



Lawn Primary
and Nursery School

Tidying Up together at home will teach your child to take responsibility for their belongings when they start school. Memory and recall skills are used when children have to remember where toys are kept. Observational skills are developed by sorting and matching similar toys.

Game ideas

Use a timer
Race against each other to tidy up
Tidy up before the music stops



Toilet Trained

Of all the practical skills to practise and master, going to the toilet is probably the most important one.

Encouraging your child to become confident getting to the toilet in time, wiping properly, flushing the toilet and washing their hands will have a positive impact on their self-esteem, when they start school.

If they are independent in this skill they are also less likely to have an accident

Sharing can be a challenge for children but it is a skill needed for play and learning.

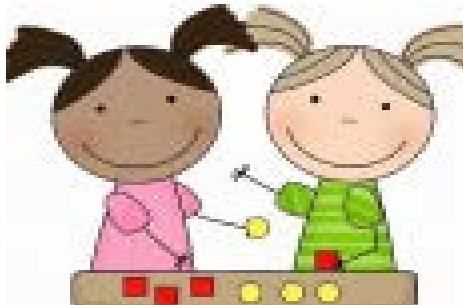
Friendships are developed when children play cooperatively. Children learn to compromise, negotiate, turn take and deal with the feeling of winning or losing.

Game ideas

4 in a Row
Snap



School Readiness.....



Big Scale Movements can be a challenge for Play is essential for healthy development. It helps to strengthen muscles, enables your child to assess risks, encourages use/ movement of different body parts, allows your child to socialise with other children, builds stamina.

Game ideas

Go to the park
Fly a kite
Ride a bike
Play ball games



Board games are a great way to spend time together, provide good learning opportunities, such as turn taking, and introduce children to feelings such as winning and losing. Through these games children will develop skills such as shape/ colour recognition, grouping, hand-eye coordination, dexterity and critical thinking.

Game ideas

Snakes & ladders
Picture bingo
Ker plunk



Dressing and undressing can be a challenge for children but it is a skill needed when getting ready for outdoor play or PE.

Hand-eye coordination is developed
Recognising left and right

Game ideas

Use a timer
Practise turning clothes
from inside out to the right way around.



Use a knife, fork and spoon

Good table manners are an important skill that should be developed when your child is young. At school there is the option for children to have 'hot dinners' so the ability to hold and use cutlery independently is important.



Game ideas

Make food shapes with playdough to practise cutting
Praise children using cutlery rather than hands

Share a book

Spending just 10 minutes a day reading with your child will help to promote a love for reading.

Ask questions every so often to find out what they think might happen next.

Recap what has happened every few pages to make sure your child knows what's happening.

Encourage your child to hold the book and turn the pages



Share a nursery rhyme

Nursery rhymes are a great start to learning early phonic skills such as the ability to hear and identify letter sounds. They also give your child the opportunity to practise pitch, volume and rhythm.

Game ideas

Add actions

Change the names/ words in a nursery rhyme

Clap/ stamp along to a beat



Recognise your name

Being able to recognise their own name will aid our child's self esteem and help them find their belongings when they are at school.



Game ideas

Roll out their name in playdough

Label their belongings with name labels

Write their name on a paper with a candle for your child to paint over with watered down paint

Make a name sign together for their door

School Readiness.....



Talk about your day

Children need space and time to process what they have experienced throughout the day. By talking through what they have been doing children are:

- listening and experimenting with new vocabulary
- practising listening and responding to questions
- using their memory and recall skills
- having speech sounds modelled to them



Use scissors

Being able to hold a pair of scissors will increase your child's independence skills and self-esteem when starting school.

Game ideas

Work together on cutting up pieces of playdough

Practise cutting a variety of lines (zig-zag/ straight)

Cut up old birthday cards and magazines for shopping lists

Tips from parents to parents...

Talk about school in a positive way

Label everything with your child

Practise dressing in new uniform, school coat, PE kit and shoes before school starts in September

Check the school website for latest information about the school

Have a lovely Summer together!