

Today's Theme is...

Owl Babies



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Age range: 2-7 years

Skills: creativity, fine motor skills, problem solving, confidence building, empathy, imagination.

Thinking skills/intelligences:

Social teamwork/partnerships/trust/sharing/ tolerance/co-operation

Physical managing space/hand-eye coordination/ special awareness/gross-fine motor skills

Intellectual nature identification/nature facts/

 ${\tt mapping/reasoning/} {\bf understanding} \ {\bf of} \ {\bf the}$ world/safety and following instructions/

problem solving

Communication ... group work

Emotional empathy

Spiritual..... imagination, trust, empathy, support,

reflection

This activity can be done inside or out

Make An Owl Baby

Go outside, either on a walk or have a look in your garden, look out for pine cones (if it's been raining they may wellbe closed - to dry them out and open, leave them on the radiator for a while). Look out for feathers too! (if you cant find feathers, leaves will do) Collect them and bring them home ready to get creative with your findings.

Watch Tutorial Video

You will need...

- Cotton wool-
- Pine cones
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Feathers/ leaves
- Orange card/ paper



Tip: If you can't find any pine cones, use a ball of clay OR even an empty toilet roll tube.

This activity can be done inside or out

Stick Owl Craft

Use clay or cardboard to create an oval shape, cut out the top of the oval to scoop out the two owlears. Now using sticky back tape or glue, arrange your chosen sticks to fit the shape. When the cardboard or even clay shape is full, leave it to dry and when it is all secure, add wings, eyes and a beak. These can be made from leaves, stones, acorns, nuts, berries etc, anything you can find around you in nature that resembles owl body parts. You can even add final touches with paint pens, sharpie pens or paint!

You will need...

- Clay/Cardboard
- Tape/Glue
- Sticks
- Leaves/stones/ acorns/nuts/ berries
- Pens/Paint



Chocolate Nests

- 1. Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases.
- 2. Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a pan of gently simmering water, (do not let the base of the bowl touch the water). Stir the mixture until smooth.
- 3. Remove the bowl from the heat and gently stir in the cornflakes until all of the cereal is coated in the chocolate.
- 4. Divide the mixture between the paper cases and press 3 chocolate eggs into the centre of each nest. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour, or until completely set.

Ingredients...

- 225g/8oz plain chocolate, broken into pieces
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 50g/2oz butter
- * 75g/3oz cornflakes
- 36 mini chocolate eggs



Recipe Tips:

Shredded wheat or puffed rice cereals can be used instead of the cornflakes.

...Have fun!

Owl Facts

A group of owls is called a parliament

Owls can turn their heads as much as **270 degrees**

There are around 200 different owl species

You may have noticed that like us Owls also have **different coloured eyes**. You will have seen Yellow, Orange, Dark Brown / Black and possibly even Blue eyes in pictures online. Well there is a reason for each colour and it is to do with the **time of day** the Owl predominantly **hunts**.

Yellow eyes

Appear on owls who are diurnal which means they prefer to hunt in the day time.

Orange eyes

Owls that have orange eyes are active around dawn and dusk, known as being crepuscular.

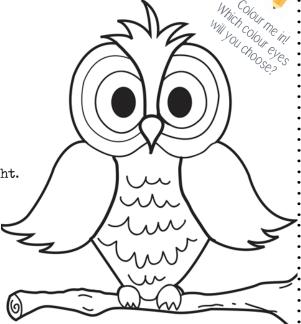
Dark Brown / Black eyes

These are usually nocturnal, preferring to hunt at night.

The dark color doesn't improve night time vision, its
believed its to help camouflage them better than
brighter eyes. Owls with dark eyes are sometimes
seen out in daylight, typically on cloudy days.

Blue eyed owls

Are so rare they do not exist, well anywhere but the internet.



Learn more about owls with our feathery friends: www.thefeatheryfolk.co.uk