



This project has been designed to help you to discover different food characteristics whilst having fun baking and cooking different recipes. You will get the chance to explore different foods using all of your senses.

Welcome



You see when we eat, there is more to it than just putting that bit of food in your mouth! The look, smell, taste and feel of the food all help decide whether we enjoy eating it or not.

During this project you will have the opportunity to try lots of different foods based upon their textures, feels, looks and smells. How they are cooked or used in recipes may change these things so you are encouraged to use your senses throughout as your enjoyment of food may change as you begin to have more fun and really understand your preferences!



Let's take a journey of exploring different foods and try some awesome recipes.



As we make our way through the journal and test out the different recipes, we will find out fun facts not only about the foods we are making but also where they originate and any traditions attached to that food.



It is important to go at your pace and increase the challenge slowly. Don't feel pressure to do everything the firs t time you make the recipe. The main thing is to enjoy making and exploring different foods. It is ok to come back and make the recipe a few times to explore the different sensory challenges, the key is to enjoy making it NOT feeling pressured to taste it! It is about taking tiny steps not giant leaps.

As you work through the journal, it is good to challenge yourself and try new things. Don't be put off if you are not keen doing something the first time, some times trying it again gives us a different experience and this changes how we feel about it.

## Content







# **About Me**

My name is

I like to eat when it is: Quiet. Busy Calm Noisy

#### Safe foods I like to eat

I like to eat with:

Friends. Music on

Family Alone The iPad

Something else

Foods I don't like to eat

like, and then highlight in a different colour the ones you don't like.

highlight the food characteristics you

Crunchy Lumpy Soft Chewy. Hot Cold Hard Smooth. Bright colours Spicy. Bland/plain Fruity Sweet Savoury





#### Crispy Chicken Bites

🗹 Mild taste 🗹 Crunchy texture 🗹 Easy to eat

Ingredients: 1 chicken breast (cut into bite-sized pieces) 1 cup plain breadcrumbs 1 egg, beaten ½ tsp salt ½ tsp garlic powder (optional) 1 tbsp oil for baking or air frying

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan) or air fryer to 190°C.
 Dip chicken pieces into beaten egg, then coat with breadcrumbs.
 3) Place on a baking tray and drizzle with oil.
 4) Bake for 15-20 minutes or air fry for 10-12 minutes until golden.





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#### Can you think of a food for every letter







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#### Smooth Scrambled Eggs

🗹 Soft texture 🗹 Neutral taste 🗹 Quick to make

Ingredients: 2 eggs 1 tbsp butter 2 tbsp milk Pinch of salt

- 1. In a bowl, whisk eggs with milk and salt.
- 2. Heat butter in a pan on low heat.
- 3. Pour in eggs and stir gently with a spatula.
- 4. Cook slowly until just set and creamy





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#### Plain Turkey Patties

🗹 Soft, burger-like texture 🗹 Mild flavour V Customisable

Ingredients:

250g minced turkey ½ tsp salt ¼ tsp garlic powder (optional) 1 tbsp breadcrumbs (for binding)

Instructions:

1. Mix all ingredients in a bowl and shape into small patties.

2. Cook in a non-stick pan over medium heat for 3-4 minutes per side.

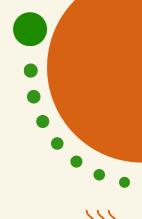
3. Serve plain or with a preferred dip.





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### Cheese & Chicken Quesadilla

Mild flavours 🗹 Crispy outside, soft inside 🔽 Easy to hold and eat

Ingredients:

1 tortilla ½ cup shredded mild cheese ¼ cup cooked, shredded chicken ½ tbsp butter

- 1. Heat butter in a pan over medium heat.
- 2. Place tortilla in pan, sprinkle cheese and chicken on half of it.
- 3. Fold the tortilla and cook for 2 minutes per side until golden.
- 4. Slice into small triangles for easy eating.





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### Greek Yoghurt & Banana Smoothie

. 🔽 Cold & creamy texture 🔽 Mild sweetness 🔽 Easy to sip

Ingredients: ½ banana ½ cup Greek yoghurt (plain or vanilla) ½ cup milk 1 tsp honey (optional)

- 1. Blend all ingredients until smooth.
- 2. Serve chilled in a cup with a straw.





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#### **Buttery Pasta**

🔽 Soft texture 🔽 Mild taste 🔽 Customisable

Ingredients:

1 cup plain pasta (e.g., penne, fusilli) 1 tbsp butter Pinch of salt

- $1.\ {\rm Cook}\ {\rm pasta}\ {\rm according}\ {\rm to}\ {\rm package}\ {\rm instructions}, {\rm then}\ {\rm drain}.$
- 2. Stir in butter and salt.
- 3. Serve plain or with a light sprinkle of cheese if tolerated.





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### Soft Mashed Potatoes

🗹 Smooth texture 🗹 Mild, creamy flavour 🗹 Can be eaten alone

Ingredients:

2 medium potatoes, peeled and chopped 1 tbsp butter ¼ cup milk (or dairy-free alternative) Pinch of salt

- 1. Boil potatoes until soft (about 15 minutes), then drain.
- 2. Mash with butter and milk until smooth.
- 3. Adjust consistency by adding more milk if needed





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l tasted the mash with another food like cheese			
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### **Toast with Butter or Spread**

Crispy or soft (depending on preference) 🔽 Familiar and easy to eat

Ingredients:

1 slice of white or wholemeal bread 1 tsp butter, margarine, or mild spread

- 1. Toast bread to preferred level of crispness.
- 2. Spread butter evenly and serve.







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#### Coconut Rice

2. 3. 🔽 Soft texture 🔽 Plain and neutral 🔽 Easy to eat

Ingredients:

½ cup white rice 1 cup coconut milk 1 tsp butter Pinch of salt

- 1. Rinse rice and cook according to package instructions using the coconut milk instead of water
  - Once cooked, stir in butter and salt.
    - Serve warm.





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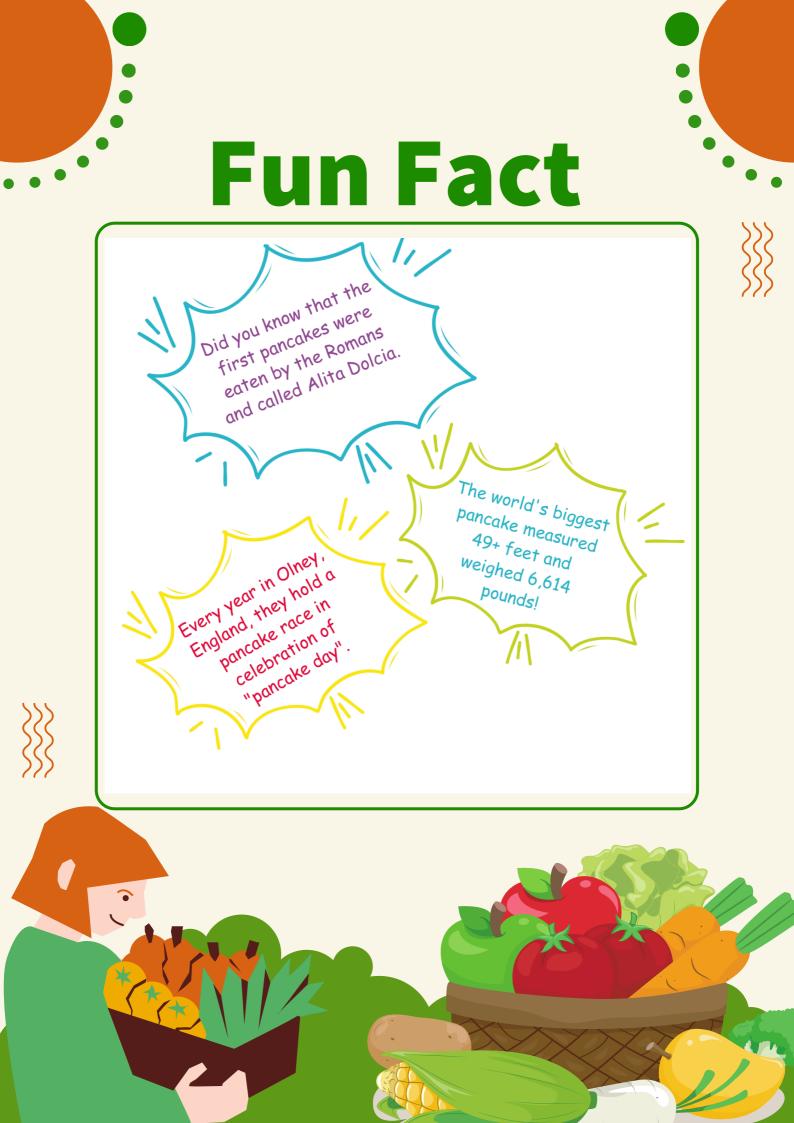
#### Plain Pancakes

🔽 Soft and fluffy 🔽 Mildly sweet 🗹 Easy to hold

Ingredients:

½ cup plain flour 2 cup milk (or dairy-free alternative) 1 egg 1 tbsp butter (for cooking)

- 1. Whisk flour, milk, and egg together until smooth.
- 2. Heat butter in a pan and pour small amounts of batter.
- 3. Cook until golden on both sides.







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#### **Plain Crackers with Cheese**

🔽 Crunchy texture 🔽 Mild taste 🔽 Great for snacking

Ingredients:

3-4 plain crackers (e.g., Ritz, cream crackers) 1 slice mild cheese (optional)

- Serve crackers plain or with cheese on top. 1. 2.
  - Adjust portion size based on preference.





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l tasted the crackers with another food like ham			
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#### Simple White Bread Pasta Bake

🗹 Soft and easy to chew 🗹 Mild flavour 🗹 Comforting texture

Ingredients:

1 cup cooked pasta ¼ cup grated mild cheese ¼ cup milk 1 slice white bread (crumbled)

1.	Preheat oven to 180°C.
2.	Mix cooked pasta with cheese and milk.
3.	Top with crumbled white bread.
4.	Bake for 10 minutes until warmed through.

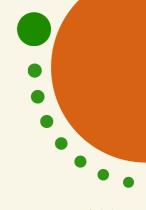




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### **Roasted Sweet Potato Wedges**

✓ Crispy outside, soft inside ✓ Naturally sweet ✓ Hand-held food

Ingredients:

1 medium sweet potato, peeled and cut into wedges 1 tbsp olive oil Pinch of salt

- 1.Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan).
- 2. Toss sweet potato wedges with olive oil and salt.
- 3. Bake for 20-25 minutes, flipping halfway.





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l tasted the pasta with another food like grilled chicken			
l enjoyed the taste			



# **Blended Vegetable Soup**

🗹 Smooth & creamy 🗹 Mild flavour 🗹 Warm and comforting

**Ingredients:** 

1 carrot, peeled and chopped 1 small potato, peeled and chopped 1/2 cup vegetable broth 1 tbsp butter

Instructions:

- 1. Boil vegetables in broth until soft.
- Blend until smooth, adding butter for extra creaminess. 2. 3.
  - Serve warm in a cup or bowl.





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l tasted the soup with some bread/toast			
I tasted the soup with another food like croutons			
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### Mild Carrot & Potato Pancakes

🔽 Crispy outside, soft inside 🔽 Familiar format 🔽 Mildly sweet

Ingredients:

1/2 cup grated carrot 1/2 cup grated potato 1 egg 1 tbsp flour 1 tbsp oil (for frying)

Instructions:

- Mix all ingredients in a bowl. 1. 2.
  - Heat oil in a pan and shape small pancakes.
- 3. Cook for 2-3 minutes per side until golden.





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l tasted the pancake with another food like feta cheese			
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### Soft Roasted Butternut Squash

🔽 Naturally sweet 🔽 Soft and smooth 🗹 Warm and comforting

Ingredients:

1 cup butternut squash, peeled and cubed 1 tbsp olive oil Pinch of salt

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 190°C.

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- 2. Toss squash cubes with olive oil and salt.
  - Bake for 20-25 minutes until soft.





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🔽 Tender & sweet 🗹 Familiar taste 🔽 Easy to chew

Ingredients:

1 apple, peeled and sliced 1 tsp butter (optional) ¼ tsp cinnamon (optional)

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 180°C.

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- 2. Place apple slices in a baking dish and dot with butter.
- 3. Bake for 15-20 minutes until soft.







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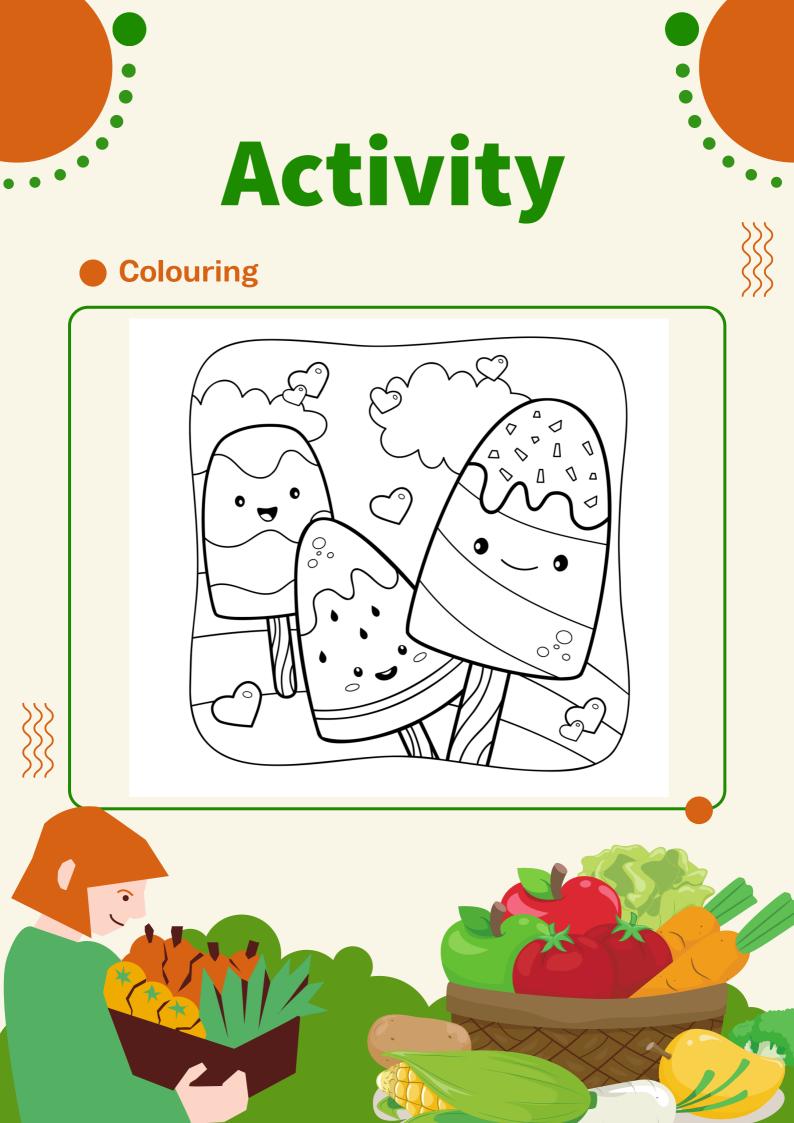
🔽 Drinkable texture 🔽 Mild and customisable 🌄 No chewing required

Ingredients:

1/2 banana 1/2 cup milk (or dairy-free alternative) <sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> cup mild yoghurt

Instructions:

- 1. Blend all ingredients until smooth. 2.
  - Serve cold in a cup or with a straw.







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l tasted the apple with another food coconut milk			
l enjoyed the taste			



### Soft Poached Pears

🔽 Mild & juicy 🔽 Easy to chew 🔽 Naturally sweet

Ingredients:

1 ripe pear, peeled and sliced ½ cup water

Instructions:

Simmer pear slices in water for 5-10 minutes until soft.
 Serve warm or cool.





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l tasted the apple with another food like ice cream			
l enjoyed the taste			





## **DIY Fruit & Cereal Clusters**

🔽 Crispy with soft fruit bits 🌄 Mild flavour 🔽 Easy to customise

Ingredients:

½ cup dry cereal (like cornflakes or rice crisps)
¼ cup dried fruit (small pieces of apple, banana, or berries)
1 tbsp melted white chocolate or honey (to bind)

Instructions:

Mix cereal and dried fruit in a bowl.

- 2. Drizzle with melted white chocolate or honey, then stir to coat.
- 3. **Scoop small clusters onto parchment paper and let set.**

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l tasted the mix with some spice like cinnamon			
l tasted the mix with another food like Greek yogurt			
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🔽 Soft & creamy 🌄 Mild taste 🔽 Good protein source

Ingredients:

2 eggs 2 tbsp milk ¼ cup mild cheese (like mozzarella or cheddar)

Instructions:

Whisk eggs with milk.
 Cook on low heat, stirring gently.

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Stir in cheese just before serving.





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## **Soft Rice Pudding**

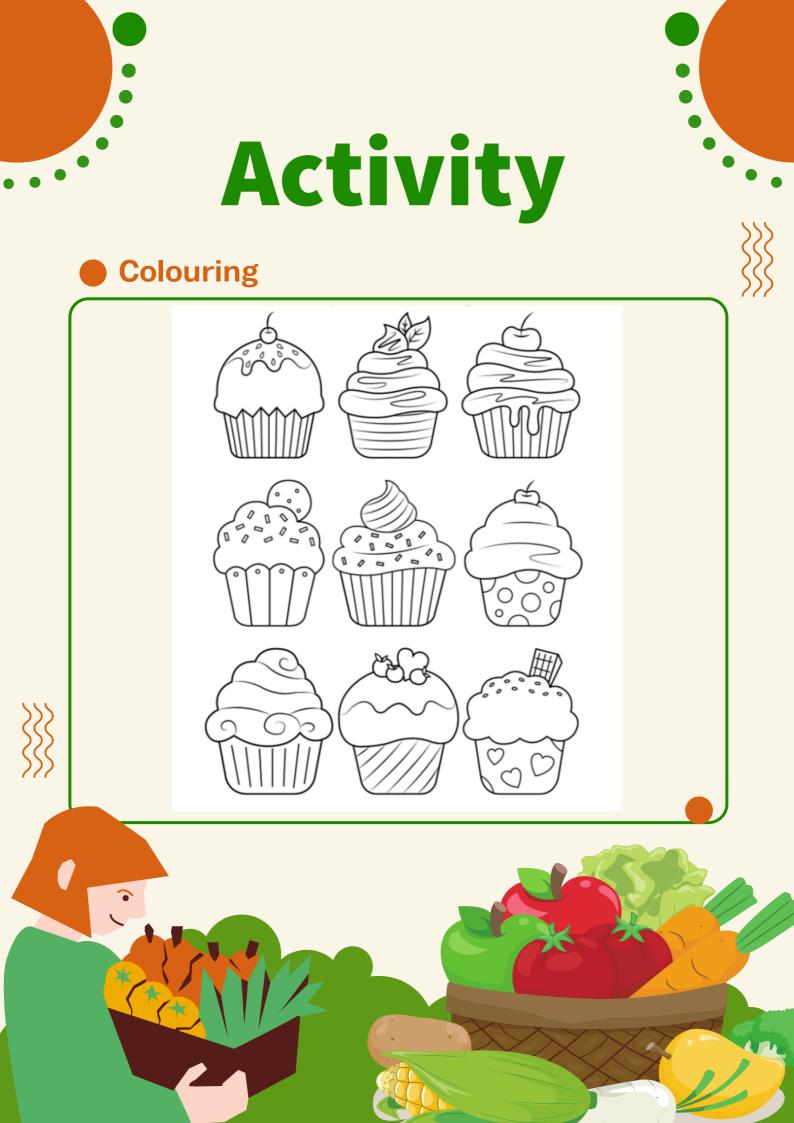
🗹 Warm & creamy 🗹 Mild sweetness 🗹 Smooth texture

Ingredients:

1/2 cup cooked white rice <sup>1</sup>∕₂ cup milk <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp sugar or honey

Instructions:

- 1. Heat milk and rice in a small pot, stirring often.
- Add sugar and simmer until thick and creamy. 2. 3.
  - Serve warm or chilled.







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I tasted the rice pudding with another food like jam				
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### Soft Mac & Cheese

🔽 Comforting & familiar 🔽 Soft & easy to eat 🔽 Mild taste

Ingredients:

½ cup cooked pasta ¼ cup milk ¼ cup mild cheese (grated)

Instructions:

Heat milk in a pan and stir in cheese until melted. Mix with cooked pasta until coated. Serve warm.

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Familiar & mild Z Easy to customise Soft but slightly chewy texture

Ingredients:

1 small pre-made pizza base or soft tortilla 2 tbsp mild tomato sauce ½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 180°C. Spread tomato sauce on the pizza base. Sprinkle cheese evenly over the top. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Let cool slightly before serving.







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l tasted the pizza with another food like potato wedges			
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### Baked Cheese Omelette

🔽 Soft & fluffy 🔽 Mild taste 🔽 High in protein

Ingredients:

2 eggs ¼ cup milk ¼ cup mild cheese

Instructions:

Whisk eggs and milk together. Pour into an oven-safe dish and sprinkle cheese on top. Bake at 180°C for 12-15 minutes or until set.





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