

Preparing for school

Read stories about starting school. Here are a few examples:

- Starting school – Janet & Alan Ahlberg.
- Boris starts school – Carrie Weston & Tim Warnes.
- Alfie and the big boys – Shirley Hughes.
- Jellybean goes to school – Margaret Roc & Laura Hughes.
- Harry and the dinosaurs go to school – Ian Whybrow.
- Charlie and Lola: I am too absolutely small for school – Lauren Child.
- Topsy and Tim: Start school – Jean & Gareth Adamson.
- Come to School too, blue kangaroo – Emma Chichester Clarke.
- Read our own book called 'Jay, Alex and Sophia are coming to Arbury Primary School'.



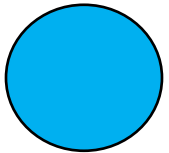
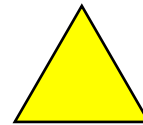
Early Literacy skills to practice:

- Sit and listen to a story with increasing focus.
- Talk about the story - sharing favourite parts etc.
- Be able to recognise your name when it is written down.
- Practise holding a pencil with increasing control (working towards a tripod grip if possible).
- Work on writing your name.
- Be able to identify sounds in the environment.



Early Mathematic skills to practice:

- Counting in order to 10.
- Recognising numbers to 10.
- Counting objects to 10 (1:1 correspondence – touching each object, counting slowly and accurately).
- Identify colours.
- Go on shape hunts and look for shapes in the environment.
- Focus on naming the common 2D shapes – square, rectangle, circle, triangle.



Health and self-care skills:

- Be able to use the toilet and wash your hands independently.
- Be able to get yourself dressed – maybe try getting changed into your PE kit by yourself and then put your uniform back on.
- Be able to put your shoes and socks on.
- Be able to use a knife and fork independently with increasing accuracy.
- Practise putting your coat on and zipping it up by yourself.



Look at the school website together and find the section called 'Starting school'. Look at pictures of the school building, classroom and teachers. Also find 'News and Events' (September 2019 onwards) and look for pictures of the current EYFS classes to get a flavor of the types of learning that is happening and will in turn happen for your child.