



Tips for Parents

When your child starts nursery school there are a number of skills that they should have ideally mastered. Use this sheet as a guide to help track their progress.

Self-care

I know when I need to go to the toilet.
I can wipe my nose.
I can ask for help if I don't feel well.



Going to the toilet

I can go to the toilet on my own but might need help to wipe myself.
I can wash and dry my hands, sometimes I might need reminding.

Speaking and Literacy

I am interested in looking at books.
I can talk about myself, my needs and my feelings with a familiar adult.
I can pretend objects are something else in my play, e.g, 'This box is my castle.'



Independence

I gaining confidence to be away from mummy, daddy or my main carer.
With encouragement and support I will tidy up my belongings or play equipment.

Getting dressed and being independent

I can put on my coat.
I can hang my coat on my peg.
I can put my book bag in my drawer.

Listening and Understanding

I am able to sit and listen to an adult for a short time.
I can follow simple instructions.

Interest in the world and new activities

I enjoy learning about the world around me.
I can notice changes e.g. weather.
I like asking questions to find things out.



Sharing and turn taking

With support I can share toys & take turns.
I can interact with other children.

Eating

I am beginning to use a knife & fork
I can recognise and open my packed lunch on my own.
I can drink out of a cup.

Counting Skills

I enjoy practising counting objects.
I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games.
I can recognise numbers of significant meaning to me, e.g. age

Writing Skills

I like making marks in different ways e.g. in the sand, with chalks, crayons, mud or paint.
I enjoy experimenting with different shaped scribbles.



Routines

I have practised putting on my coat.
I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for nursery.
I am learning to recognise when I am hungry, thirsty or tired.

