

Communication and Language

We will continue to develop speaking and listening skills in our daily nursery activities. Our role-play area is now a healthy cafe and the children can develop their language and narratives as they play at being cooks and customers. We will continue to build understanding of language (using words and makaton sign) linked to our learning through our weekly word power words. In circle time we will specifically think about how to listen when others are speaking.

Expressive Art and Design

Children will take part in observational drawings of unusual fruit and vegetables using a variety of media, including oil chalks. We will use different materials to make collages of healthy plates of food and look at the work of the artists Giuseppe Arcimboldo and Van Gogh. We will make Winter art pictures using cold colours and materials. We will make models and incorporate different textures into our art.

Mathematical Development

This half-term we will continue to enjoy numbers. We will count, identify numbers, match numbers to quantities and use the language of "more" and "fewer" in practical situations. In particular we will focus on the numbers 6 to 8. We will find out about capacity and use the vocabulary as we make milkshake. Children will play with money in the role-play café. When reading the Hungry Caterpillar, we will learn about the days of the week. We will also emphasise positional language in our play.

Hello! This is an overview of our learning in Nursery this half-term. You can help at home by talking about food, tasting new food, making food and reading fiction and non-fiction books linked to our topic You could also discuss the word power words displayed in the conservatory with your child. Thank you. Mrs Guest, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Afsar.

Literacy

We will work on letters and sounds, focusing on a new sound each week. This half term we will cover d,g,o,c, k and ck. We will be undertaking practical activities to help the children recognise each letter, remember what sounds it makes and be able to hear it in words. Forming the letters in a variety of media will also be a focus. We will also continue to practise orally blending and segmenting the sounds in simple words. As a class we will write about our winter walk, make lists, labels and letters. We will be doing a lot of talking about the stories we read at school; discussing the characters, setting and making predictions.

Physical Development

In P.E we will begin with dance. We will listen to different kinds of music and develop movement that reflects our feelings. Through the *Healthy Movers* programme we will take part in activities to develop agility, stability, coordination and body confidence. Healthy eating will be explored and how this contributes to a healthy and happy life, along with exercise, hygiene, sleep and safety. We will talk about how we move safely and how we use tools and equipment safely. Fine motor skills will be developed through the *Squiggle While you Wiggle* program, dough disco and through pencil control activities.

**Our topic this term is
"Yummy Scummy in
my Tummy!"
Spring 1
Nursery
Mrs Guest**



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will help the children to form positive relationships, by discussing and modelling friendly behaviour and ways to resolve conflict. In the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning Program we will focus on "Going for Goals". Using Circle time we will think about what we are good at, our achievements and what we would like to be able to do.

Understanding of the World

We will be learning about food and health this half-term. We will think about why we need food, talk about our favourite food, learn about healthy and unhealthy foods and the need for variety in the food we eat. We will look closely at fruit, its texture, smell, appearance and taste. We will make our own fruit salad to be served in the Durham Lane cafe - role play area. We will also make and eat a healthy pizza in Nursery. We will reflect on the different ways the children have experienced Christmas. Our children will also learn about and observe the change of season from Autumn to Winter. In science, we will investigate hot and cold and freezing and melting.