

24th April 2017

Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter break. The theme for this term will be Food.

Year: Reception

Term: Summer Term 1

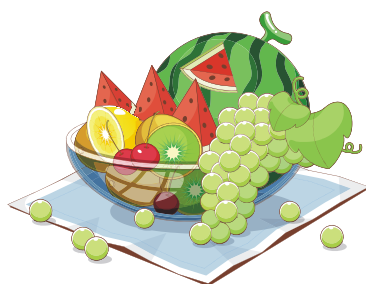
Theme: Food

Key books: The Tiger Who Came to Tea, The Magic Porridge Pot, Oliver's Vegetables.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

What will we be doing?

- Learning to talk about food that we like and dislike and food that is healthy or unhealthy.
- Learning how to make different kinds of food such as fruit salad, porridge and chips.



Understanding the World

What will we be doing?

- Finding out about food from around the world, especially food that is used in important celebrations.
- Investigating objects and materials by using our senses e.g. tasting different food.
- Learning about family customs and celebrations that other people enjoy, and the foods they eat during these special times.
- Learning how to use different computer programs e.g. Paint, Dazzle and Beebots

Communication and

Language

What will we be doing?

- Talking about different types of food we enjoy eating, giving opinions and reasons for our thinking.

Reading

What will we be doing?

- Reading with our teacher daily during Guided Reading.
- Listening to a wide range of stories.
- Reading the Reception high frequency words.
- Learning set 1 and set 2 sounds to help us to read unfamiliar words.
- Reading Bug Club books at home and in class.

Writing

What will we be doing?

- We will be using our sound and on-sight knowledge to write for a variety of purposes. e.g Creating a menu, recipes, designing a healthy/unhealthy poster, writing sentences about our favourite foods etc.
- Learning set 1 and set 2 sounds to help us to spell words.
- Practising handwriting to form letters correctly and keep letters regularly sized.

Mathematics

What will we be doing?

- Counting forwards and backwards and recognising numbers up to 100.
- Counting in groups of 2, 5 and 10.
- Learning to add and recognise half using cups in our Maths Makes Sense activities.
- Learning to use money to buy items e.g. in a grocery shop.
- Recognising and describing 3D shapes.

Physical Development

What will we be doing?

- Developing our skills in movement e.g. in PE.
- Learning about being healthy and showing how and why we can make healthy choices.
- Practising our fine motor skills using tools like pencils and scissors, using them with increased control and precision.



Expressive Arts and Design

What will we be doing?

- Making observational drawings of fruit and vegetables using paints and pencils.
- Taking part in role play activities such as going to a market stall and enjoying a tea party with friends.
- Singing familiar and unfamiliar songs and rhymes.
- Dancing to different music.
- Taking part in the Early Years Assemblies.

How can you help your child?

Please can you help your child with their **homework**. The homework is set weekly for mathematics and literacy to consolidate your child's learning.

Please can you also help your child to **recognise different coins** and begin to sort them. Can they tell you which has the most value?

Encourage your child to know which **day and date** it is so that they can help change the class daily calendar.

Please regularly **practise reading and spelling the high frequency words** in their homework book. These are common words that your child needs to be able to read and write in school.

Please encourage your child to **taste different types of healthy foods**. We will send home WOW certificates for you to award to your child for trying new healthy food.

Places to Visit

This is a great time to visit the local farm, food markets and supermarkets where children can see a variety of foods.

Donations

Please can you donate some of the following:

magazines, newspapers, old birthday cards, blank invitation forms, traditional artefacts like special clothes for dressing up, hats, or CD's of any special songs that you sing. We will then share these and learn about each other.

Last notes

Our priority is to ensure the safety of all pupils in our care. We would therefore ask all those waiting to pick up their children at the end of the day, to please wait patiently. If you have letters to hand in or need to speak to your child's teacher then please wait until the teacher has finished dismissing the rest of the class.

Diary dates:

- ❖ **Monday 1st May** – SCHOOL CLOSED – Bank Holiday
- ❖ **Wednesday 17th May** – GF5 Assembly @ 10.15am
- ❖ **Thursday 18th May** – GF6 Assembly @ 10.15am
- ❖ **Thursday 18th and Friday 19th May** – Visit to Newham City Farm.
- ❖ **Thursday 25th May** – GF4 Assembly @ 10.15am
- ❖ **Friday 26th May** – Last day of term.
- ❖ **Monday 29th to Friday 2nd June** – SCHOOL CLOSED - Half term Holiday.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher to discuss any aspect of your child's education at school. Our teachers will happily make an appointment to speak with you.

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