# chocolate dinosaur nests

## ingredients

- 200g dark chocolate
- 50g butter
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 100g cornflakes
- 24 mini eggs

Don't let the bottom of the bowl you are melting the chocolate in touch the simmering water

tip

#### directions

- 1. Melt the chocolate, butter & golden syrup together in a bowl over a gently simmering pan of water.
- 2. Stir until smooth and remove the bowl from the heat.
- 3. Stir in the cornflakes & mix until well coated.
- 4. Spoon into the muffin cases & make a well in the centre.
- 5. Add 3 mini eggs to each nest & place in the fridge to harden.



#### directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4/350°F.
- 2. Cream the butter & sugar together until pale & beat in the eggs & vanilla.
- 3. In another bowl, combine the flour, baking powder & salt. Add the dry ingredients to the butter & eggs & mix gently but surely. Add a little more flour if the mixture is too sticky.
- 4. Halve the dough, form into fat discs, wrap each half in cling film & rest in the fridge for at least 1 hour
- 5. Sprinkle a surface with flour, place a disc of dough on it & sprinkle a little more flour & roll out
- 6. Use your dinosaur biscuit cutters & place the biscuits a little apart on two lined baking trays
- 7. Bake for 8–12 minutes, by which time they will be lightly golden around the edges. Cool on a rack and continue with the rest of the dough
- 8. When fully cooled, the biscuits can be iced and decorated. Put a couple of tablespoons of hot water into a large bowl, add the sieved icing sugar & mix together, adding more water as you need to form a thick paste. Colour as desired & have fun decorating your dinosaurs!

# dinosaur biscuits



## ingredients

- 175g soft unsalted butter
- 200g caster sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 400g plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 300g icing sugar (sieved)
- food colouring
- Dinosaur shaped food cutters (available online)

# dinosaur meringue bones

# ingredients

- Box of 6 eggs
- 250g caster sugar

#### directions

### tip

You will need a piping bag to pipe your dinosaur bones!

- 1. Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Put egg whites & sugar in the heatproof bowl and set over a pan of simmering water.
- 2. Whisk constantly until sugar is dissolved & mixture feels warm to the touch. About 5 minutes.
- 3. Remove the bowl from the heat & beat on high speed until very stiff peaks form. About 8 minutes.
- 4. Transfer meringue to a pastry bag fitted with a 1/2-inch plain round tip & pipe bone shapes onto two lined baking sheets.
- 5. Bake until crisp throughout, about 1 hour.
- 6. Let them cool on a wire rack.



# dinosaur cupcakes

#### directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 180C/gas 4 & line 12-hole muffin tin with paper cases.
- 2. Cream the butter & sugar together in a bowl until pale. Beat in the eggs a little at a time & add vanilla extract.
- 3. Fold in the flour using a metal spoon, adding a little milk until the mixture is of a dropping consistency. Spoon the mixture into the paper cases until they are half full.
- 4. Bake in the oven for 10-15 minutes until golden- brown on top & a skewer comes out clean. Set aside to cool for 10 minutes and cool on a wire rack.
- 5. For the buttercream icing, beat butter in a large bowl until soft. Add half the icing sugar & beat until smooth.
- 6. Add the remaining icing sugar with one tablespoon of milk, add more in necessary, until the mixture is smooth and creamy.
- 7. Add the food colouring & mix well.
- 8. Decorate the cupcakes with the buttercream & dino-themed toppers.



# ingredients

- 110g butter
- 110g caster sugar
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 110g self-raising flour
- 1-2 tbsp milk

For the buttercream icing

- 140g butter, softened
- 280g icing sugar
- 1-2 tbsp milk
- a few drops of food
- colouring

For the toppers - use ready to roll marzipan, or you can buy edible dino-themed toppers online, or make them out of cardboard.