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This booklet has been produced to provide parents and carers with information about how you can support your child in preparation for the start of Nursery.

Please could we ask you to work on the following areas prior to the children starting with us.

If you need any advice or further help, please get in touch with the class teacher.

Thank you!

## Ryhill Junior, Infant and Nursery School



Things you need to know before starting Nursery

### Expressive art and design

- ◆ Be able to join in with one or two nursery rhymes or songs
- ◆ Get messy with lots of different media
- ◆ Be able to respond to music through dance

### Communication and language

- ◆ Understand simple instructions
- ◆ Start to develop simple conversations
- ◆ Listen to a range of simple stories
- ◆ Understand simple questions
- ◆ Identify simple objects

### Maths

- ◆ Be able to join in with a few number rhymes
- ◆ Compare sizes and weights
- ◆ Count everyday objects
- ◆ Notice patterns and arrange things in patterns.

### Personal, Social and Emotional development

- ◆ Form a positive friendship
- ◆ Be able to take turns and share
- ◆ Talk about how I am feeling
- ◆ Be able to put on my own coat
- ◆ Be able to separate from my parent/carer
- ◆ Be able to ask for help

### Literacy

- ◆ Join in with songs and rhymes
- ◆ Ask simple questions about books
- ◆ To notice print in the environment
- ◆ Enjoy drawing
- ◆ Add marks to drawings, and give meaning to the marks

### Physical development

- ◆ Go to the toilet
- ◆ Wash and dry my hands.
- ◆ Drink from a cup

### Understanding the world

- ◆ Explore materials both indoors and outdoors
- ◆ To have had the opportunity to experience some of the activities on Wakefield's 50 things before you are 5

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/sport-health-and-leisure/healthy-living/starting-well-0-5-years/50-things-to-do-before-5>

- ◆ Notice differences between people