

How parents can help at home during your child's time in Nursery.

General:

- Show an interest in what your child has done at school. Let them share their highlights.
- Try to link some home activities with the curriculum map sent home each term.
- Ask your child if any letters were given out when you pick them up.
- Empty your child's tray regularly and take home any artwork they may have left in there.
- Try to let them do things independently such as, dressing, collecting belongings, carrying their book bag to and from school, finding their names - even if it is frustrating 😊

Learning:

- Help with learning letter names and sounds. We use Jolly Phonics which is widely available.
- Try to use the cursive style of writing if you can.
- Practice numbers - recognising, counting, ordering and writing them.
- Share books / read with your child each day.
- Join the local Library.
- Listen to story tapes/cd's and discuss the stories you have listened to.
- Correct your child's speech and pronunciation when they don't say words correctly - this will help them when they are learning phonics and later when writing.
- Play listening and memory games with them on a regular basis.
- Complete lots of communication and 'talking' activities with them.
- Name and find shapes in the environment.

Dressing and undressing skills:

- Buttons, socks, tights, shoes.
- Turning clothes the right way.
- Pulling sweatshirts over their heads.
- Putting on and taking off coats, hats and gloves.

Hygiene skills:

- Show your child how to use a handkerchief.
- Ensure your child knows how to use the toilet.
- Ensure your child knows how to wipe their own bottom.
- Ensure they can wash and dry their hands properly.

If you need any help or advice please ask Miss Wands, Miss Mott or any of the Nursery Staff.