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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY PACK

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Host your own mince pie picnic

One of Blanche and Rinki's favourite activities to do together is have a mince pie picnic. Host your own with Blanche's mince pie recipe below

make sure you ask a grown-up to help you!

INGREDIENTS

Filling

- * 1 large jar of mincemeat (about 600g)
- * 2 satsumas, segmented
- * 1 apple, finely chopped
- * zest of 1 lemon
- * icing sugar for dusting

Pastry

- * 375g plain flour
- * 260g unsalted butter, softened
- * 125g caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
- * 1 large egg (plus 1 beaten egg for glazing)

METHOD

- * Place the flour and butter in a bowl and rub together to a crumb consistency. Add the sugar and the egg, and mix together. Tip out on to a lightly floured surface, wrap the pastry in cling film and chill for 10 mins.
- * Scoop the mincemeat into a clean bowl and add the satsumas, apple and lemon zest.
- * Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Roll out the pastry and using a round cutter, cut out 16 bases and place them into muffin trays. Put 1½ tbsp mincemeat mixture into each. Brush the edge of each pie with a little beaten egg.
- * Re-roll out the pastry to cut lids and press them on top to seal. Glaze with the rest of the egg, sprinkle with caster sugar, then make a small cut in the tops.
- * Bake mince pies for 15-20 mins until golden brown. Leave to cool.

*THEN grab your best friend, a sibling, parent or toy,
find a picnic blanket and tuck in!*



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Write a letter to Blanche Claus

Blanche would love a letter from you so she can bring you a gift this Christmas. She's written you a note here: write your response underneath and post it to her at the North Pole

Greetings!

Soon it will be Christmas, the greatest day of the year. Please write to me at the following address with details of the toy you dream of.

Until Christmas,

Ms Claus

Toy Workshop, North Pole



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Make Santa's favourite hot chocolate

Santa has shared the recipe for his favourite hot chocolate with us!

Use a grown-up to help you make it

- * Place a tablespoon of drinking chocolate in mug and fill it up with hot milk.
- * To make the drink Christmassy, add a teaspoon of ground cinnamon.
- * Stir together really well.
- * Then add some whipped cream to the top of your mug, along with a few chocolate sprinkles!



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Decorate your own bauble

Blanche finds a bauble that shows her a snowy landscape, decorated with tiny houses, technicolour icicles and a dancing Christmas tree.

Draw your own wintry scene in the bauble below

