

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

If your child is going to Reception in September help them prepare by:

- talking to them about all the exciting things they will do in Reception
- going shopping for the new uniform together
- borrowing a book about starting school from the library
- talking about how they feel

If your child is staying in Nursery talking to them each day about their experiences at Nursery will help them to feel more settled and to make links between their home and school lives.

Physical Development

- Why not get a ball and take it with you on your trips to the park. You could use your ball to practise throwing and catching and even engage in a family game of football!
- To help your child practise their fine motor skills provide your child with lots of ways to make marks (pens, paint, chalk). Always remind your child to write their name on their master piece to reinforce name writing.

Understanding the World

- Once the butterflies are out and about examine some together, encourage your child to look closely. By asking questions such as "I wonder how the butterfly moves?" you can help your child to focus their attention and really study the butterfly.
- If you are planning a family day out why not visit somewhere with exotic animals – London Zoo is within easy reach (www.zsl.org), Battersea Park Zoo has various monkeys and snakes along with a host of animals native to Europe (www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk)

Communication and Language

Developing a child's vocabulary is essential for academic success in later life. Children of this age need to be constantly encouraged to talk and engage in conversation.

- Talk about things you see in your local environment when out and about on your own expeditions providing children with the relevant vocabulary
- Why not make up stories about animals, give them a name, invent a family and imagine the adventures and expeditions the animal has had! Your child could even retell the stories to their friends at school

Remember talk doesn't have to be in English, talk in your home language will help your child just as much.

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Suggestions for Nursery home prep

Nursery topic –

Expeditions

There are lots of ways to help your child at home. Here are a few suggestions to get you started.

Expressive Arts and Design

Songs and nursery rhymes are an excellent way for children to acquire language and develop creativity. Here are a few to look up on the internet.

- Way Down in the Jungle
- Five Little Specked Frogs
- Five Little Monkeys Teasing Mr Crocodile

Literacy

Experiencing a wide range of books at an early age helps to develop a lifelong love of reading. There are some great books featuring expeditions. Why not visit the local library (located at the Westfield Shopping Centre) and pick some up. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Walking through the Jungle** by Julie Lacombe
- **Rumble in the Jungle** by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz
- **Lost and Found** by Oliver Jeffers
- **10 Little Rubber Ducks** by Eric Carle

Mathematics

- There are endless things to count on animals the children might find on an expedition – spots on leopards and giraffes, stripes on tigers, legs on spiders, wings on butterflies. Remember when counting to encourage your child to point to each item in turn to ensure accuracy.
- Animals contain lots of examples of shapes and patterns – stripes in zebras and tigers, circles and triangles in butterflies wings, triangles along snakes. Look for the shapes and patterns with your child and then have fun together using the shapes to make animals of your own.