring pages,

- www.theimaginationtree.com

There are lots of ideas for keeping children busy this Easter time, from sensory play to art activities, planting gardens to discovery eggs.

- www.mykidstime.com

Easter activities and craft ideas

- www.kidactivities.net

Easter games, lesson plans, creative activities and ideas.

- www.thespruce.com

Easter games and activities and a focus on outdoor games.

Easter outdoor learning:

With the weather showing improvement we have included some outdoor learning ideas for the whole family to enjoy.

Crafty Easter egg hunt

- Your child could have a rummage around the recycling and find colourful packaging, different textures and materials

- Using a cardboard cereal box, draw some egg shapes and cut around them, or your child could do so using safe scissors

- Get your child to decorate the eggs with the different materials they have found

- This could be gluing old scraps of fabric around the back of the cardboard and then layering other materials on top

- Help them to pull all the materials tightly around the edge of the egg shape and glue on the back or use cello tape.

- Hide the eggs around the garden for an Easter egg hunt!



Simple planting projects



Easter is about new beginnings and a great time for children to get involved with planting seeds and bulbs and learning about gardening.

Ideas to get started If possible a set of child-friendly small tools that they can hold and use by themselves is ideal. A set of 'old gardening clothes' would be useful! Also don't forget sun cream and sun hats.

1. Plant quick-sprouting seeds, so children can see the results of their hard work without much waiting around! Sunflower seeds, cress and salad seeds provide really easy results and are a simple way of explaining the process of planting seeds and seeing the rewards. Herbs such as basil and mint or fruit and vegetables such as tomatoes and lettuce are a fantastic next step.

2. Planting in the garden is a great way to stimulate your child's senses. Sensory plants can be particularly beneficial for children with special needs and sensory impairments, as it encourages them to explore and enjoy the garden.
3. It's a good idea to keep things simple and have other gardening related activities available to extend your child's interest, such as making plant labels or searching for minibeasts.
4. Try taking photos or drawing pictures of your plants with your child at the different stages of bloom. Something like a sunflower works really well to show them how amazing the process of gardening can be.
5. You could also make a scrapbook to help your child remember the process of planting and growing.

You can sow seeds in all sorts of containers too, so you could make it exciting by getting your child to find their own unique planters. Try egg boxes, old mugs or tin cans.

After planting the seeds children will learn about the importance of taking care of them while observing their growth

Egg Cress Heads

You'll need:

- 2 eggs
- 2 cotton wool balls
- 2 tbsp cress seeds
- 2 egg cups / empty egg carton
- Felt tip pens

Method:

- 1) Crack the top of each egg and pour out the inside
- 2) Wash the empty shell with cold water and leave it to dry
- 3) Wet the cotton wool and put a piece inside each egg
- 4) Put the eggs in an egg cup / egg carton and sprinkle the cress seeds inside each egg
- 5) Decorate the outside of the egg with felt tip pens



Easter/new life walk- Please find the ALD attached for this activity



Explain that Easter a time for new life. You could look at the PowerPoint on Twinkl about 'new life' or read a story about new life.

Go for a walk around your garden or a walk in your local area. If you have a magnifying glass take that too. Look for signs of new life such as buds, blossom, shooting seeds and plants growing. You could take your tablet or camera

with you and take photos of what you see.

Baking

Baking is another way of spending some quality time with your child whilst they enjoy cooking some lovely treats for Easter.

Please find the ALD board attached for this activity

Easter biscuits



BISCUITS

100g butter
100g caster sugar
1 egg yolk
half a lemon rind and juice
200g plain white flour
½ tsp mixed spice
50g currants

TOPPING

1 egg white
2 tbsp caster sugar

1. Line a baking tray with parchment and pre-heat the oven.
2. Put the butter and sugar into a mixing bowl and beat together until light and fluffy.
3. Add the egg yolk, grated lemon rind and juice and beat well.
4. Sieve the flour and mixed spice into the bowl and stir to combine.
5. Stir in the currants.
6. Roll out the dough on a floured surface.
7. Press a pastry cutter or cup through the dough to make 75mm/3" circles then gently lift them onto the prepared baking tray.
8. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Temperature 200 degrees C, Fan 180 degrees C
9. Remove the baking tray from the oven and brush the biscuits with egg white.
10. Sprinkle caster sugar over the biscuits then return them to the oven for a further 2 minutes.

Easter Nests

Ingredients

Makes: 12 Easter nests

150g dark or cooking chocolate, roughly chopped
6 Shredded Wheat® original, crushed
1 to 2 bags chocolate mini-eggs



Method

Prep:20min › Cook:5min › Ready in:25min

1. Place the chocolate in a glass bowl over a pan of barely simmering water and stir continuously until melted, about 6 minutes.
2. Once melted, remove from the heat and stir in the crushed shredded wheat until it is all covered in chocolate.
3. Place an equal amount of the mix into cupcake cases then add the mini-eggs to the top.

Chocolate rocky road treat



Here is an easy no-cook recipe that you can make with your children this Easter. It should only take around 20 minutes, plus time for chilling.

Ingredients

- 250g digestive biscuits
- 100 g butter, cut in pieces
- 2 1/2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 100g mini marshmallows
- 100 g bar milk chocolate, finely chopped
- 80g smarties (2 small tubes)

Method

1. Butter and line the base of a cake tin that's around 20cm x 20cm. Crush the biscuits by putting them in a strong plastic bag and bashing with a rolling pin to make crumbs, but keeping some small chunky pieces of biscuit too so you have a contrast of textures. Put the butter, cocoa and syrup in a medium saucepan and warm through over a medium heat, stirring occasionally. As soon as the butter has melted, remove from the heat then stir in the biscuits and marshmallows.
2. Tip the mixture into the cake tin and level the surface. Chill for about 2 hours, or overnight, to firm up.
3. Break the chocolate into squares then blitz in the microwave, give it around one minute then 20 seconds at a time stirring in between so it doesn't get hot spots and burn. Or you can melt the chocolate over simmering water in a heatproof bowl.
4. Remove the cake from the cake tin and peel off the lining paper. Lay the cake on a serving plate or board. Pour then spread the chocolate over the cake. Scatter over the smarties and leave briefly for the chocolate to set. Cut into slices.

Cooking



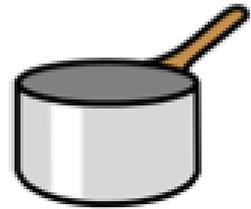
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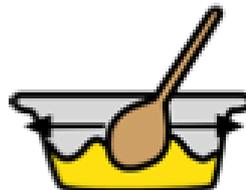
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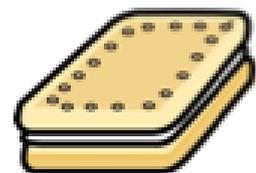
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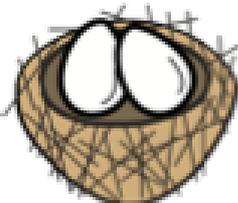
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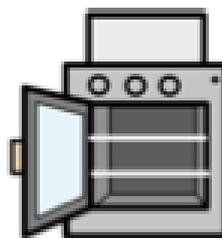
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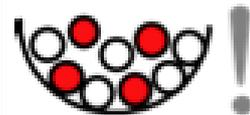
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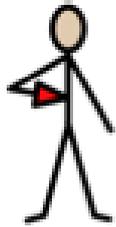


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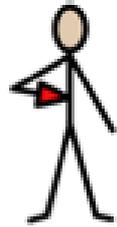


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Planting



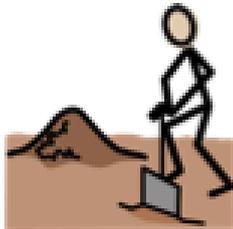
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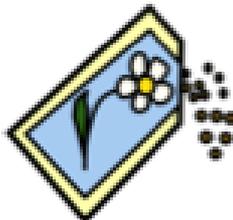
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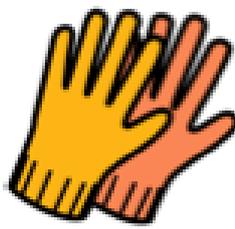
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New Life



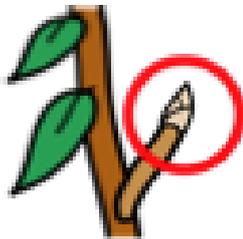
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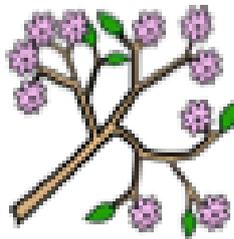
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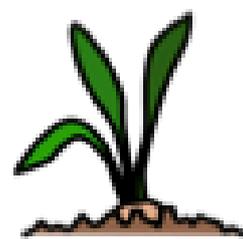
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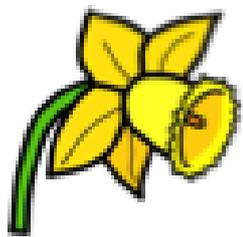
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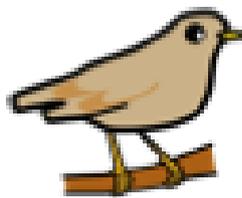
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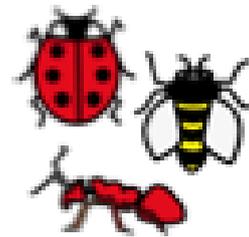
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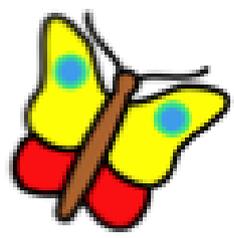
birds



insects



leaves



butterflies



flower