

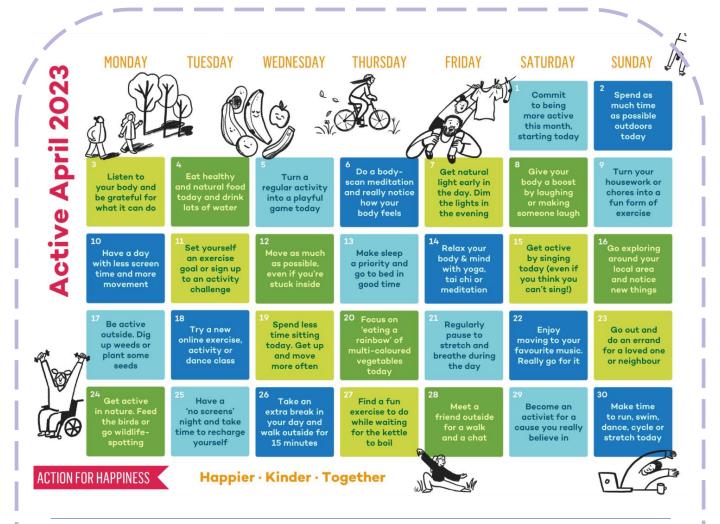
RESOURCE PACK FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



EASTER EDITION



April 2023







THINGS TO DO

If You're Feeling Anxious



Play with a pet

Talk to a

friend



Write in your journal Create something



Move your body

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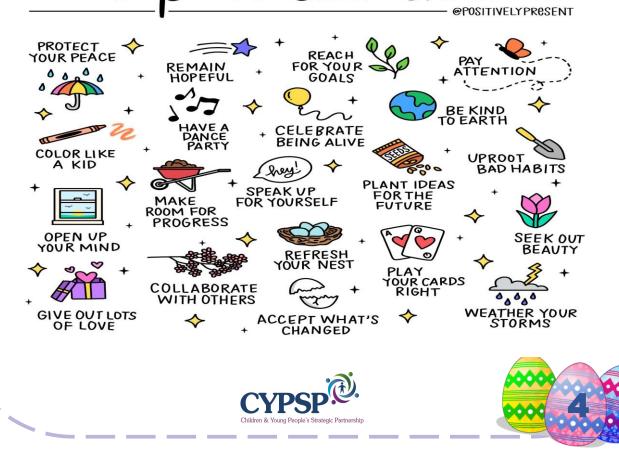
10 Keys to Happier Living

Everyone's path to happiness is different. Based on the latest research, Action for Happiness have identified 10 Keys that tend to make life happier and more fulfilling. Together they spell GREAT DREAM

Explore Further



april SELF-CARE



Services for young people: Text Information for Young People

There's a new number for texting a school nurse from your mobile phone. Text-A-Nurse is an anonymous confidential messaging service, which is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm during the week in both term-time and school holidays. The message is delivered to a safe and secure web application for the nursing staff to view. You are guaranteed a response within 24 hours Monday to Friday. If a faster response is needed, you will be advised of where you can get urgent help.

You can message for advice on all kinds of health issues, like sexual health, bullying, healthy eating and any general health concerns. Or you may want support for your emotional health and wellbeing, particularly as life returns to normal after lockdown.

Look out for more information around school/college.

The text numbers for this are:

Northern Trust Text-A-Nurse 07480 635982

Belfast Trust Text-A-Nurse 07507 328290

South Eastern Trust Text-A-Nurse 07507 327263

Western Trust Text-A-Nurse 07480 635984

Southern Trust Text-A-Nurse 07507 328057

Or visit www.chathealth.nhs.uk to start a chat











WELCOME TO THE YOUTH WELLNESS WEB

CHECK IT OUT NOW! - The Youth Wellness Web has been codesigned by young people for young people with easy access to different resources and services that can really help you.



Visit the Youth Wellness Web at the link below or scan the QR code for instant access.



www.cypsp.hscni.net/youth-wellness-web







9 MENTAL HEALT ACTIVITIES TO D WITH YOUR CHILDRI @BELIEVEPHQ

WORRY TIME

Set aside a time each day for your child worry. Discuss with your child how long the worry time will be for. In this time your child can write down their worries, discuss them with your or problem solve to overcome them

THOUGHT CHALLENGING

Help your child to write down any unhelpful thoughts they that experience. Try to challenge them with your child and come up with more realistic and helpful ones

BEING PRESENT

Help your child to be present and live in the moment. Go for a walk and see how many different things you can both take in with all your senses

ACTIVITY PLANNING

Create an activity diary with your child and help them to schedule in some pleasurable and achievement related activities

TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS

where your child can speak to you about their thoughts and feelings

3 GOOD THINGS

Before bed spend some time with your child to identify and write down three good things they achieved from the day



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Support your child to look after their wellbeing. Cook healthy meals with them, exercise or play sport with them and make sure they are getting enough sleep

IMAGERY

Work with your child to imagine themselves in an imaginary future where everything has turned out in a positive way

Try setting out some simple activities to help your child test out the validity of a thought.

THOUGHT TESTING







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Are you planning your Easter holidays?

Inclusive Beaches equipment loan scheme at Cranfield and Portstewart Strand is OPEN for Easter bookings. To avail of this FREE resource, click on the link below and follow the 6 Step Booking Process:

Click link to book: <u>http://www.maemurrayfounda</u> <u>tion.org/pro.../inclusive-</u> <u>beaches/</u>

Outside fun at Easter:

- Daffodil hunt- have fun spotting daffodils..in your local street, park, forest or countryside
- Egg Rolling hard boil some eggs and let the children paint them once cool, find a hill and roll the eggs from the top, why not try people rolling too!!
- Animal friends children can pretend to be some spring animals (chicks, bunnies, butterflies, lambs or ducklings), they'll soon be hopping, clucking, waddling... and making lots of noise.

Take your lunch or snack outside with a rug or blanket or a park bench and have an Easter picnic. Have a sing song too... 5 little ducks, Sleeping bunnies, Humpty Dumpty.











"IF April showers should come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May." ~Buddy de Sylva





Low-cost playful ideas

In times of economic hardship, the play needs, and natural urge to play for children, will remain. Play activity doesn't need to cost lots of money or involve expensive toys or days out. There are many 'free and found' play opportunities that can take place within homes, communities, and settings.

- Visit parks, green spaces, beaches or forests.
- Play outside get the wellies and raincoats on and jump in puddles.
- Paint the pavement, walls, fences, gates or drainpipes with water - all you need is a bucket and brushes.
- Have a family dance party or sing-a-long.
- Create a fort in your living room out of blankets or cardboard boxes.
- Go on a hike.
- Have a sunset picnic at a park or beach.
- Upcycle old toys using stickers, foam or paint.
- Try some sewing or knitting.
- Play a game of chess, dominoes, jacks or card games.
- Make a sensory bottle using old bottles, coloured water, glitter, beads, stones or anything you fancy.
- Use chunky chalk to create an outdoor masterpiece.
- Play noughts and crosses or eye-SDV.
- Have a game of hide-and-seek.

- Make slime. Pour 2 tbsp of shampoo into a bowl, add 2 tbsp of shaving foam and mix. Add 1 tsp of salt and mix everything together thoroughly. Put mixture into the freezer for approximately 15 minutes.
- Make unique creations with random ingredients from a mystery bag of goodies.
- Make a mat to play hopscotch on. You can roll it out for play - an old sheet is perfect.
- Melt ice fill cups or containers with coloured water, freeze them, and watch the ice melt as you add salt to it.
- Make a collage with paper, glue and things to stick like pictures cut out of catalogues or magazines, scraps of paper, ribbon, fabric, dried pasta, natural materials etc.



Street play - go out to play and encourage other children to join in. Play football, frisbee, dodgeball, piggy in the middle or

stick in the mud.











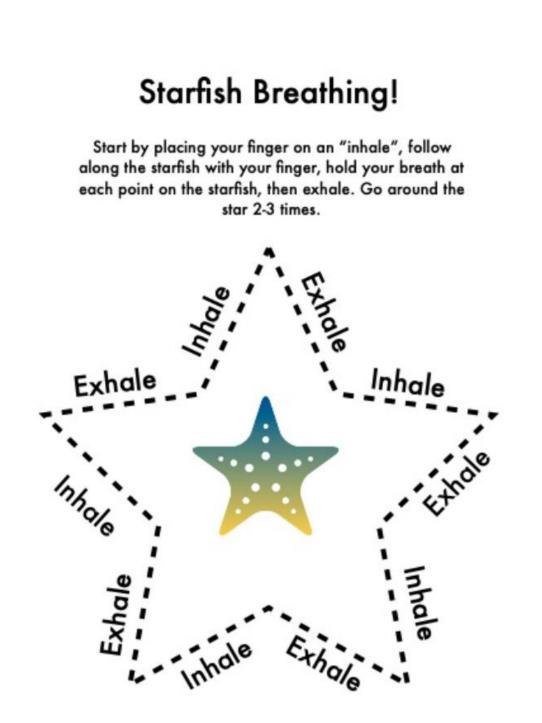




Keeping active is essential for our emotional, mental, physical wellbeing. Parenting NI have teamed up with Sport NI to share their list of free and low-cost sport opportunities from across Northern Ireland. There are lots of activities available, and now that brighter nights and better weather is here there is no better time to get active! Find out details about all the activities listed and more at <u>https://bit.ly/LowCostNoCostSport</u>







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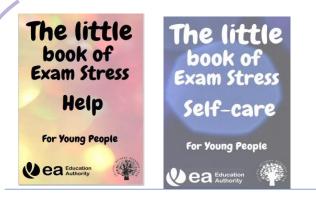


Having good mental health means feeling positive about yourself, being able to cope with everyday pressures and being able to form and maintain relationships. This booklet is full of practical tips and information on managing stress and achieving and maintaining mental health and emotional wellbeing. It also contains a list of helpful local organisations and websites.

<u>Mind Your Head - A Student Guide</u> <u>to Mental Health</u>







This little book from EA is aimed to help you through your exam stress with revision tips, self care tips, useful links to support and lots more - <u>Download</u>

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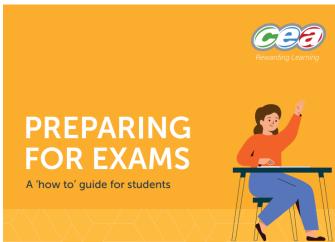
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

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Revision Tips from NI

revision tips from Childline

Homework, studying and



This guide from CEA aims to help answer your questions and provide you with advice and tips on:

- how to revise;
- looking after your mental health and wellbeing; and
- knowing and understanding exam guidelines.

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<u>Summer 2023 Assessment Arrangements -</u> <u>Information for Students</u>







I am eating an Easter Egg. Tá mé ag ithe Ubh Chásca. Taa may ag ee-ha Ivv Haska.







Home-Made Together

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***Mix rice crispies into melted chocolate. Fill paper bun cases to make 'nests' and add mini-eggs ***Have a 'cup-cake challenge'. Prizes for the most original toppings *** Pour melted chocolate onto a lined baking tray. Add sweets and treats. Have fun smashing the set slab into pieces.

Game time... transfer eggs from one bowl to another using a spoon. Held in your mouth!

For more ideas

Try.

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Local

museum

farm

Explore

a new

forest.

beach or

park

Easter Events N| dayoutWiththekids.co.uk/ni Walkni.com nationaltrust.org.ni discovernorthernireland.com goodhousekeeping.com/ holidays/easter-ideas Plant sun flower seeds and race to the sky! Try creating giant noughts & crosses on the floor

sticky tape and paper plates.

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Hairy Eggs!

Line clean empty egg-shell halves with wet kitchen paper. Add a sprinkling of cress seeds and watch them grow. Then, cut the 'hair' and eat it!

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Try... Creating an indoor or outdoor ogg hunt Create a family Easter Tree

Plant easy seeds such as lettuce or rocket

Picnic anywhere.... out and about, inside at home 1 the garden.

Picnic Together

***Use cookie cutters to make

sandwiches more interesting

them up and cutting into

pin-wheel slices.

**Have fun with healthy

veggie sticks.

*** Prepare individual jellies

packed o with o fruit

dips and mutli-coloured

***Try filling wraps, rolling

Home-Made Together

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Gather together; empty loo-rolls, cotton-wool balls, paper cups, glue, sellotape, paints, paper, tissue paper, pipe cleaners and paper plates. Have fun with your Easter Creations: bunnies, baskets, fluffy lambs, masks and flowers

Magic Eggs

Hard boil eggs. Roll cooled eggs to crack the shells. Boil again in Water With food colouring added.

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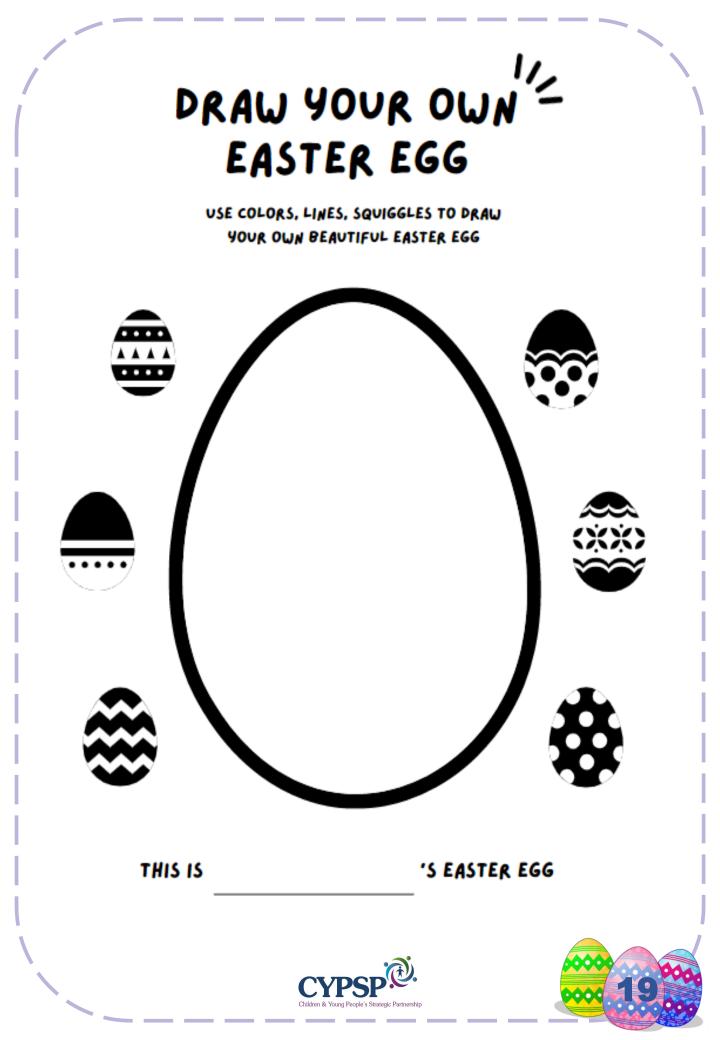


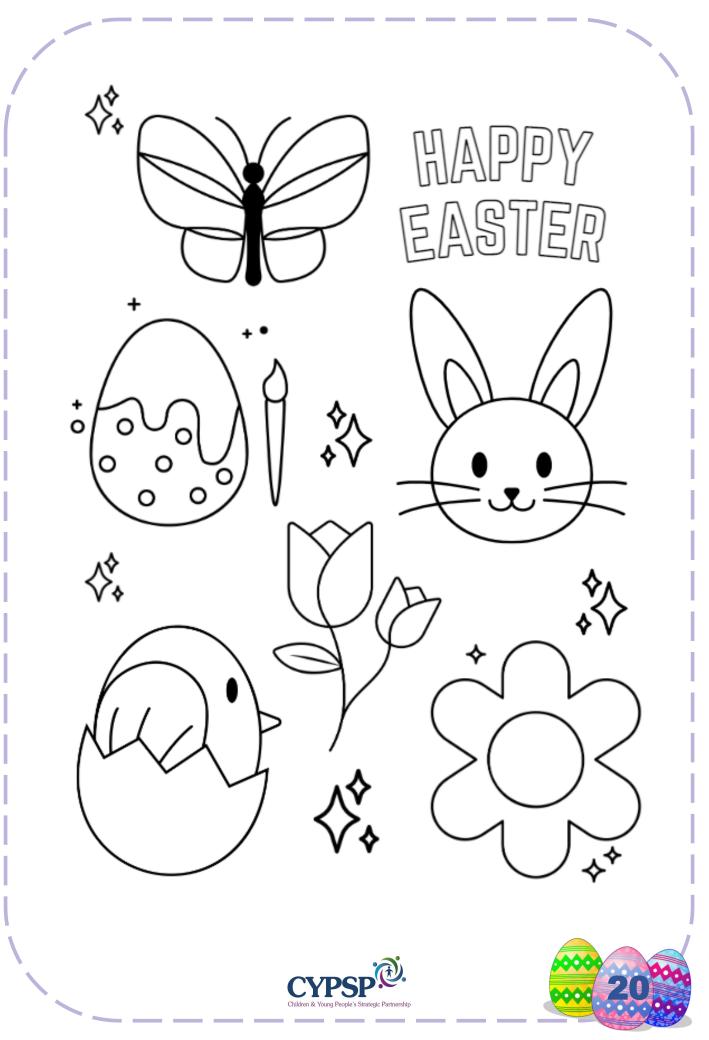
Autism NI have created an Easter Resource Pack to help keep the family entertained over the holidays. It includes a visual schedule, countdown, and lots of fun activities to do. 25 12

To download this free pack, visit <u>http://autismni.org/using-</u> <u>structure</u>









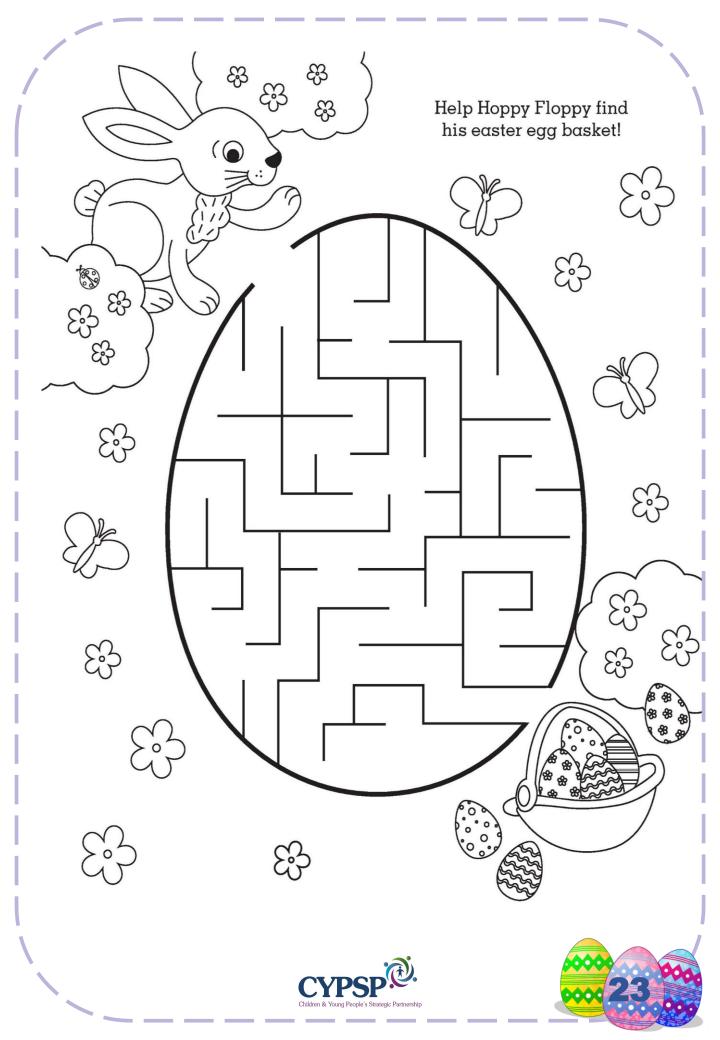


Download More Easter Colouring Sheets From Colour Heroes

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Easter fun - Chick and Bunny Treat Holders!

You'll need:

- Paper cups
- Stick on googly eyes
- Pipe cleaners
- Coloured paper or card
- Glue
- Crayons/colouring pencils or felt tips
- Mini pom poms, feathers or shredded paper for additional decoration.

Method

- 1
- Take your paper cup and colour it in depending on the animal you are creating. If you have coloured cups skip this step.

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Stick on a pair of googly eyes.

For a bunny, use a pink pom pom for the nose, or you can cut out a circle from some coloured card. Cut a white pipe cleaner (an adult may have to do this part) into four small sections. Glue these onto the cup to form whiskers and cover the glue with the nose. If you wish, create some ears from paper or card and clue to the back of the cup.

For a chick, cut out a triangle nose and stick below the eyes. Create some feet from some orange pipe cleaners and glue to the front.

WARNING! Cadbury mini eggs pose a choking risk to children. They are very similar in shape and size to grapes. They are not suitable for children under 4 y.o.









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Lemony Easter Chicks



Method

STEP 1

Heat oven to 140C/120C fan/gas 1. Line a baking sheet with baking parchment and put a medium-sized plain nozzle on a piping bag.

STEP 2

In a clean bowl, whisk the egg whites until they are very stiff. Add half the sugar and continue to whisk until the mixture is becoming firm and shiny.

STEP 3

Stir the cornflour into the remaining sugar and add to the meringue, along with the lemon zest and juice, and a smidge of yellow food colouring paste. Whisk again until you have a very thick, firm and glossy pale yellow meringue.

Ingredients

2 medium egg whites

100g golden caster sugar

1/2 tsp cornflour

grated zest 1/2 lemon , plus 1 tsp juice

yellow food colouring paste

orange, black and yellow icing pen, to decorate

STEP 4

Carefully spoon the meringue into the piping bag. Push any air out of the top and tightly twist the opening to seal. Pipe about 25 thumb-sized dollops onto your baking sheet – if possible, try to make them wider at the base than the top, resembling a chick's body and head. Leave a gap between each chick to allow for expanding when cooking.

STEP 5

Cook in the oven for 30 mins until they are crisp, firm and come off the baking parchment easily. Leave to cool on a wire rack.

STEP 6

To decorate, use the orange icing pen to make a V-shaped beak, and a black icing pen for eyes and feet. The yellow icing pen can be used to decorate fluffy hair on the chick's head and/or wings. Will keep for up to 1 week in an airtight container.





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Easy Easter Nests



Ingredients

200g milk chocolate , broken into pieces

85g shredded wheat , crushed

2 x 100g bags mini chocolate eggs

You'll also need

cupcake cases

Method

STEP 1

Melt the chocolate in a small bowl placed over a pan of barely simmering water. Pour the chocolate over the shredded wheat and stir well to combine.

STEP 2

Spoon the chocolate wheat into 12 cupcake cases and press the back of a teaspoon in the centre to create a nest shape. Place 3 mini chocolate eggs on top of each nest. Chill the nests in the fridge for 2 hrs until set.



STEP 1

Carefully remove the tops from the eggs, leaving the bottom two-thirds of the shells intact. Empty the shells (save the eggs for another time), then carefully wash them out. Decorate the shells with pens or paint, then leave them to dry.

STEP 2

Dip the cotton wool balls in a little water, squeezing off any excess. Place 1 ball inside each shell, then sprinkle 1 tsp cress seeds onto each one. Sit the filled shells in eggcups and leave in a dry, welllit place for a week – a windowsill is perfect. Your cress will start to grow within a few days, perfect for making egg & cress sarnies!





Ingredients

2 eggs

You'll also need

2 tsp cress seeds, 2 cotton wool balls, felt-tip pens or acrylic paints

Crackin' Cress Heads



Easter Flapjacks 🗧

100g golden syru

100g butter

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Step 1

Heat the oven to 180'C | 160' Fan | Gas Mark 4. Line a 20cm square baking tray with parchment paper.

Put the butter and golden syrup into a saucepan and place pan on medium heat until melted.





Step 3

Whilst cooking, break the chocolate into a large heat-proof bowl. In another saucepan add boiling water and place pan on low heat. Place the bowl over the saucepan and gently stir until melted. Step 2 Turn off the heat, add the oats and mix. Put the oat mixture into the tin and bake for 20-25 minutes, or until golden brown.



Once the flapjacks are cooked, add the melted chocolate and spread evenly. Allow the flapjacks to cool then cut into small squares.





porridge oats

100g small Easter egg chocolate For more resources and activities on disability, mental health, bereavement, education plus more, check out the previous edition of the Children and Young People's Resource Pack



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