



Nursery Expectations

All children learn at different levels but the government sets expectations for children in each year group. By this stage of Nursery, we want children to be able to do the things listed below. We have also said how you can help your children do them:

Communication and Language	How you can help:
Enjoy listening to stories together and understand what is happening.	Read a story every day with your child. Discuss the main events and characters.
Use new vocabulary.	Extend children's vocabulary through looking at books together and sharing ideas.
Personal, social and emotional development	How you can help:
Talk about their feelings using words like, "happy", "sad", "angry" or "worried".	Talk to your child about how they are feeling and why.
Manage their own needs.	Encourage your child to wash and dry hands, putting own shoes and coats on/taking off.
Physical Development	How you can help:
Use a variety of tools with control such as scissors, pens and paintbrushes.	Draw or paint pictures together. Practice holding scissors correctly and demonstrate use by guiding hand – over - hand help. Allow children to make snips in paper, moving scissors forwards.
Practice riding a tricycle/bike using pedals.	Go outdoors on a trike/bike and encourage using pedals to move forwards.
Literacy	How you can help:
Mark – making using a secure grip (holding a pencil between first two fingers and thumb).	Model writing and provide opportunities for mark making such as writing a pretend shopping list or writing on clipboards.
Recognise own name.	Write their name on labels, at the dinner table/next to their placemat. Write their name on pictures or using playdoh.
Mathematics	How you can help:
Complete a 6-8-piece interlocking puzzle.	Enjoy building puzzles together, showing that it completes a picture. Encourage your child to complete a puzzle independently.
Begin to use the language of 'tall', 'long' and 'short'.	Draw attention to similar items/object and use language to differentiate length.
Understanding the world	How you can help:
Explore the natural world around them.	Go for welly walks or woodland walks and talk about what you see.
Expressive arts and design	
To sing to match the pitch and tone sung by another person.	Sing nursey rhymes/simple songs to your child when on a car journey/before bed etc. and encourage your child to join in, copying the pitch and tone.



