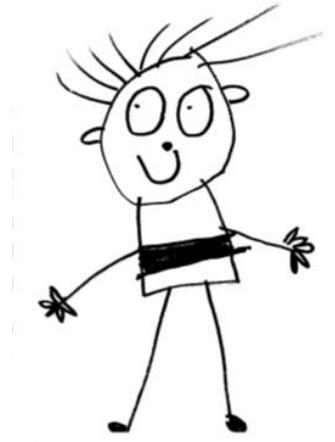




How can I help my child prepare for nursery?

Here at Village Primary, all of the staff are looking forward to welcoming your child into our school. We recognise that all children are unique. We respect cultural diversity and understand that families have different traditions. We hope that the following information is helpful in giving you some understanding of our expectations of what most children can do upon entry into Nursery.

This will give you an idea about the things you can work on with your child prior to joining us. We acknowledge that children starting in Nursery can be at different stages of their development and may need help with some of the statements listed below; however, with practice and encouragement, many will be achieved.



Self-Care

How do children cope with simple everyday routines? Child can already (or are working towards)

- feeds self-using a spoon or fork
- uses the toilet
- wash and dry their own hands
- manages own clothing such as pants and trousers
- can manage putting on and taking off own coat
- can hang coat on a peg

Social Skills

In this area we are looking at the way the children interact with others and manage their own behaviour. Child already (or is working towards)

- has experience being away from main carer for short periods
- can listen and respond to adults
- is willing to try new activities
- asks an adult for help if they have a problem
- can play for short periods of time alongside others
- can play games and wait for their turn
- understands and follows simple directions e.g. please get a book
- will put away toys and equipment when asked



Communication

Children will be at different stages of communication. These are guidelines of what to work towards. If you speak a language other than English at home please let us know.

- can communicate their own needs and responds to their first name

Early Learning

Children learn through play and we can tell a lot about their learning through observing what and how they play. Child already (or are working towards)

- can show an interest in books, stories and nursery rhymes
- can concentrate on an activity for 5 minutes
- can talk about activities or events
- can enjoy mark making with crayons, gel pens, felt tips and other tools
- can snip with scissors
- can use some number names when playing
- enjoys dressing up
- can count objects
- can recognise some familiar numbers

Extending their learning

- Link your child's learning to family activities
- Go to local parks, museums and the beach
- Talk about the world around them and encourage them to ask questions
- Take time to listen to you child and explain things carefully, developing their understanding and vocabulary.

