

# What's for lunch?



**KS2 Lesson Plan** 



# Learning outcomes

- To understand the importance of a healthy packed lunch
- To understand what a healthy packed lunch looks like
- To learn about important vitamin and minerals our bodies need
- To try some new foods





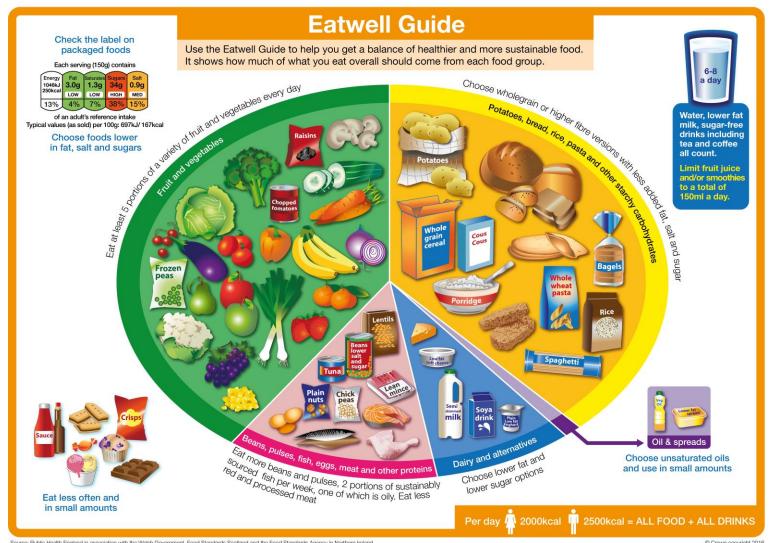
Why is our packed lunch important?

We eat lunch to give us lots of energy. To have a healthy and tasty lunch, we need to eat lots different foods.



A healthy and tasty lunch helps us to grow, concentrate and learn at school.



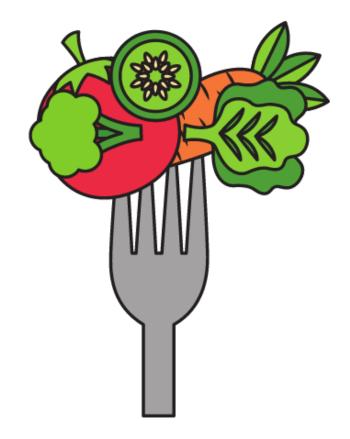


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#### What are nutrients?

Nutrients are found in the foods we eat. Our body needs nutrients to work properly, to grow and survive. We need to eat different types of foods to provide our bodies with lots of different nutrients.



Now let's take a look at those nutrients in our packed lunches.

### What does a healthy packed lunch look like?



Proteins like beans, pulses, eggs, fish or meat

Healthy fats like nuts, seeds, eggs and fish



### How should I store my packed lunch?

To stop your sandwiches from getting squished, store your packed lunch in a padded, resealable bag.

You can use smaller containers to put snacks like fruit, vegetables and nuts in to keep the fresh.





### Starchy carbohydrates

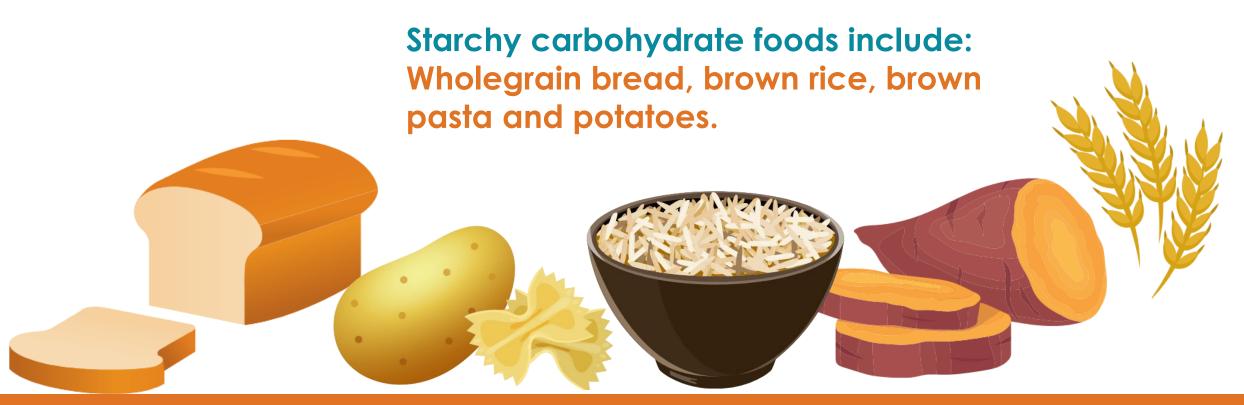
Which foods contain starchy carbohydrates?





## Starchy carbohydrates

A starchy carbohydrate should be the <u>biggest</u> part of our lunch, as these give us lots of energy for the day. We need energy to run around and play with our friends!





### **Protein**

Which foods contain protein?





#### **Proteins**

All the cells in our body are made of protein. Proteins help our bodies to <u>grow</u> and <u>repair</u> and are particularly important for children due to rapid growth.





## Healthy fats

Which foods contain healthy fats?





## Healthy fats

Some fats, known as fatty acids, are essential for our health in small amounts and keep our hearts healthy.



## Dairy and alternatives

Dairy and dairy alternatives are important for children's growing bones and teeth.

Dairy foods include cow's milk and cheese made from cow's milk.

Dairy alternatives include milks made from plant



### Fruits and vegetables: what's all the fuss about?

Eating lots of different fruits and vegetables keeps our bodies healthy and happy. Fruits and vegetables contain lots of vitamins and minerals which keep our skin and hair healthy..





# Fruits in your lunchbox

Which fruits would you like in your lunchbox?

Why not choose your three favourite fruits to make fruit skewers?





## Vegetables in your lunch box

Which vegetables would you like in your lunch box?

Why not try carrot, cucumber and pepper sticks to dip in hummus?





### Vitamins and minerals

Vitamins and minerals are needed in small amounts in the body and are very important for our health. Each vitamin and mineral has a different function in the body and helps us to grow, fight off nasty bugs and makes sure our brains are ready to learn!

Some important vitamins and minerals are:

- 1)Vitamin C
- 2) Vitamin D
- 3)Calcium

But which foods can we find these in?



Vitamin C helps us to fight off nasty bugs that make us unwell.

We can find Vitamin C in citrus fruits like lemons and oranges, berries, broccoli and peppers.



Vitamin D helps our bodies to make strong bones, as well as keeping our immune system healthy.

We can find Vitamin D in oily fish, chicken, lamb and fortified foods.



Calcium helps our bodies to make strong bones and teeth, which is important for growing children.

We can find calcium in milk, cheese, yoghurts, spinach, broccoli, nuts and seeds.









It is really important we drink enough water throughout the day to keep our bodies and brains healthy.

We need to drink more water when we are running around outside, playing games and if it is a hot sunny day.



Water or milk are the the best drinks to keep our bodies healthy.





Why not add some fruit to your water to make it even tastier?

### Once in a while...

We should only eat foods such as chocolate, sweets, crisps, cakes and fizzy drinks once in a while, as these foods aren't very good for our bodies or our teeth.



Eating these foods often won't give us the energy we need to get through the day.



# So, what's for lunch?





# Examples of a tasty packed lunch

A sandwich, bagel, wrap or pitta. What will go in yours?







### How about...

Sliced pepper, onion, cucumber or tomato?

**Grated cheese?** 





# Examples of a tasty packed lunch

Pasta salad. What will go in yours?



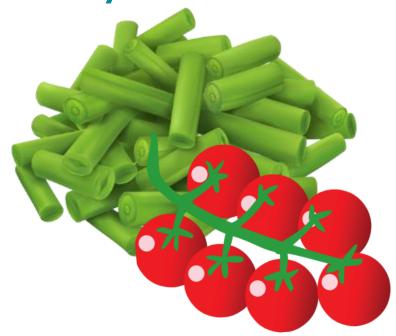


### How about...

#### Roasted vegetables?



Green beans?
Cherry tomatoes?



Tuna?





# Examples of a tasty packed lunch

Homemade mini pizzas. What toppings will go on yours?







### How about...

Sweetcorn, courgette, olives?



#### Chicken?



#### Mozzarella?





## Take home messages

- Remember, a tasty and healthy packed lunch will give us lots of energy and help our bodies to grow.
- It is important to eat lots of different fruits and vegetables.

#### Your challenge

- 1) Draw your favourite packed lunch and label the key food groups we have gone over today.
- (Carbohydrates, proteins, fats, calcium and fruits and vegetables)