






'Fascinating Food'

Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
Communication & Language	<p>The children will be introduced to stories that relate to our new topic 'Fascinating Food'. In phonics, the children will continue to look at specific sounds whilst supporting their listening & attention skills. Our January starters will be supported to recognise sounds in their environment & develop their knowledge of instrumental sounds.</p> 	<p>Talk to your child about the sounds they can hear in their environment whilst also singing a range of nursery rhymes. Continue to support your child to recognise the initial sounds in their names & everyday items, e.g. d for door.</p>
Physical Development	<p>The children will practise their balancing & climbing skills using the outdoor equipment & will continue to develop their gross motor skills using the scooters & bikes. The children will continue to take part in a daily 'Dough Disco' where they build on their fine motor skills & strengthen the muscles in their hands.</p>	<p>Give your child lots of opportunities to improve their fine motor skills by giving them activities to use with their hands such as threading, cutting & colouring. Encourage your child to walk, bike & scooter to school to develop good gross motor skills.</p>
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	<p>This half-term we will be welcoming our January starters to Nursery where we will support them in building new relationships & feeling safe & secure in school. We will continue to support all the children with their turn-taking & social development. We will also support all the children in becoming increasingly independent in meeting their own needs such as going to the toilet on their own & putting their coats & shoes on & off.</p>	<p>Support your child in turn-taking by playing games with them & sharing toys. Encourage your child to be independent to dress & undress themselves, particularly their coat & shoes. Continue to reinforce expected behaviour at home that your child follows in Nursery.</p>

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<p>Literacy</p>	<p>The Tiger Who Came to Tea  100 Years</p> <p>Related to our topic, Nursery will be reading stories to acquire their new knowledge of foods including; Oliver's Fruit Salad, Meg's Veg, The Very Hungry Caterpillar & The Tiger who Came to Tea. We will also be encouraging the children to write their name independently on their work to build on their letter & writing skills.</p>	<p>Continue to read a range of books to your child & introduce new vocabulary as you do this. Work with your child to write their name – model how to do this & then support your child in doing this independently.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>In maths, the children will be focusing on the numbers 3, 4 & 5. Within our lessons, we will be looking at linking numerals to the amounts (showing the right number of objects to match the numeral) & focusing on recognising up to 3 objects without having to count them individually. For our January starters, the children will have their introduction to numbers whilst taking part in number songs such as 'Five Current Buns' & 'Five Little Ducks'.</p>	<p>Support your child in their counting skills & model how to count objects one at a time by touching the object & saying the number. Practise recognising numerals 0-3. Sing a range of counting songs with your child.</p>
<p>Understanding the World</p>	<p>During our 'Fascinating Food' topic, the children will have a range of taster sessions where they will have the opportunity to try a variety of foods. The children will also begin to look at the foods from our focused stories & decide whether these are healthy or unhealthy; we will also discuss the importance of healthy lifestyles. As we complete our topic, the children will begin to acquire baking skills where they will make their own cupcake to decorate.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about the foods that you eat at home – discuss these food names & talk about their likes & dislikes. Encourage your child to use their own knife & fork at home & support them to do this independently.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts & Design</p>	<p>The children will complete a range of art activities that are linked to our stories of the week. This will include using a range of shapes & resources to make a fruit basket from 'Handa's Surprise' & a caterpillar from 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. For our January starters, the children will look at colour names & identify colours in their environment whilst also acquiring skills in using tools such as paint, pencils & paintbrushes.</p> 	<p>Encourage your child to explore their imagination as they create drawings & paintings – ask questions such as 'What are you going to draw?' Ask your child to create a picture that includes shapes, for example, triangles, squares, circles & rectangles.</p>

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