

Foundation Stage Newsletter
Autumn 1st Half 2016

FOOD

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed your summer holidays and would like to welcome everyone back to school. A special welcome to all our new children and their parents. This half term our topic is going to be all about Food! This newsletter is a general outline of some of the things your children will be learning about this term.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

In **RE** the children will be learning about celebrations. They will begin by thinking about what we do to celebrate birthdays.

We will then learn about Harvest, including our Harvest Festival.

In **PSHE** the first part of the term will be helping the nursery children settle into their new class and routines. They will learn how to use activities and resources and be encouraged to talk about their home.

Every week we will have a circle time. This is an opportunity for the children to talk about feelings and share their opinions. The topic this half term is New beginnings.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Our weekly stories will be based around our topic of food.

Nursery and Reception children will be completing daily phonics lessons and

Reception children will have a specific literacy lesson every day.

Lots of our literacy and communication work will be ongoing through play to enable us to cater for the range of ages and abilities within the class. There will be lots of opportunities to listen and recall stories, mark make or begin to write simple words in the role play area.

Maths development

Much of the maths based teaching will be ongoing through the children's play. Although alongside this all children have four focussed maths sessions each morning.

Nursery children will be working on using number names in play, reciting numbers to 10, using fingers to represent amounts, begin to describe shapes.

Reception children will focus on reciting numbers to 20, order numbers to 10, describe and name shapes, continue repeating patterns, partition five objects in different ways.

Understanding the world

Our topic of food will involve lots of cooking and using looking at how food can change. We will also be finding out about where food comes from and how it changes over time. The children will also have opportunities to grow and care for their environment. Children will use the cameras to take pictures of things they have observed.

Physical development

Every morning the children will take part in busy fingers, developing their fine motor skills. This will include activities such as threading, snipping and drawing lines and circles.

Nursery P.E- Nursery children will have PE every Monday morning. They will focus on moving in a range of ways around apparatus such as rolling, crawling, jumping and sliding. Reception PE- will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon with Mr Green.

Expressive arts and design

Reception and nursery children will be involved in weekly music sessions where they will be learning new songs.

Our role play area is set up as a café. The children will be encouraged to take on different roles when playing in there.

We will have lots of painting of foods, using craft materials to create different foods and perhaps some food in our water tray.

In the **Role play** area we will begin the term with a café. If anyone has any old pots or pans or play food we would really appreciate them.

Things to remember

- Come and share a story with your child every Friday morning. 8.45- 9.00
- Always leave spare clothes on your child's peg.
- Check the notice board in atrium to see weekly plans and other information.
- Use wow certificates, see letter in your induction pack.
- We will let you know when we are going to start show and tell.

Please do not hesitate to come and ask us if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks

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