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Making vanilla ice-cream

"shop"



"eggs"



Y, I watched you play in the garden in the sand and you were holding cone shaped sand molds with a group of children. I then joined you and the group of children playing 'ice-cream'. Some children said they were selling 'strawberry ice-cream', 'vanilla' and 'chocolate melt'.

I asked you 'What flavour ice-cream do you have Y?' You nodded when I said the word 'vanilla'. Y, you and S were both selling 'vanilla ice-cream'!

Y you made marks on paper to show me your 'vanilla ice-cream' (you nodded when I said the word vanilla).

Y, you and S went to the shop to buy the ingredients for the vanilla ice cream. Do you remember our walk to the shop? Can you remember what we saw on our way there?

In the shop we searched for vanilla and cream. We also bought eggs. Do you remember carrying the basket?

"milk"



We followed a recipe for vanilla ice-cream. Can you remember the ingredients?

Ingredients: milk, cream, sugar and vanilla

"spoon"



"vanilla"



It was very fiddly removing the seeds from the vanilla pod. I remember a wonderful sweet vanilla smell!

"pouring milk"



I remember you watched the ice-cream mixture chill and churn in the ice-cream mixer. The paddle moved around and around. Do you remember how we measured the time? We used a sand timer. It was a 5 minute sand timer, we had to turn it over five times! This totalled to 25 minutes.

"ice-cream"



"cold"

How did the ice-cream mixture look and feel when you scooped it out of the ice-cream maker and into the tub? I remember you tasted a small spoonful of ice-cream before putting it into the freezer!

- You were motivated, engaged and interested.
- You were happy, smiling and confident when we went out to the shops.
- You returned to the experience during the week, sustained concentration and persevered.
- You enjoyed working with other children.

What could you do next Y?

Perhaps you could join in with more cooking experiences and go out on more local trips. I think you enjoyed working with other children and would enjoy working with children in small groups.

