

Mad Hatter's Tea-Party

Home Learning Pack



Included in this pack:

- Mad Hatter's Tea-Party reading practice
- Twinkle, Twinkle reading practice
- Character cards
- Tea-party themed writing paper
- Create your own character sheet
- Capital letters for proper nouns worksheet
- Healthy eating activity
- Daily snacks journal
- Snack shop cards

This home learning pack is designed for children in years 1 and 2 to complete, with some adult support where possible, over a week. It contains fun, engaging opportunities to develop and practise reading and writing skills that can be completed within a child's home environment, based around the topic of 'The Mad Hatter's Tea-Party' (from 'Alice in Wonderland', by Lewis Carroll). Activity sheets are provided – but if you do not have access to a printer, all activities could be completed using any paper or writing books that you have at home.

For teachers' reference, the pack covers these key curricular skills:

Reading

- to apply phonic knowledge and skills to read words;
- read accurately blending sounds in words;
- to become familiar with a wider range of stories;
- answer questions about what has been read.

Writing

- to use capital letters for proper nouns (names);
- year 1, to write simple sentences;
- year 2, to write character descriptions

Science

- to describe the importance for humans to eat the right amount of different types of food

Design Technology

- To use the principles of a healthy diet to prepare dishes

A week's worth of activities are described on the next page, with helpful information for adults explaining how to use these resources with your child. They are designed to be as fun, practical and creative as possible – nurturing children's natural curiosity, developing their literacy skills and keeping learning lively!

Activities



Mad Hatter's Tea-Party Reading Practice

Encourage your child to read the [Tea-Party text](#) to you, or read it to them where needed. Discuss the questions on each page to check their understanding of the story. Year 2 children may be able to write their answers, or alternatively, you could talk about the [answers](#) together.

Twinkle, Twinkle Reading Practice

Read the [Twinkle Twinkle song](#) with your child. Do they notice that it is different from the traditional nursery rhyme? Talk about the questions at the end of the song (Year 2 children may be able to write their [answers](#)). Your child could then learn the song and perform it using actions and/or props that they could make.

Writing Character Descriptions

Look at the [character cards](#) with your child. Can they describe the characters? Play a game where they choose a card and then describe the character to you. Can you guess which character it is? Ask them to choose one of the cards and write a description of that character. They may do more than one character description. Ask them to think about a character that they might like to invite to a tea-party. Using the [‘create your own character’ worksheet](#), they can draw a picture of their character and write a description of them.

Capital Letters For Proper Nouns

A proper noun is a name of a specific person or place and these always need capital letters. Use the [capital letters worksheet](#) to practise writing names with capital letters, making sure that the capital letters are tall.

Healthy Eating Activity

In years 1 and 2, children need to recognise healthy and unhealthy food. For the [healthy eating activity](#), children should cut out the foods (with adult help if necessary) and place them on the worksheet to show whether they are healthy or unhealthy. Next, they could design a healthy meal of their own. If you have the ingredients, you could make it together!

Daily Snack Journal

Encourage your child to eat healthily using the [daily snack journal](#). Your child can record each day what they are eating as snacks and record which ones are healthy.

Other activities:

Make your own [snack shop](#) using the cards in the pack; your child can draw pictures to show what snacks are on offer and how much they will be. Give them a set amount to spend each day. They will be using their maths skills while they shop! TOP TIP: by making the healthier snacks less expensive, it may encourage them to choose these options.

- Have your own Mad Hatter's tea-party! Invite your child to set the table, writing name labels to practise their capital letters for proper nouns. They could create a menu and invitations for the people in your family – or their toys! Then ask them to help you with preparing the food for the tea-party – and tidying up afterwards.
- Encourage your child to make a hat for the Mad Hatter using paper/cardboard or anything else that you have at home. They could wear it for the tea-party!
- Ask your child to write or tell you a story about a mad tea-party with unusual characters. Could you think of some characters, too?
- Watch a version of the film 'Alice in Wonderland' together. Can your child spot the characters at the Mad Hatter's tea-party?

