

Top tips for supporting your child with starting school:

Out and about

- There are lots of local activities advertised in local newspapers and websites.
- Take them to the park and talk about the world around you. You can look for print, numbers, shapes or plants/ animals around us.
- Visit your local children's centre.

In the car or on the bus/train

- Songs and rhymes lay the foundations for reading and counting. You can sing anywhere.
- Take books or other reading material to read together on a long bus or train journey.

At the shops

- Write a shopping list together.
- Talk about healthy foods.
- Read food packaging and labels.
- Count items in the basket and count money when paying.
- Sort items or food by colour or how it looks.

At home

- Cook together.
- Garden together.
- Read together.
- Play together- such as exploring toys that sink or float during bath time or using recycled materials to create art.

Remember:

- Chatter matters! Take advantage of daily activities for opportunities to talk and develop vocabulary.