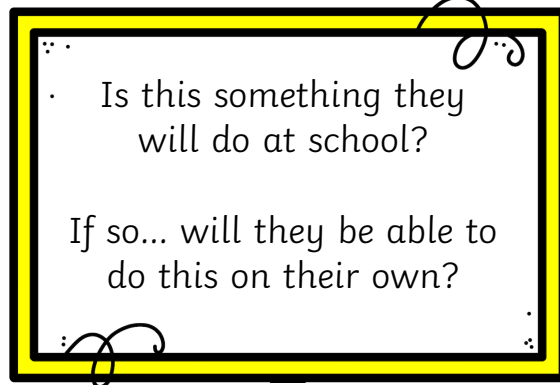


My child is ready for school because I have helped them . . .

Every time you help them at home, ask yourself...



listen to, and follow, simple instructions

take off and put on their own coat and shoes

sing songs, nursery rhymes and enjoy sharing stories

be able to talk about things that interest them and to take turns in a conversation

have a go and not be afraid of making mistakes

use the toilet independently and wash their hands afterwards

feed themselves with a knife and fork

ask for help and become confident talking to adults and children

play with other children, take turns and to share

dress and undress without help

use kind manners, to say please and thank you

Top tips for helping your child prepare for school

- ★ Have fun sharing books, children enjoy hearing stories and singing nursery rhymes which helps with concentration and learning.
- ★ Swap screen time for playing games both inside and out, being able to accept winning and losing is an important skill.
- ★ Encourage physical activities such as walking. This helps develop stamina.
- ★ Allow enough time to get ready, the happiest children are those who can change confidently on their own.
- ★ Help your child recognise their own name. They will be taught to read and write at school when they are ready.
- ★ Help your child to recognise when they need the toilet and how to use the toilet independently.
- ★ Encourage them to have lots of dummy free time if your child uses one - encourage them to talk lots to develop their language!