



## 5 YEAR OLD EXPECTATIONS

### WHAT SHOULD YOUR CHILDREN KNOW BEFORE THEY START SCHOOL?

It is helpful if they can do some or all of the following – they are in no particular order.

#### **Your child will need some independence. It would be good if they are:**

- Happy to leave parent/caregiver and stay at school
- Wear sensible named clothing
- Able to dress themselves
- Able to put their shoes on by themselves including tying shoe laces
- Able to look after belongings
- Able to put things away by themselves
- Willing to attempt activities.

#### **Your child will need some social skills. It would be good if they are:**

- Able to play with other children without violence/ridicule
- Learning to take turns and share with others
- Eager to be with other children
- Able to talk to the teacher
- Able to talk appropriately to peers

#### **Your child will need some intellectual skills. It would be good if they:**

- Know their name and address
- Can identify their own name
- Can write their name
- Know the alphabet and the sounds letters make
- Can count to ten
- Can recognise and name colours
- Can recognise and name basic shapes
- Know how to turn pages in a book
- Are able to talk about pictures in a book
- Are able to listen to a story
- Are able to follow simple instructions
- Are able to follow routines e.g. help tidy up and put equipment away
- Can listen for short periods to stories and instructions
- Can maintain concentration for a short time at a given task.