

PARSNIP AND LEEK SOUP

SERVES 4

INGREDIENTS

25grms(1oz) butter 1 onion - chopped 450grms(1lb) parsnips - diced 225grms(8ozs) potatoes - diced 2 leeks - sliced 25grms(1oz) flour 600ml(1pt) vegetable stock 300ml(1 /2pt) milk salt and pepper

Optional: 50grms(2ozs) mature Stilton cheese/cheddar-grated

METHOD

- 1. Melt butter in a large pan on hotplate and lightly fry onion.
- 2. Stir in parsnips, potatoes and leeks. Continue frying for 2-3 minutes.
- 3. Add flour and stir well.
- 4. Pour in stock and milk slowly-season to taste and stir all ingredients together.
- 5. Bring to boil, half cover with lid and simmer for 1 hour.
- 6. Remove from hotplate, blend half the soup in food processor/liquidiser/stick blender and then repeat.
- 7. Serve into warm bowls and sprinkle with grated cheese.

No food processor? - use a sieve or potato masher.

Parsnips are a good source of vitamin C, also adding minerals to the diet. Leeks contain iron important for red blood cells, so can help fight anaemia. Both vegetables are high in fibre.

