



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 and engaging in longer stories.	Read a story every day with your child. Discuss the main events and characters.
Use sentences of four to six words	Expand children's phrases during discussions.
Personal, social and emotional development	How you can help:
Consider the feelings of others.	Talk about how others may be feeling during pretend play.
Manage their own needs.	Encourage your child to put own shoes and coats on/taking off.
Physical Development	How you can help:
Use scissors to cut in a line, holding the paper in the other hand.	Begin by making snip along short lines. Progress to cutting along slightly longer lines.
Practice large movement and balance skills.	Go outdoors to run or skip, go to the park to climb on equipment. Make an obstacle course together to balance. Go on a trike/bike or scooter ride.
Literacy	How you can help:
Put meaning to marks	Provide opportunities for mark making.
Recognise own name.	Use emergent writing to label pictures with their name. Practice forming own name out of 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.
Show fingers alongside songs and books.	Use finger manipulation when singing songs together e.g. "5 little ducks" and "5 little speckled frogs".
Understanding the world	How you can help:
Notice signs of spring.	Go for walks together and discuss the signs of spring e.g. flowers such as daffodils and snowdrops, warmer weather, bird nests etc.
Expressive arts and design	
Use detail when drawing and painting.	Draw pictures together such as drawing your family. Make a circular face with features such as eyes.

