



Nursery - Ready, steady, cook!



I 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.

Children will be tickling their taste buds and 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 make lots of lovely food.

Personal, Social and Emotional

By talking about the people we love, children will celebrate Valentines Day.

By creating a 'friendship' recipe, children will think about what makes a good friend.

Children will continue to share their own ideas and listen to the ideas of others.

Communication and language

By discussing food from around the world, children will answer "how" and "why" questions.

Children will talk about their food preferences and describe the foods they taste.

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

Physical development

By making purposeful marks, children will develop their fine motor and pencil control.

Children will taste different healthy foods and find out why it is good for their bodies.

By moving rhythmically through dance and ring games, children will develop their gross motor skills.

Literacy

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.

By reading 'Pass the Jam Jim' by Kaye Umansky and 'Don't put your finger in the Jelly Nelly!' by Nick Sharratt, children will explore rhyme and alliteration.

In Nursery we will continue with the Little Wandle phonics scheme to teach early phonics, exploring initial sounds and phonological awareness.

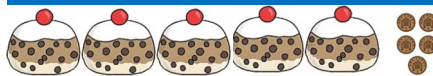
By creating recipe cards, menus and shopping lists, children will explore early writing.

Understanding the World

When children celebrate Lunar New Year, they will explore foods from around the world and even try some Chinese food,

To find out more about Shrove Tuesday, children will make pancakes.

By planting seeds in our Nursery vegetable patch, children will grow their own fruit and vegetables.



Mathematics

Children will practise counting using fruit at snack time (for example, how many segments in an orange?)

By making pretend pizzas, children will explore 2D shapes.

When we bake and cook, children explore measuring and capacity.

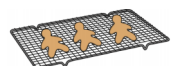
Children will take part in shopping list activities and role play, counting and retrieving the correct amount of items on the list.



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will complete collages using a variety of materials to create images of their favourite meal and healthy food.

Based on the works of Guiseppe Arcimboldo, children will explore food art and pattern using fruit and vegetables.



Reminders:

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