# WORLD BOX - 2007 - UNITED KINGDOM

#### Theme - One World One Promise

## **Activity - Cheese Rolling**

#### What you need

- Small Round Cheese
- Table
- Tape Measure
- Chalk (or Counters)
- Ruler

# Join in the Jamboree

Cheese Rolling is an annual event that takes place each year at Cooper's Hill, Gloucestershire. From the top of the hill, a round of Double Gloucester cheese is sent rolling down the hill, and competitors then start racing down the hill after it.

The first person over the finish line at the bottom of the hill wins the cheese.

The competitors are aiming to catch the cheese; however, it has around a one-second head start and can reach speeds up to 70 miles per hour.

- 1. Set up your hill—use a table to make one.
- 2. Predict how far the cheese will go—mark your guess on the floor with chalk (or counters).
- 3. Roll the cheese as far as you can!
- 4. Once the cheese has rolled, measure how far it travelled. Write down the distance or mark it with chalk (or a counter).
- 5. Everyone should have a turn at rolling the cheese down the hill, and everyone should cheer them on, commentate, and measure their attempt.
- 6. Eat your cheese!

#### Reflection:

Cheese Rolling was first documented at Coopers Hill in 1826.

The possible origins of the ceremony that occurs on Spring Bank Holiday, is said to be evolved from the requirement for maintaining grazing rights on the common land. It has now become an annual tradition, just for fun.

### **Safety Notes:**

**Food / Allergies:** Check for allergies before you begin. Make sure you have suitable areas for storing and preparing food and avoid cross contamination of different foods. All activities must be safely managed.



