

Reception Parents'/Carers' Information

Spring Term 2

Food

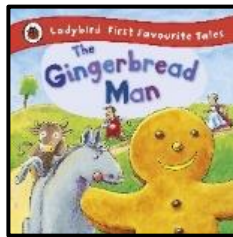
What we are learning this half term...

We will begin a new topic around 'Food'. We will learn lots of facts about Pancake Day and Chinese New Year. We will move onto finding out about where food comes from. Next, we will focus our learning around the story of Supertato and the antics of the 'Evil Pea' before finishing the half term learning about Easter.

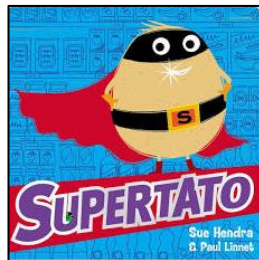
The core story for this half term is **The Gingerbread Man**.

Other things we will do...

We will be making traps to catch the Evil Pea, making our own Supertato and his friends, vegetable printing & colour mixing.



We will look at lots of non-fiction books about food and other food stories such as 'Supertato', 'Oliver's Vegetables', 'Little Red Hen' and 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes.'



We will write recipes, make a wanted poster, write lists, menus and instructions about how to catch the Evil Pea.



Core Story

Core stories are books we will focus on in depth each half term. We will send the story home for you to share with your child. Please return it the next day to ensure every child gets a chance to read it at home.

We will learn lots of new food-themed songs and rhymes.

Phonics

We will begin learning some consonant clusters in Phase 4 Phonics.

Some of us will consolidate some phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs and build words with these letters.

Maths

We will explore numbers from 5 to 10 in greater depth. This will include:

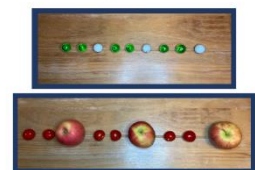
Subtraction and Addition

Doubling and Number Patterns

Number bonds

3D Shapes and Patterns

Have a go at making your own patterns at home.



Ask a friend to carry on your pattern and you could carry on their pattern.

Food Preparation & Snack

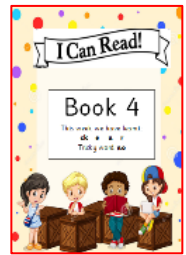
Snack is an important part of the Early Years' curriculum and in our experience all children benefit from this activity. It can be preparing food, baking, looking at changes in food, talking about what they like/dislike or just simply helping children's confidence to try new food alongside their friends. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **£3.00 for this half term**. We will also use these contributions towards play dough ingredients or other consumables in class. Please could you send the money in a named envelope.



Any queries please see a member of the Reception team.

Reading Booklets

Keep looking out for the weekly Reading booklets which are sent home at the end of each week. These help to consolidate what your child has been learning at school each week in Phonics. You can revisit older booklets as well to reinforce your child's learning.



Outside Area

We are sure you have noticed the recent changes in our outside area. The children and staff worked incredibly hard in our 'Outdoor Week' moving soil, digging, planting, sweeping, washing and generally tidying up our space. We have introduced some new equipment too and have a few more 'surprises' which are on order! It is wonderful to see the positive, engaging and explorative play happening each day.

A message from the Reception Team...

Your children worked ever so hard last half term and we hope you had a restful holiday.

We look forward to another exciting half term of learning with your children.

Don't forget to sign up for the online parents'/carers' evening in March!

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of the Reception Team.

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