

Getting Ready for Reception

- Have conversations with your child. Talk about their ideas and feelings. Teach your child new words and encourage them to speak in sentences and ask questions. Model being a good listener and encourage your child to listen to others.

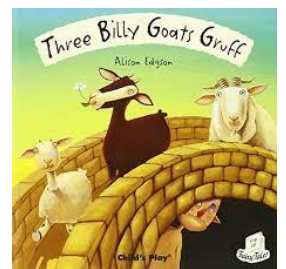


- Share positive thoughts about Reception. It will be a fun experience!



- Read to your child everyday. Talk about characters, events and story structure (beginning, middle and end).

- Share stories, songs and rhymes in English and your home language. Encourage your child to re-tell their favourite stories.



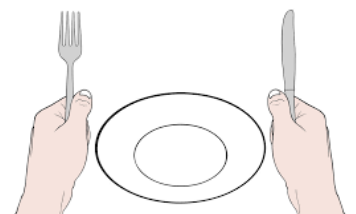
- Get the school uniform and PE kit. Name all items. Encourage your child to be independent when dressing. Ensure your child can put on a coat on their own. Shoes with a Velcro fastening are ideal.



- Encourage your child to go to the toilet independently. Teach your child how to wash their hands on their own, using soap and water.



- Encourage your child to eat a variety of food and use cutlery. Show your child how to cut food independently.



- Encourage your child to play cooperatively, sharing and taking turns.



- Encourage your child to look after toys and tidy up.

- Look for numbers, shapes and words in the local environment e.g. door numbers, cones, shop names. Count objects and actions e.g. lampposts, steps.



- Encourage mark-making and drawing using a range of utensils such as pencils, pens, paint and chalk.



- Practise name writing, using a capital letter at the beginning of the name, then lower case letters.



- Develop gross and fine motor skills such as climbing, throwing and catching a ball and using scissors.



- Go on outings e.g. parks, shops, libraries, swimming pools. Talk about your child's interests and what they enjoy.



- When you say goodbye, keep smiling! Trust us, your child will enjoy themselves in Reception. Children who are upset will quickly settle and make new friends.

