



Nursery - Ready, steady, cook!



We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. This half term we would like to welcome our Acorns children who will be joining us in Oaks.

We will be tickling our taste buds by finding out all about food. We'll taste foods from around the world, choose our favourite healthy foods, grow vegetables in our patch, role play in our restaurant and compete in "The Great Nursery Bake Off."

Personal, Social and Emotional

Play problem solving games involving turn taking and sharing.

Think about what makes a good friend and create a 'friendship' recipe.

Have fun working together in our role play restaurant, sharing our own ideas and listening to the ideas of others.

Communication and language

Answer "how" and "why" questions to discuss food from around the world.

Talk about our food preferences and describe the foods we taste.

Learn and sing food action rhymes: 5 currant buns, 10 fat sausages and pat-a-cake.

Physical development

Enjoy developing our fine motor and pencil control by making purposeful marks.

Explore healthy eating, taste different healthy foods and find out why it is good for our bodies.

Move rhythmically through dance and ring games.

English

We will read : '**Mr Wolf's Pancakes**' by Jan Fearnley '**Oliver's fruit salad**' and '**Oliver's vegetables**' by Vivian French and '**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**' by Eric Carle.

Explore rhyme and alliteration stories including 'Pass the Jam Jim' by Kaye Umansky and 'Don't put your finger in the Jelly Nelly!' by Nick Sharratt.

Begin the Little Wandle phonics scheme to teach early phonics, exploring initial sounds, letters and environmental print.

Explore early writing by creating recipe cards,

Understanding the World

We will explore foods from all around the world.

Make pancakes and find out about Shrove Tuesday.

Get growing by planting vegetables in our Nursery vegetable patch.

Reminders:

Please ensure **all** belongings and uniform are clearly labelled.



Maths

Practise counting fruit at snack time (for example, how many segments in an orange.)

Use 2D shapes to make pretend pizzas!

When we bake and cook, we'll explore measuring and capacity.

Take part in shopping list activities and role play, counting and retrieving the correct amount of items on the list.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will cook up a storm and take part in our 'Great Nursery Bake Off'.

Create 'favourite meal' and 'healthy food' collages using a variety of materials.

Explore food art and patterns using fruit and vegetables based on the works of Guiseppe Arcimboldo.



FAST FACT: By 4 years old, your child should be able to speak in complete sentences, answer simple questions, and have back-and-forth conversations.