

What can I do to help my child at home before they come to school?

Any of these will really help to support and develop their learning.

- Enjoy sharing stories together, talking about the pictures and what you think might happen.
- Play simple board games (snakes and ladders is great), card games or dominoes.
- Bake something together.
- Send a postcard to a friend or relative maybe they will send one back!
- Count anything and everything stairs as you go up (and backwards as you go down!), houses you pass as you walk, knives and forks as you set the table, books on a shelf.
- Spot numbers when out and about house numbers, numbers on car number plates, road signs, numbers on the TV remote
- Help your child recognise their name.
- Do some dot-to-dot puzzles.

Practise putting coats on independently and (in preparation for the colder weather!)

have a go at doing up the zip and also practise putting on gloves.

 Play outside – run and jump and climb and throw a ball or frisbee!

Go for a bike or scooter ride.





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- Spot any letters they already know on signs, in books, on packaging anywhere!
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes dance together!
- Talk about places you have been, things you have seen and people you have met.
- Let your child join in with everyday things washing up, sorting washing, pairing socks, helping in the garden.
- Encourage them to ask for help when they need it, saying what they want.
- Show them where their name label is in their clothes and shoes and what it looks like.
- Help them practise peeling a banana and orange, as we often have these for snack time.
- Build models either with construction toys such as Lego or with junk. Talk about how they built it and anything they found tricky.
- Play games with spoken instructions, such as Simon Says.
- Go on a 'listening walk'.
- Paint pictures and letters on the patio or garden wall with water and a big paintbrush.

Have fun together!

