Our theme this term is: The Farm Shop

Our learning this half term will be focused around our theme, ‘Food’. We will be linking Food in all our subjects. For example, in maths the Reception children will be counting with pasta and weighing and measuring for baking. The Year 1 and 2 children will be comparing recipes and cooking. In Literacy we will be writing shopping lists, looking at recipes and making labels.

**Literacy**

We will begin our literacy with the non fiction units Fussy Frank and My first book of food . Then we will concentrate on Mr Wolfs Pancakes, Oliver’s Vegetables and Milkshake. We also look at traditional tales with food such as Jack and the Beanstalk The Gingerbread man, The little Red Hen and Chicken Licken. Year 1 and 2 children will be writing their own riddles and writing stories making connections to Farmer Duck. We will then end our food topic with lots of fun cooking and baking as this will link very well to our geography unit ‘ foods from around the world’.

**Numeracy**

We will be covering addition and subtraction, length and data handing, money, problem solving and multiplication and division. We will be applying mathematical areas to our topic where possible and we will be applying methods learned to practical activities and real life situations. We will be weighing ingredients and measuring liquids.

**Science**

In our science this term and we will be looking at plants, seeds and growth. The children will look at labelling plants and understanding what a plant needs to survive and over the course of the 6 weeks we will be keeping plant diaries to compare growth. We will also be carrying out lots of plant observations in our local environment.

**Understanding the world**

The children in the foundation stage will be concentrating on Food. They will be learning about healthy eating and healthy foods and what certain foods do to their bodies. They will be tasting different fruit and vegetables; and learn the names of each and how they all differ in size and colour, discussing their likes and dislikes. The children will also talk over their favourite meals at different meal times. They will look at buying foods and learn about where food comes from.

**Design Technology**

This half term we will have design technology lessons and we are concentrating making and designing our own salads. We will be thinking about colour, taste and texture in our designs.

**Music**

This half term we will be teaching the children a six week programme focussing on songs called ‘Rhythm in the way we walk’ and ‘The banana rap’. The children will be learning to listen and respond to music and will be focussing mainly on learning to sing and perform.

**Physical Education and Physical Development.**

In our PE sessions we will be covering multi skills, striking and fielding and we will have a few sessions of orienteering. Our PE sessions are on Wednesday and Thursday

**Humanities**

This half term we are going to study both geography and history we will spend the first 4 weeks studying ‘foods from around the world’ we will concentrate firstly on the foods in the U.K In history we will look at kitchens in the past and make comparisons of kitchens today and discuss school dinners from yesteryear and today.

**RE**

In our religion work this term we will also look at the Churches and making comparisons between different places of worship.

**Role Play**

The role play area this half term will be a Farm shop, the children will be able to take on the role of a shop keeper, or customer. We will also have a gardening small world where the children will have the opportunity to explore seeds, soil and planting equipment along with supporting fiction and non-fiction books within the area. Our wet play area will have lots of ‘soggy’ foods to feel such as jelly, pasta and rice.

**PSHE**

In PSHE this term we will be looking belonging, friendships and relationships. We aim to make sure the children feel safe in their classroom and in school and that they understand who they should go to if they need any help. We will spend time focusing on feelings of security and discuss being a good friend. By knowing how others feel and helping others to feel valued.

***Things to bring in***

* Any books/items linked to our learning this term. We would be grateful for any food labels from any countries for one of our wall display and to use in our geography lessons.
* Always keep your child’s reading book in their bag
* Practise Spellings ( Year 1 and 2) ready for Thursday morning
* Practise words ( Reception) ready for Monday Morning
* Make sure your child has their PE kit in School
* Make sure your child has their own water bottle in School

**Thank you for your continued support. Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions regarding our learning this term or would like to ask about your child’s individual targets.**

**Mrs Taylor & Miss Broadley**