



In preparation for starting at our school, here are a few skills that you could be practising with your child. Please remember that every child develops at their own pace and this is not meant as a checklist.

Self-Care

- Hand washing
- Nose wiping
- Asking for help

Independence

- Tidying own belongings
- Looking after own things
- Talking about starting school

Going to the Toilet

- Going to the toilet on their own, wiping themselves properly and flushing
- Washing and drying their hands on their own

Speaking, Listening and Understanding

- Enjoying conversations with others
- Sitting still and listening for a short while
- Following simple instructions
- Following simple rules

Getting Dressed and Undressed

- Buttoning and unbuttoning clothes
- Putting on their own shoes and socks
- Putting on their coat and doing up the zip

Sharing and Taking Turns

- Sharing toys and taking turns
- Playing games with others
- Interacting with other children

Eating

- Using a knife and fork
- Peeling bananas and satsumas
- Opening wrappers and packets

Early Reading

- Enjoying stories and looking at picture books
- Recognising their name when written down

Interest in the World and New Activities

- Enjoying learning about the world
- Being interested in exploring new activities and environments
- Enjoying asking questions

Counting Skills

- Counting objects
- Enjoying number rhymes and playing counting games
- Recognising some numbers when they are written down

Writing Skills

- Tracing patterns and colouring in
- Experimenting with different shapes and scribbles
- Holding a pencil

If your child is beginning to write their name, please ensure that they use a capital letter at the start, and lower-case letters for the rest of their name.

Routines

- Putting on uniform and getting ready to leave on time
- Having a good bedtime routine so they are not feeling tired for school
- Eating at times they will eat at school