

## Getting ready for school

### **Self-help Skills**

Your child needs to be able to:

- ☺ Use the toilet independently
- ☺ Get dressed and undressed (for P.E.)
- ☺ Put on and take off their coat
- ☺ Blow their nose
- ☺ Use a knife and fork
- ☺ Tidy away their toys
- ☺ Share and take turns

### **Supporting Learning**

Your child needs to be able to:

- ☺ Hold a pencil
- ☺ Cut out with scissors
- ☺ Know colours
- ☺ Recognise their name / write their name in lower case letters with capital letters at the beginning
- ☺ Concertrate and sit still for short periods – e.g. to listen to a story

### **Reminders**

- ☺ You must label **ALL** your child's clothes and belongings. These often get misplaced and it is very hard for the staff to support in returning these items to their correct owner without labels.
- ☺ Your child needs a PE bag (available from the school office) with close fitting, joggers, shorts, t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls. Please bring this on the day your child starts school.
- ☺ Every child will need a book bag (available from the school office)
- ☺ Every child will be given a water bottle for use in school. Please ensure their names are visible and it is re-filled with fresh water daily
- ☺ Children are not encouraged to bring toys to school as they can become easily lost or broken.
- ☺ Reception children access the Curriculum both indoors and outdoors. Please ensure they have a suitable coat/jacket and shoes suitable for climbing and using equipment outdoors.
- ☺ Reception children will also take part in weekly forest school session over the year. They will need a bag with a pair of wellies that can stay in school, warm clothes to wear in the forest and a waterproof coat/onsie.