



Starting Reception

Welcome to Reception at Calveley Primary Academy

Here are a few ideas to prepare your child for starting reception. These are the sort of things we will look at in the first term. We know that children develop at different rates and have different abilities so please do not see this as a check list!

Mark making

Please encourage your child to make marks (writing) with whatever possible! They can use mud, paint, colouring pencils, shaving foam etc. Children should practise using and holding a pencil correctly for creating pictures, colouring, writing etc. Even if this does not look like letters to me and you, it is important for children to give meaning to marks they make.

Numbers

During the first few weeks in school we will work on reading and writing numbers to 10. Some activities you could do at home include - counting steps, counting smarties, counting raisins...anything! You could also look at recognising numbers in the environment (bus numbers, house numbers, and price labels in the supermarket). We will also be looking at 2D shapes.

Singing

Music is an important part of our school life and we encourage children to join in with songs. Learning simple songs at home will help develop children's rhythm and confidence. Songs can include nursery rhymes, the alphabet song, number songs and even songs from the radio!

Being independent

At school your child will be encouraged to do things independently, such as carrying their own bag into the classroom and lining up for school by themselves. For PE children get changed independently. You can encourage this independence by asking children to get dressed by themselves at home or by practising doing and undoing buttons.

We cannot wait for September!