



## Handy hints to help your child settle in Nursery

There are many practical ways in which you can help your child before starting Nursery. These include:

- Talking to your child in a positive way about school in general, and what to expect.
- Introducing 'school vocabulary' e.g. classroom, playground, register etc.
- Help your child become more independent in dressing, putting their coat on, wiping their nose, going to the toilet, hand-washing, eating, etc.
- We use a home/school book to share information. If you have photographs of family and friends who will be on your child's contact sheet then please stick them into the book. It will help us to know who is who.
- We encourage all Nursery children to have at least begun toilet training before they start with us. We are happy to assist with this whilst your child is at school. If your child still wears nappies or pull-ups, please provide us with spares and wipes to be left on their peg.
- Clothes – Help your child to be independent, let them get themselves dressed even if they get muddled up (Velcro shoes are the best, children can manage these by themselves)
- Your child may get wet in the water tray, may not make it to the toilet in time or get muddy in the mid kitchen – please pack a change of clothes just in case.
- Please label EVERYTHING! We are not responsible for lost clothing.
- Children will get messy – its all part of the fun and the curriculum!
- We teach the letter sounds and not the letter names (as you can see in Alphablocks). We implement Phase One activities in nursery, teaching pre reading and listening skills prior to build the foundations for phonics using Sounds Write in line with Reception class and the rest of the school.

