Ways to help your child be 'Nursery ready!'

-Your child should be toilet trained and able to wash their own hands. If your child is not toilet trained, please let us know.

-Help your child practise pouring water into a cup from a jug.

-Your child should be beginning to dress themselves independently such as being able to put their coat, socks and shoes on.

-Encourage your child to start to carry some of their belongings. We would like the children to carry their own items when entering the classroom if possible.

-Encourage your child to tidy up their toys and put items back on their own.

-Encourage sharing and turn taking.

-Every child's speech is different but you can help your child by making sure they ask for what they want and encourage them to speak properly and in sentences.

-Encourage your child to name and recognise colours.

-Encourage your child to recognise their own name by sight.

-Read your child stories every day and sing nursery rhymes together.

-Help your child gain some knowledge of traditional stories such as The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk.

-Encourage your child to count things, pointing to each item. When there is a small amount of objects (up to 3 things) ask your child, "What do you see?/What do you notice?" This will begin to encourage their subitising skills where they can recognise a small amount without counting them.

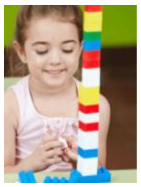
-Encourage your child to sort items such as sorting out pairs of socks or sorting big and small objects.

-Use words to describe shapes and measures of items e.g. round, straight, curved, long, short, tall, big, small, heavy, light.

-Talk about the weather/seasons and discuss things you see in your local environment.

-Talk about what day of the week it is and the time of day (morning, afternoon, evening).

-Support your child to develop their fine motor skills by helping them to use pegs, complete threading activities, screw up paper, cut paper with child-friendly scissors, pick up small items and build lego towers then separate the blocks.



-Encourage a positive attitude to starting Nursery by modelling excitement and happiness towards coming to Nursery. Your child may be worried but if you act positive and excited then hopefully it will encourage them to also feel this way.

Starting Nursery…

Have you got....

- Uniform (name all items, including shoes)
- Wellies (named, to keep at school)
- A water bottle (named and can be used independently by your child)
- Spare clothes (named, to keep at school)
- Packed lunch (named and can be used independently by your child)
- Medical items e.g. inhaler/epipen to keep at school (if needed)