

# key stage one activities

## make your own pumpkin soup

After reading *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper (Picture Corgi) why not find an easy recipe from a children's cookbook and do some simple cooking?

Children can join in with the actions from the book, taking it in turns to carefully stir the soup. Try this easy recipe:

### quick and simple pumpkin soup

If you can't find pumpkin, carrot or butternut squash would make a good substitute for this recipe.

You will need:

Butter or oil

1 large pumpkin cut into chunks

2 cloves garlic, chopped (optional)

1/2 red chilli, chopped (optional)

1 can coconut milk

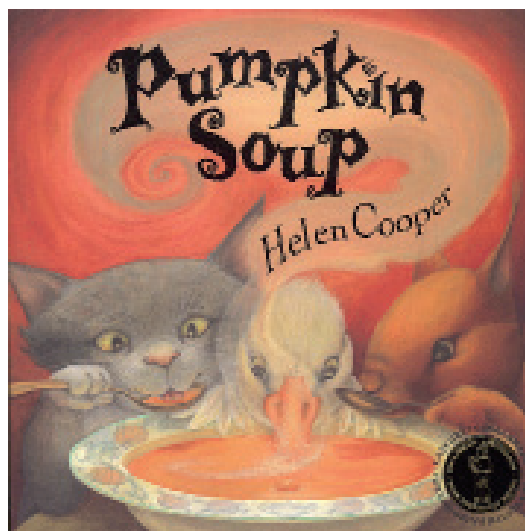
Chicken or veg stock

A few coriander leaves (optional)

Salt and pepper

Put the butter or oil into a pan, then add the pumpkin pieces. Cover tightly and cook until they are tender. Whizz the garlic and chilli in a blender, and then add to the pumpkin, along with the coconut milk. Add a little stock until the soup is the right thickness. Serve topped with a few coriander leaves.

For more great cooking ideas, *Cake Girl* by David Lucas (Andersen Press) could inspire your class to bake a cake; or *What Shall I Make?* by Nandini Nayar and Proiti Roy (Frances Lincoln) would provide a great starting point for making chapattis.



## be a picture detective

*Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper (Picture Corgi) includes lots of hidden details and visual clues to look out for.

- Look at all the items on the title page of the book. Can you find them in the story?
- Can you spot why the soup was too salty when Cat and Squirrel made it without Duck?
- Can you find two little bugs in the pictures? Are they at the beginning? Are they on the last page?

Try being a picture detective with some other picture books. Look at *Voices in the Park* by Anthony Browne (Corgi Children's) or the *Where's Wally?* series (Walker Books) to spot more hidden details.

These activities are focused around sharing picture books and have been designed for children at Key Stage 1.

For more ideas, activities and tips for sharing picture books, visit [www.booktrustchildrensbooks.org.uk](http://www.booktrustchildrensbooks.org.uk)