



## Little Mouse and the tasty solstice celebration

Little Mouse was very excited about Summer Solstice. It is the longest day of the year and Little Mouse had lots of ideas of different things that he wanted to do. In fact, he had so many ideas that he got himself into a bother and forgot them!

He decided to help his brain remember by having a few minutes relaxing outside and thinking about it.

As he sat, he watched a butterfly choosing which plants to lay her eggs on by drumming on the leaves with her feet and waiting to taste the juices to make sure that they will feed her caterpillars when they hatch. Yes, that's right, butterflies can taste with their feet!



I wanted to have a picnic Little Mouse remembered and he started to make a list of different foods to prepare for his picnic. That reminded him of the letter that he had received from the MERL chickens telling him that Fred had been feeding them their favourite foods of melon (but not the seeds) and tomato seeds (but not the flesh or skin).



Little Mouse remembered the other thing that he wanted to do which was some watering of the tomato and other fruit plants. He hoped there would be some strawberries ready to pick as they were his absolute favourite summer picnic treat.

As Little Mouse watched the clouds skim across the sky, he remembered the last thing that he wanted to do and that was a bit of shadow art to make the most of the sunshine.

He decided to call up Fong and see if she had any suggestions about what he could do. She had lots of ideas and Little Mouse has asked her to share some with you too. He hopes that you enjoy them as much as he does!



LOOK AT THE SHADOW OF THE TREE IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN AT THE MUSEUM.

## PICNIC

THE SUN IS OUT AND SHINING  
THE WEATHER IS GETTING HOT  
WE'LL START PACKING FOR OUR PICNIC  
WE'LL FIND THE PERFECT SPOT

WE ARE GOING ON A PICNIC  
WE'LL DRINK SOME LEMONADE  
WE'LL HAVE SANDWICHES AND COOKIES  
AND WATCH AN ANT PARADE

WE WILL RUN AROUND AND PLAY  
AND LAY UNDER A TREE  
IT WILL BE A DAY OF FOOD AND FUN  
WITH ALL MY FAMILY

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Why not have a look at some delicious picnic recipes that you could prepare together

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/picnic-recipes-kids>