

Supporting your child to be ready for school.

This tracker helps you and your child prepare for school.

The Road To School

Everyone starts school with different abilities - your teacher will help you progress at your own level.

Speaking & literacy

- I like to read stories & look at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
- I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

Listening & understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
- I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Writing skills

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy making marks
- I am practising holding a pencil

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys & take turns
- I like playing games with others
- I like interacting with other children

Counting skills

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
- I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash & dry my hands without any help

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days

Interest in the world & new activities

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
- I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
- I like asking questions

What are you looking forward to the most? Is there anything you're unsure of?

Eating

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
- I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

Self-care

- I know when to wash my hands
- I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well

Getting dressed & undressed on my own

- I can button & unbutton my shirt & use a zip
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can change into my PE kit & put my coat on

Independence

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
- I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
- I am feeling confident about starting school

School bus

Remember – learning is not a competition; children learn at different rates. For more ideas to help prepare your child for school, talk to your childcare practitioner.

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I will learn to read but first I need to...



I will learn to write but first I need to...

Rhyme

I need to recognise the sounds that letters make before I can read



Look at books

I need to be interested in words and books to read



Imagine

Making up stories when I paint and create will help me to write



Build

I need to use my fingers independently to write



Track

I need to follow objects with my eyes to read



Talk

I need an extensive vocabulary to understand what I read



Do puzzles

I need to differentiate size, shapes, lines and directions to read



Scribble & Draw



Making marks and shapes to convey my message will help me to write

Manipulate

Using paintbrushes, crayons, pencils and pens will help me to write



Climb

I need strong arm and body muscles to sit up and write



Build

I need to use my fingers and hands independently to hold books and turn pages



Play with letters & words



I need to be interested in letters and words to write

... and I need someone to read to me every day!



... and I need someone to show me how important writing is every day!





I will learn maths but first I need to...

Count

Understanding numbers will help me in all areas of maths



Sort & Match

Understanding same and different will help me to classify



Explore

Exploring will help me understand spatial terms like: in front, behind, above, below, left and right



Measure

Measuring will help me understand the concepts of height, length, weight, time and money



Pattern

Making and recognising patterns will help me make maths predictions



Recognise shapes

Recognising 2D and 3D shapes will help me in all areas with geometry



... and I need someone to explore these concepts with me every day!



'Read With Me' - Please click on the link below to see what books you can share with your child. Your teacher will be also reading these books when they start school in September.



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