

Learning Journey - Autumn 1 2019



Munch, Crunch, Lunch



This learning journey is an outline of what we will be learning this term. What we do in class may vary from this plan in response to the children's needs and interests. The boxes identify the areas of the Early Years Curriculum.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The main focus for this term is settling in and making friends. The children will be supported in order to understand and comply with school routines and expectations by their peers, buddies and staff. Every day activities and circle times will be aimed towards giving the children the skills and tools necessary to be good friends to each other.

Communication and Language

We will develop our communication and language skills through collaborative learning and play. During Plan-Do-Review the children talk about the activities they are planning and the learning taking place. The children will be supported in developing their conversation skills by exploring ideas through speech and taking turns and listening to each other's ideas.

Literacy: Reading and Writing

The classroom environment will provide many opportunities for mark making, emerging writing and reading. The children will take part in daily phonics sessions which teach the letters and sounds as well as the techniques to decode when reading and to construct simple words while writing. We will have a number of focus texts throughout the term which will inspire our learning activities throughout the curriculum.

Week 1: Getting to know you

The children will be getting used to their new roles in the school, as well as the class routines and making new friends.

Weeks 2 and 3: Our favourite foods and Healthy Choices

We will be talking about our favourite foods and how we all have different preferences. We will be looking at how different foods can affect our health, with the aim of planning a healthy menu.

Week 4: Different food in the UK

Looking at the different countries in the UK we will be exploring and tasting regional food, as well as investigating seasonal food.

Weeks 5 and 6: Where does our food come from?

The children will be thinking about all of the different foods available to us and where in the world they have come from.

Week 7: Little Chefs and Harvest

We will be inviting parents in for a stay and play session to make a tasty treat. More details to follow soon. We will also be participating in the School Harvest celebrations.

Physical Development

Every morning will start with fine motor skills activities. We also do daily exercise routines with 'Jump Start Jonny', who helps us to improve our fitness, co-ordination and concentration. The children will have PE lessons twice a week and have access to a range of physical activities during their child initiated time.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be drawing and painting different foods by observation, in addition to exploring how we can create art using different foods as artistic tools. The children will have a lot of fun attempting to build structures using different foods. As a class, we learn and join in with a number of songs with actions, some of which are sure to be food themed. Our indoor and outdoor role play areas are being transformed into a Home Corner and a farm shop, providing plenty of opportunity for imaginative play.

Mathematics

In addition to basic number and shape space and measure work, the children will be applying their maths to real life situations in cooking, such as weighing the ingredients and how long something needs to be cooked for. We will be looking to recognise numbers in recipes and on various cooking equipment.

Understanding the World

The children will be learning about the different people in the community who are involved in providing our food. We will be cooking and experimenting with food, giving the children the chance to observe and explore what happens to different foods. We will also be looking at seasonal change and investigating different materials.