



Recognising their name



Writing their name in lower case

Helping to get your child Reception Ready



Temple Hill

Community Primary School & Nursery

Parents often ask us what their child will need to be able to do before starting reception class. To help, we have written this guide.



Taking shoes on and off



Going to the toilet
on their own

You may find it useful to read this through with your child before they start reception, and have practice sessions for anything they are not sure about.

It will help them settle in more quickly and more confidently.



Recognising their name

We will teach your child how to recognise letters and numbers, but it will help your child to settle in if they can recognise their own name on coat pegs, class drawers etc. Try writing their name on items at home, and asking them to see how many times they can find and read their name.

Alisha is excited to recognise her name on her coat peg.



Writing their name in lower case

We will teach your child to write their name, but it is helpful if they can write their name when they start. You could ask your child to practice writing their name in some of their favourite books at home.

Harry feels very grown up writing his own name at school.



Taking shoes on and off

Your child will need to take off their outdoor shoes sometimes when they are at school. Help them practice this at home. Also, please think about their shoes and buy a pair that are easy for your child to take on and off independently. Velcro fastenings are a great idea.

Harry knows which shoe to put on his left foot.



Going to the toilet on their own

Your child will need to use the toilet, independently which includes wiping themselves, flushing the toilet and washing their hands... so encourage this at home please.

Alisha loves the bubbly soap in the school toilets...it smells like flowers!





Fastening and unfastening coats and cardigans

Your child will need to take coats and cardigans and jumpers off and on during the school day. Help your child practice this at home. Also, please think about clothing that is easy for them to put on and take off, so think about easy coat fastenings for example.

Alisha and Harry enjoy using zips and big buttons.



Using tissues to wipe and blow their nose

Children often have frequent colds in their early school years. Please supply your child with tissues if they have a cold, and show them how to wipe and blow their nose too.

Alisha is very good at blowing her nose, so that she can breathe better.



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