Hello, I hope you all had a lovely half term break. We are excited to welcome back the children for the final weeks of Reception. This half term our topic is on food, we will start our learning by thinking about healthy and unhealthy food. We are going to be making some healthy snacks leading to a picnic in the final week of term. The children are already excited about it!

Welcome back Reception!

**Topic**

This term our topic is all about food. We are going to be learning about healthy and unhealthy food, tasting some food and following recipes to make our own healthy snacks. We have been playing the “what am I?” game to build questioning skills based on fruits and vegetables- you could try this at home. Pick a fruit or a vegetable and get your child to ask you some questions to try to work out the food that you have chosen. If your child helps to prepare any food at home we’d love to see some photos!

**PE**

Reception will continue to have PE on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing appropriate sports clothing on a Thursday, suitable for weather conditions e.g. tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt, t-shirt and trainers. They will stay in these clothes all day, each Thursday, so they need to be comfortable.

**Maths**

**Below are the following Early Years Outcomes we will be covering this half term.**

**Numbers as Labels and for counting**

* Estimates how many objects they can see and checks by counting them.
* Uses the language of ‘more’ and ‘fewer’ to compare two sets of objects.
* Finds the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them.
* Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number.

**Calculating**

* Finds one more or one less from a group of up to five objects, then ten objects.
* In practical activities and discussion, begin to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting.
* Says the number that is one more than a given number.
* Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer.
* They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.

**Shape, Space and Measures**

* Uses everyday language related to time.
* Orders two items by weight or capacity.
* Measures short periods of time in simple ways
* Children use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities & objects and to solve problems.

**Literacy**

**Below are the following Early Years Outcomes we will be covering this half term. We will be focusing writing instructions and a recount.**

**Genre: Writing instructions**

**40-60 months**

* Hears and says the initial sound in words.
* Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together.

**Early Learning Goal**

* They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others.
* Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

**Genre: Recount**

**40-60 months**

* Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
* •Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly & in sequence.

**Early Learning Goal**

* Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds.
* They also write some irregular common words.

**Homework**

As we prepare for Year 1 we are focusing on fluent reading and comprehension skills. Please read with your child each night and encourage them to say the words that they are familiar with without sounding out the word. They could use “Fred in your head” to help with his. Ask your child questions about their book to check their understanding.

**Reminder**

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. As we have warmer weather please make sure your child has sun cream on before school, brings a sun hat to school and their jumper/cardigan has their name inside.