#### GROWN-UPS!

# Host a tea party!

These activities are great for developing your child's communication, language and literacy skills.

#### Ideas!

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- Make invitations
- Make place cards
  - Make a menu
  - Make play food from play clay
  - Lay the table or picnic blanket
    - Pour the 'tea'
- Serve the teddies their pretend food and drinks
- Listen to and sing Teddy Bear's Picnic
  - Keep talking
- Have fun together!

#### Chat, Play, read

Simple ways to help develop their hungry little minds.



### 3 top tips!

- 1. Get your child's attention. Turn off the TV and radio.
- 2. Build on what they say. If your child says, 'cup' say, 'Yes, it's a cup of tea. Mmm, delicious!'

3. Let children see your mouth forming the letters and words.

Find ideas for simple, fun activities at www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk and more at www.redan.co.uk/activities







Invitations

Mark-making is really important for learning to write. Print out the invitations below for your child to fill in and add pictures.

| Dear  |  |  |
|-------|--|--|
|       | You are invited to join                          |  |
|       | me for Afternoon Tea.                            |  |
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| Dear  |  |  |
| Dear  | You are invited to join                          |  |
| Dear  | You are invited to join<br>me for Afternoon Tea. |  |
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| Date: | me for Afternoon Tea.                            |  |







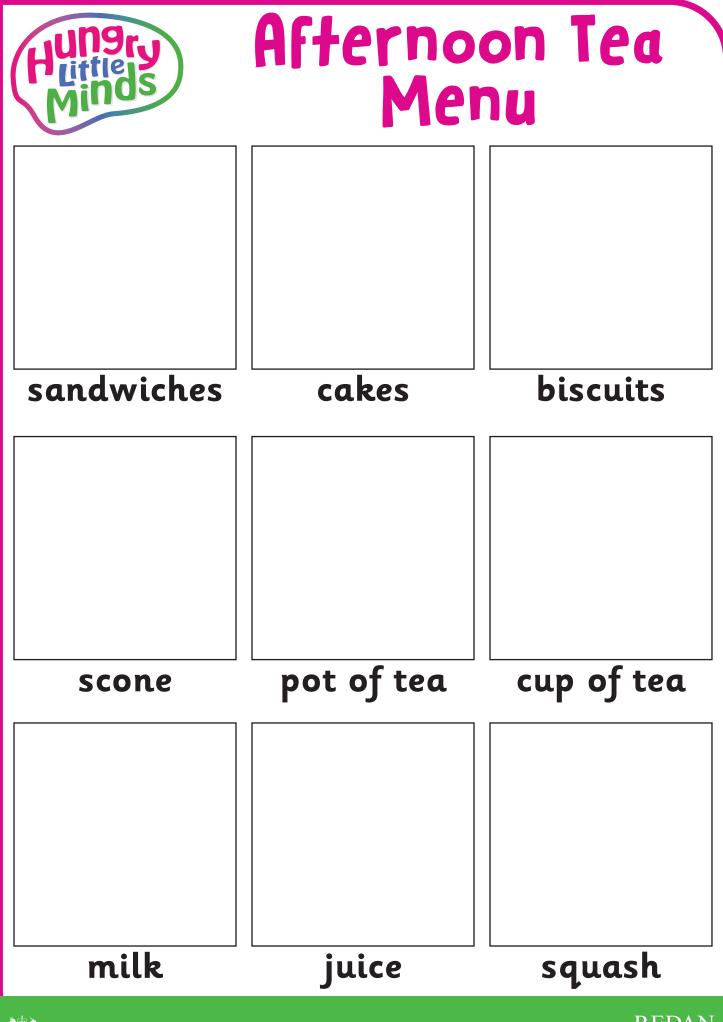
Place cards

Cut these place cards along the dotted lines and fold along the straight lines. Write on the names of your guests. You can also use these to label your play clay food.

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## Menu pictures

Cut these pictures along the dotted lines and stick them on your menu.





