

Eggplant Curry with Yoghurt

Season: Summer/Autumn

Serves: 30 tastes in the classroom or 6 at home

Fresh from the garden: coriander, eggplant, garlic, tomato

Equipment:

metric measuring scales and spoons

clean tea towels chopping board

cook's knife

small frying pan

wooden spoon

mortar and pestle

2 large frying pans

tongs

small saucepan

serving platters

Ingredients:

2 large eggplants, sliced into 0.5 cm rounds

2 tsp turmeric

2 tbsp olive oil

2 tbsp cumin seeds

200 g natural yoghurt

1/2 tsp chilli powder

1 large handful of coriander

For the tomato sauce:

2 tsp coriander seeds

2 tsp cumin seeds

1 tbsp olive oil

2 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped

8 medium tomatoes, roughly chopped or 2 × 400 g tins of peeled tomatoes

1 small handful of coriander, finely chopped

salt and pepper, to taste

What to do:

- 1. Prepare all of the ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list.
- 2. Sprinkle the turmeric over the eggplant.
- 3. Dry roast the cummin seeds in the small frying pan.
- 4. Grind the cumin seeds in the mortar and pestle, then set aside.
- 5. Dry fry and grind the coriander and cumin seeds for the tomato sauce.
- 6. To make the tomato sauce, heat the oil in a large frying pan on medium heat, add the garlic and cook for 30 seconds.
- 7. Add the coriander and cumin seeds, along with the tomato and the fresh coriander, and season to taste. Simmer on low while you cook the eggplant.
- 8. Heat 2 thsp of oil in the pan on medium heat and cook the eggplant until golden on both sides.
- 9. Heat three-quarters of the yoghurt in a saucepan over low heat for 1 minute.
- 10. Add the cumin and chilli powder to the warm yoghurt.
- 11. Place a large spoonful of the tomato sauce on each serving platter.
- **12.** Add a layer of the eggplant on top of the tomato sauce.
- 13. Drizzle remaining tomato sauce over the eggplant and add a dollop of the yoghurt on top.
- 14. Sprinkle with fresh coriander before serving.

