



Tips for Parents

When your child starts primary school there are a number of skills that they should have ideally mastered. Use this sheet as a guide to help track their progress.

Self-care

I know when to wash my hands.
I can wipe my nose.
I can ask for help if I don't feel well.

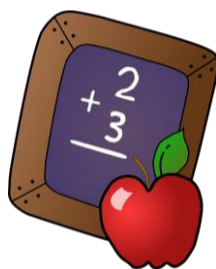


Going to the toilet

I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly and flush.
I can wash and dry my hands without any help.

Speaking and Literacy

I am interested in reading stories and looking at picture books.
I can talk about myself, my needs and my feelings.
I am practising recognising my name when it's written down.



Independence

I am happy to be away from mummy, daddy or my main carer.
I am happy to tidy my belongings and look after my things.
I am feeling confident about starting school.

Getting dressed and undressed on my own

I can button & unbutton my clothes.
I can put my shoes & socks on.
I can put on my coat & try to use a zip.



Listening and Understanding

I am able to sit still and listen for a short while.
I can follow instructions.
I understand the need to follow rules.

Interest in the world and new activities

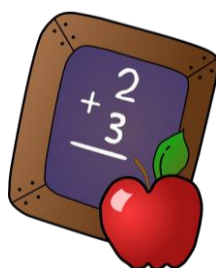
I enjoy learning about the world around me.
I am interested in exploring new activities and environments.
I like asking questions.

Sharing and turn taking

I can share toys & take turns.
I can play games with others.
I can interact with other children.

Eating

I can use a knife & fork.
I can open my packed lunch on my own.
I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging.



Counting Skills

I enjoy practising counting objects.
I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games.
I can recognise some numbers when they are written down.

Writing Skills

I like tracing patterns and colouring in.
I enjoy experimenting with different shaped scribbles.
I am practising holding a pencil.



Routines

I have practised putting on my uniform.
I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school.
I am learning to recognise when I am hungry or thirsty.

