

Making Christmas biscuits

Key points

Children need to develop skills in using tools and in developing good hand-eye co-ordination in order to learn to write.

Now try this together

You will need packets of biscuits, icing sugar, a bowl and a blunt knife.

Help your child to mix icing sugar with a little water to make an icing paste. Then ask your child to choose a biscuit and talk about its shape and what they want to make it into.

Encourage your child to use the blunt knife to spread the icing paste over the biscuit by themselves. They can then choose sweets and other decorations to place on the biscuit. Talk to your child about the colours, shapes and positions of the sweets and decorations.

You can repeat the process until you have enough biscuits for all the family.

Leave the biscuits aside for the icing to set and serve as a treat.

Skills

Spreading,
designing,
decorating
mixing

Talking points

- ▶ What colour icing shall we use?
- ▶ What design shall we use?
- ▶ How does the icing feel?
- ▶ What decorations shall we use?
- ▶ What must we do before they are ready to eat?

