



# ST JAMES

Preparatory School

## Year 2 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 9

### What have we explored this week?



In Cookery this week the children made delicious spiced apples! Chef Suzie was very impressed with our budding cooks. I hope you had a bite! But in case it was too yummy to share, here is the recipe...

## Splend-Appleys!

(Rhubarb & Gingernut Spiced Apples)

*Makes 2*



### Ingredients:

2 Granny Smiths, cored

#### For the Filling:

20g rhubarb, chopped small  
20g raisins  
1 tsp mixed peel  
2 gingernuts, broken into small pieces  
Pinch each of: nutmeg, ground ginger, cloves, allspice & cinnamon  
Squeeze lemon juice  
1 heaped tbsp (15g) soft brown sugar

#### For the Coating:

15g butter, SOFTENED  
A bit more soft brown sugar  
3 tbsp oats

#### For the Chantilly Cream:

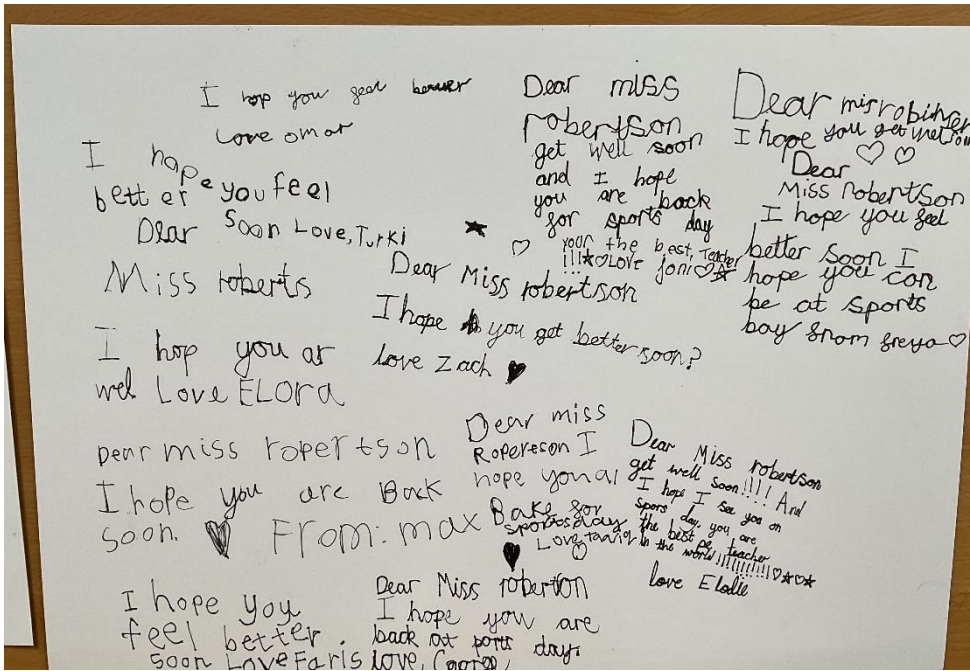
100ml double cream  
1 tsp vanilla extract

### Method:

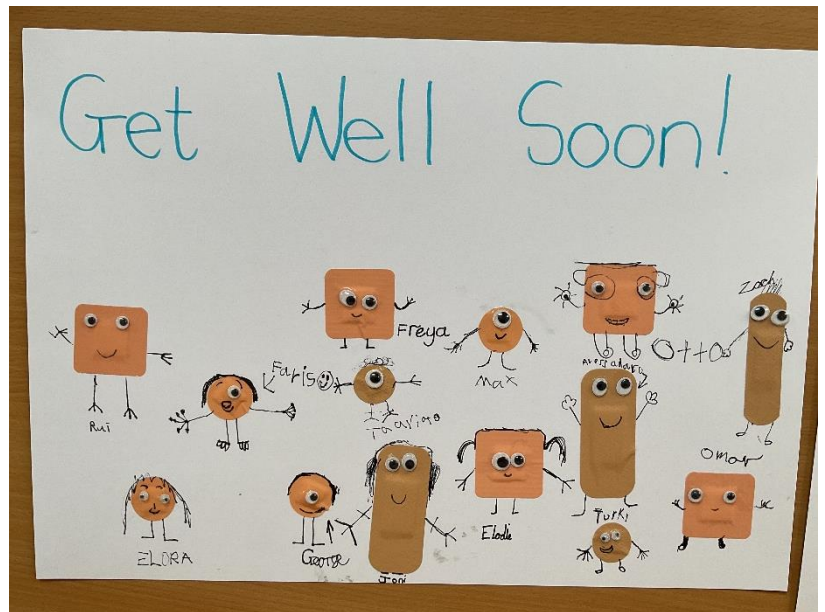
1. Pre-heat the oven to 170° C and line a small baking sheet with greaseproof paper.
2. Tip a couple of tablespoons of soft brown sugar onto a saucer and mix the oats into it.
3. In a small bowl mix all the ingredients for the filling well together, squishing the biscuit pieces with the back of the spoon so they break up.

**Method:**

4. Pop the apple on your thumb where the core was, and use this to hold it up as you rub the skin all over with half of the softened butter.
5. Now roll it in the sugar on the plate so it's lightly coated all over, then sit it on the greaseproof paper and sprinkle a bit of the oat and sugar mix on the top.
6. Repeat with the other apple.
7. Fill the holes in the middle of the apples: do this a little at a time then use your finger to REALLY PRESS IT DOWN before adding a bit more, PRESSING DOWN AGAIN and so on until you have no more filling and the apples are full to bursting.
8. Bake in the oven for 30-40 mins until the apples are squidgy when you squeeze them (get a grown-up to test them).
9. Whilst the apples are in the oven whip the cream lightly with the vanilla extract until soft and floppy - DON'T OVERWHIP!
10. Leave to sit for a few minutes before tucking in to your delicious seasonal baked apples with a fat dollop of yummy cream!



During Enrichment this week, we decided to make a card to cheer up Miss Robertson who is currently at home with a very sore foot. Take a look at our funny little plaster people!



## Things to remember

- We are looking forward to our **Easter Service** on **Tuesday 1st April**. Parents can reserve a space here: <https://forms.office.com/e/e6RMkx32mu>. There will be light Easter refreshments available from 8.15am in the Courtyard ahead of the main event at St Mary's West Kensington, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 0QL, starting at 9.15am. This will conclude by 10.15am.
- The Spring Term ends on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 11:30am.
- The Senior Girls' School has asked the Nursery and Prep children to join forces in donating soup for our local charity, *Under One Sky* (UOS). Boxes of 'Cup a Soup' or similar (but not fresh, already-made soup) are being collected from now until the start of the Easter holiday. The seniors have a plan to use the boxes in the lead up to the school's 50th anniversary - and then they will make their way to those less fortunate than us - those living on the streets of the city we all call home. Thank you for your kind and generous support.
- Children need to play 2 x 5 minute sessions per week on Times Tables Rock Stars on "garage mode".
- We have set the children up with **Spelling Shed** log ins for them to practise their spelling using the spelling games. The log ins are in the back of their yellow book. Once logged in, go to assignments. There is one assignment for the week's spelling words and the other two assignments will be active throughout the year for the children to practise exception and common word spellings. Please reach out if you have any questions. The use of Spelling Shed is optional.
- Please note that on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March we will be going to Holland Park for a class trip to explore all things spring! The school kitchen will provide packed lunches but please send your child with their swimming kit bag to carry it in. If it is a sunny day, please pack suncream and a hat and if it is looking a bit grey, please pack a raincoat! If you have a picnic blanket, please bring it to school so we can enjoy our lunch on the grass. Thank you!
- If you have any questions or would like to inform me of anything, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office ([office@stjamesprep.co.uk](mailto:office@stjamesprep.co.uk)), via Class Dojo or at the end of the day.