Food for Thought - Teacher Resource

Food	Benefits	Why
Salmon/Tuna	Needed for brain growth and function, helping to improve mental skills.	Omega-3 fatty acids
Eggs	Important nutrients for memory development	Protein & choline
Peanut Butter	Antioxidants protect nerve membranes Helps brain development and provides energy	Vitamin E, Thiamin & glucose
Whole Grains	Good for the nervous system and provides energy	B Vitamins & glucose
Oats/Oatmeal	Provides fuel and keeps you feeling fuller for longer Helps the brain work efficiently	Fibre Vitamin E, B complex & zinc
Berries	Improves memory and brain function	Vitamin C & Omega-3 fats
Beans	Keeps energy levels high, supports brain function and growth	Protein, complex carbohydrates, fibre, vitamins and minerals.
Colourful Veggies	Helps to keep brain cells healthy	Antioxidants
Milk/Yogurt	Growth of brain tissue, neurotransmitters and enzymes	Vitamin B, vitamin D, protein & carbohydrates
Lean Beef/Black Beans / Soy	Maintains energy, focus and memory	Iron

