



Craft Activity

Theme: Queen's Birthday

Intro: Australia celebrates the Queen's Birthday holiday as Queen Elizabeth II is our head of state. The Queen has many crowns that she wears for different formal occasions. Would you like to be a queen or king for a day?

Craft activity: Crowns

Children will need: Long strip of cardboard, crown template, foil paper shapes, stickers, glitter, glue sticks, sticky tape.

Instructions:

Decorate a crown template with foil paper shapes, stickers and glitter. Glue/tape the crown to the middle of a long strip of cardboard. Measure the strip around your head and tape together where it fits best.

Extension Idea: You may like to add some long pieces of crepe paper/streamers to the back of your crown for 'hair'!

Fact: The Queen has 2 Birthdays. Her actual birthday is on 21st April (born 1926) although her official birthday is celebrated in South Australia on the second Monday in June each year.



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world..

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Playdough High Tea Party.

You will need: 2-3 different coloured playdoughs (you may like to add cocoa, cinnamon, or vanilla essence to the playdough recipe), paper or plastic patty pans, plastic flowers, large plastic plates, plastic tubs e.g. empty margarine containers, sticky tape.

Instructions:

Tape plastic plates to plastic tubs to make 'cake stands'. Provide playdoughs, patty pans and plastic flowers for children to make playdough cupcakes to display on the cake stands.

Outside activity: High Tea Party

Turn your snack time into an outside High Tea Party. Put tables together lengthways to make one long table and put chairs around. Add tablecloths, vases of flowers, plates, cups, napkins, place cards etc. Children can help set the table and wear their crowns to the party. You may like to have cake stands to serve your snacks on or serve fruit in little patty pans.

Group time ideas:

Ask children to wear their crown to group time today.

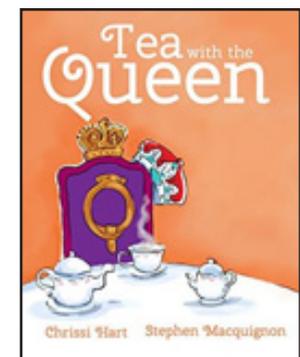
You may like to have a little royal parade with children walking around in a circle waving the royal wave.

Show children pictures of Queen Elizabeth II wearing some of her different crowns.



Book Suggestions:

The Queen is Coming to Tea By Linda Ravin Lodding
Tea with the Queen By Chrissi Hart & Stephen Macquignon.





Ten Little Leaves

(Tune: If you're happy and you know it)

If you're a queen or a king put on your crown, (pretend to put a crown on your head or use your craft crown)

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If you're a queen or a king stand up and be proud, (stand up straight)

If you're a queen or a king put on your crown. (pretend to put a crown on your head or use your craft crown)

Nursery Rhymes

(you may have a Nursery Rhyme picture book with the following rhymes in it).

Queen of Hearts

The Queen of Hearts

She made some tarts,

All on a summer's day.

The Knave of Hearts,

He stole the tarts,

And took them clean away.

The King of Hearts,

Called for the tarts,

And beat the Knave full sore.

The Knave of Hearts

Brought back the tarts,

And vowed he'd steal no more.

Pussycat Pussycat Where Have You Been?

Pussycat pussycat where have you been?

I've been up to London to visit the Queen!

Pussycat pussycat what did you there?

I frightened a little mouse under the chair!

Sing a Song of Sixpence

Sing a song of sixpence, a pocket full of rye;

Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie.

When the pie was opened, the birds began to sing,

Wasn't that a dainty dish to set before the king?

The king was in the counting-house, counting out his money;

The queen was in the parlour, eating bread and honey;

The maid was in the garden, hanging out the clothes,

When down came a blackbird and pecked off her nose.

