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Opening extract from Grobswitchy Grubcakes

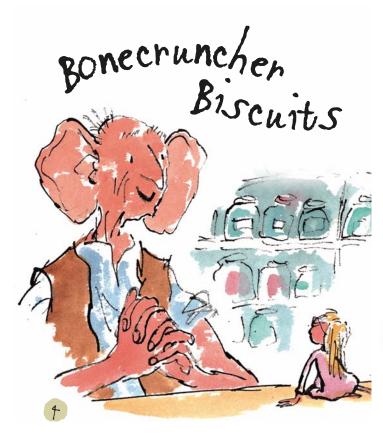
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Step 1

Ensure the butter is soft – either leave it out for about an hour, or heat it for a few seconds in the microwave. Then, pour the butter into the mixing bowl.

Step 2

Sift the flour into the bowl and mix until smooth. Then, stir in the cheese, keeping a handful to one side. Keep mixing until you can press the mixture into a ball.



Step 3

Now, roll out the dough mixture until it is about 1 cm thick.





Step 4

Ask an adult to cut out as many bone shapes as they can from the dough, using a knife. Place the

bones onto a greased baking tray.



Step 5

Place the tray into a preheated oven (180°C/350°F/gas mark 4). Cook for 20 minutes, scattering the saved cheese over the bones 5 minutes before the cooking time is up. Remove the bones from the oven and leave to cool on the wire rack.



oompa-Loompa Cakes You Will Need: • 225 g self-raising flour • 75 g margarine • 75 g caster sugar • 1 egg • 75–100 ml milk • 25 g cocoa powder • a small bar of milk chocolate hundreds and thousands • a selection of chocolate-covered sweets • a sieve • a mixing bowl • a wooden spoon • a wire rack • mini cupcake cases from kit • a greased mini bun tray 7

Step 1

Turn the oven on to 200°C/400°F (gas mark 6). Put the mini cupcake cases in a mini bun tray. Place the sieve over a bowl, and sift the flour into it.



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Put the margarine in the bowl and, using your fingers, rub the margarine in until the mixture becomes crumbly. Add the sugar and mix in.



Step 3

Add the egg and milk and mix, using a wooden spoon, to make a stiff mixture. Now, stir in cocoa powder – this turns the mixture chocolatey.



Step 4

Put spoonfuls of the mixture into the cupcake cases. Bake in the oven for 10–15 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

Step 5

Break a bar of chocolate into pieces, and place into a covered heatproof bowl. Heat in the microwave for 45 seconds and stir until smooth. Then, fill a spoon with the chocolate, and spread it on the top of the cakes.

Step 6

While the chocolate is still warm, shake on hundreds and thousands and stick on a chocolate-covered sweet.

"You only had to mention the word 'cacao' to an Oompa-Loompa and he would start dribbling at the mouth"

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