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How to Throw Your Own Mad Hatter's Tea Party

We would love for you to join in our celebrations for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland's* 150th birthday! What better way to celebrate than throwing your own MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY! This helpful guide contains tips on decorations, food and activities... everything you need to throw your own Alice themed party.



DECORATIONS:

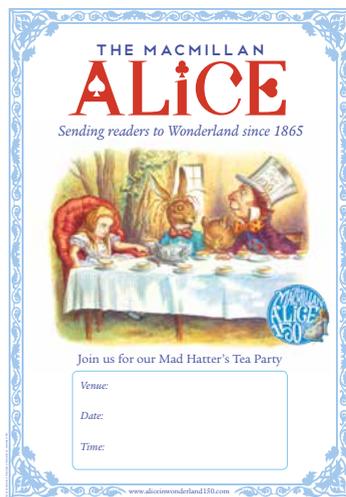
We have sent you lovely bunting, balloons and stickers in this pack to decorate your tea party. We also have posters that you can use and don't forget to put up your special poster advertising your Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

Some other simple tips:

♣ Make a MAD tablecloth - buy a plain tablecloth and decorate it by using stamps, paints or sticking on pictures of characters.

♣ Scatter playing cards on the table or cut out shapes like hearts and clubs and scatter them on the table.

♣ Make a paper cut-out in a fob watch design (included in this activity pack) and use this as a placemat – you can also get your guests to colour it in.



FOOD & DRINK:

♣ Attach *Drink Me* and *Eat Me* labels using ribbon or string to bottles, tea cups, bowls, plates and anything else that holds food or drink.

♣ Remember nothing matches on the Mad Hatter's table so use an assortment of different sized cups, plates, bowls even teapots – anything goes.

♣ Make some Alice cocktail sticks - If you are having any small snacks on sticks, such as sausages, you could decorate the cocktail sticks with Alice designs. All you need to do is print out small Alice related images and stick them to cocktail sticks. You could also stick them in sandwiches to make them look pretty.

♣ Bake cookies or mini cupcakes and write *Eat Me* on them in icing. You can also bake cookies in the shape of the letters *Eat Me* or teacups, rabbits, or shapes from playing cards.

♣ If you are feeling particularly adventurous you could even bake a cake in the shape of a mushroom or a tea pot.



ACTIVITIES & GAMES:

There are lots of lovely activity sheets included in this pack so there are lots of activities to get your guests involved in – they can colour in a mask to wear, join the dots on the white rabbit and even do an Alice in Wonderland word search.

You may also want to play some tea party games with your guests so we've included some simple game ideas.

♣ FIND THE WHITE RABBIT

Gather a lot of teacups and put them upside down on a table. Hide a white rabbit (or any other suitable Alice character) underneath one of them.

Guests take turns and lift one cup per turn – you can shuffle the cups after each turn if you'd like. The winner is the one who finds the White Rabbit.

♣ HUMPTY DUMPTY

Get your guests to paint some hard boiled eggs to look like Humpty Dumpty, the best one wins a prize.



♣ QUEEN OF HEARTS SAYS

Everyone has to follow the orders of the Queen of Hearts or 'Off With Their Heads'. Play this game like Simon Says, if you don't do what the queen says then you are out. The last one standing is the winner.

Now you have everything you could possibly need to throw your own Mad Hatter's Tea Party – Macmillan hope you enjoy your trip to Wonderland!