

Half Term Holiday Fun!

Why not try some of these activities during your February Half Term. How many can you complete?

Chinese New Year

This celebration will be taking place (12th February – 17th February).

- Learn about Chinese New Year - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38668427>
- Try some craft-based activities such as making lanterns, dancing dragons or a picture of the Ox (year of the Ox)
- Why not try dragon dancing? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-go-club-chinese-lion-dance>



Nature Walk

Why not walk to the beach, park, nearest woodland or play in your garden? Spend time looking at the environment. Can you spot local wildlife? Why not create a sculpture using the materials you have found?

Shortbread Biscuits

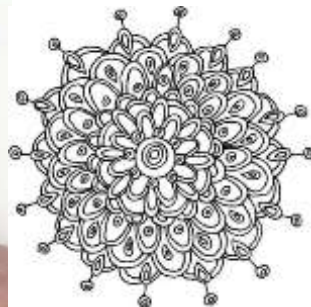
150g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
100g butter, chilled and cubed
50g caster sugar, plus 1 tbsp for sprinkling

Heat the oven 170C/150C fan/gas 3. Put the flour, butter and sugar into a mixing bowl. Use your hands to combine the ingredients until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs, then squeeze until it comes together as a dough.

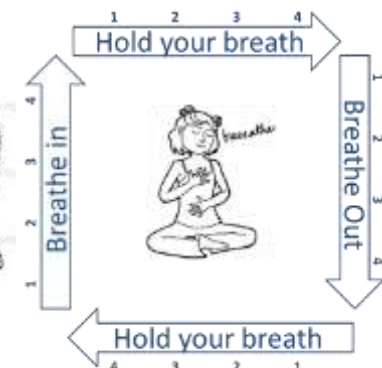
On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to ½ cm thick. Cut the dough into fingers and place on a lined baking tray. Use a fork to create imprints, then sprinkle with the remaining caster sugar.

Chill the dough in the fridge for 20 mins, then bake for 15-20 mins until golden brown. Remove the shortbread fingers from the oven and leave to cool on the tray for 10 mins.

Mindfulness Activities



Use your finger to find the centre



Science Experiments – How to Make a Volcano

Materials:

10 ml of washing up liquid
100 ml of cold water
400 ml of white vinegar
Food colouring
Baking soda slurry (fill a cup about ½ with baking soda, then fill the rest of the way with water)
Empty 2 litre soda bottle

Instructions:

NOTE: This should be done outside due to the mess.

Combine the vinegar, water, dish soap and 2 drops of food colouring into the empty soda bottle.

Use a spoon to mix the baking soda slurry until it is all a liquid.

Eruption time! ... Pour the baking soda slurry into the soda bottle quickly and step back!

Why not try some other fun science experiments?
<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/>

Scavenger Hunt

A scavenger hunt is a game in which someone prepares a list with specific items for the other person to find. This scavenger hunt could be completed either inside or outside. Good luck hunting!

Some items you could try and find at home...



Bonus Hunting!

Find something:

- Magnetic
- Translucent
- Flexible
- That weights over 500g but less than 1kg



Game Fun!

Card games – Snap, Go fish, Solitaire, Uno
Play a boardgame – Cluedo, Monopoly, Operation, Guess Who, Pie Face, HeadBanz, Connect 4, Chess/Draughts, Snakes and Ladders
Create your own board game

Exercise!



Get Creative!

Why not spend some time drawing, painting, sculpting (using junk modelling) or building!

