

Reception Topic web

Autumn Term

Prime Area Personal, social and emotional development

- Settling in activities
- Support children to develop self-care skills.
- Help children to make friends – circle time, key group time
- Small group tours of the school.

Prime Area Physical development

- Support children to develop self-care skills by encouraging independence.
- Manipulating different foods through cooking and malleable play – dough, pasta, dried foods, jelly
- Opportunities to explore large physical play equipment
- Physical activities which encourage cooperation skills e.g. ball games, construction, racing and chasing games, circle games
- Finding out about healthy eating through tasting different foods, looking at information books, looking at food labels

Prime Area Communication and Language

- Daily story sessions
- Introduce phonics and handwriting
- Small language group activities
- First hand experiences – trip to the shop etc.
- Role play opportunities based on first hand experiences e.g. shopping, café, cooking, celebrations, home life
- Cooking activities.



Specific Area Expressive arts and design

- Role play and small world play based on own experiences and familiar stories.
- Encourage children to express themselves creatively focusing on process not product.
- Begin to learn a range of rhymes and songs.
- Exploring music and dance from different cultures.



Specific Area Understanding the world

- Cooking activities
- Finding out about different cultures and religions through celebrating festivals.
- Finding out where food comes from.
- Find out about traditional British events and festivals- Remembrance, Harvest, Bonfire

Specific Area Literacy

- Singing nursery rhymes and other songs.
- Opportunities for children to explore a range of mark making activities and resources independently and alongside adults
- Draw children's attention to meaningful print in the environment e.g. timetables, labels, their own names, signs
- Daily story sessions
- Reading traditional tales and stories linked to food.

Specific Area Maths

- Opportunities to learn and explore number songs and rhymes.
- Focus on number and counting opportunities during routines and that are significant to the children.
- Exploring capacity and measure through sand and water play – cooking play in sand and water, measuring containers.
- Introduction to Numicon
- Cooking activities

Possible parental involvement

- Support parents with settling children.
- Hold a parent's workshop
- Encourage parents to cook food with children at home.
- Invite parents to celebrate festivals and to talk to children about how they celebrate festivals at home.