



School Readiness Checklist

Language Skills

- Speaks clearly and in complete sentences about familiar objects and events
- Answers and asks simple questions
- Expresses their needs
- Follows two- or three-step instructions
- Recognises the first letter of their own name and recognises other words that begin with that letter
- Can say or sing the alphabet
- Recognises and names some letters of the alphabet and is beginning to recognise some upper- and lower-case letters
- Holds and uses a book correctly, knows that words are what you read and knows that words have meanings
- Uses books for enjoyment or for looking at pictures
- Can sit still to listen to a story for a few minutes and recall events and characters
- Recognises and names colours
- Uses a variety of things (pencils, crayons, paint, Texas, sticks in the sand) to draw, to scribble or to write
- Joins in singing familiar songs and rhymes

Mathematics

- Recognises numbers
- Can count to 20 and can count objects, such as apples, up to at least five
- Recognises and makes new patterns and designs, such as red-blue-red-blue or 2 – 1 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 1
- Uses words such as many, a lot, more, less
- Identifies things in a group that are different
- See differences in shapes
- Differentiates between opposites – under and over, big and small, day and night, hot and cold

Personal Social Skills

- Can say own name and address
- Uses the toilet independently and washes their own hands
- Adapts to unfamiliar settings and new experiences and deal with challenges
- Can finish a task and tidy up afterwards
- Plays co-operatively with other children – shares and takes turns and adapts to doing things differently
- Is curious about the world
- Can share an adult's attention with several other children
- Participates in imaginative play

Physical Skills

- Uses scissors to cut along a straight line
- Enjoys a variety of indoor and outdoor play
- Can run, jump, catch, balance and dance
- Can put on and take off jumpers, shoes socks independently
- Makes and designs things using a variety of materials

Remember that play is an important part of learning. Your child learns best when they are spending time with you and participating in activities that are fun and interesting. Practice these skills at home with your child.