

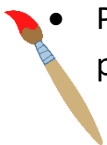
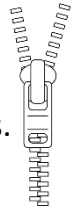


What can I do to help my child at home before they come to school?

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.
- 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 . 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!