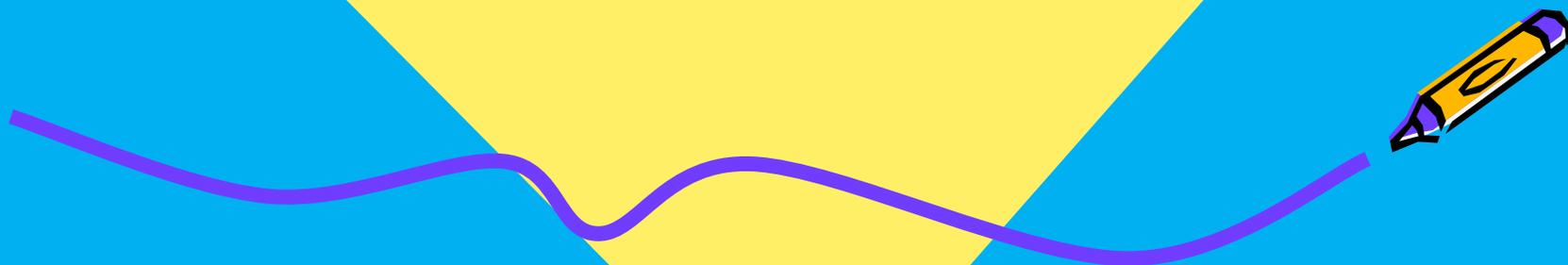


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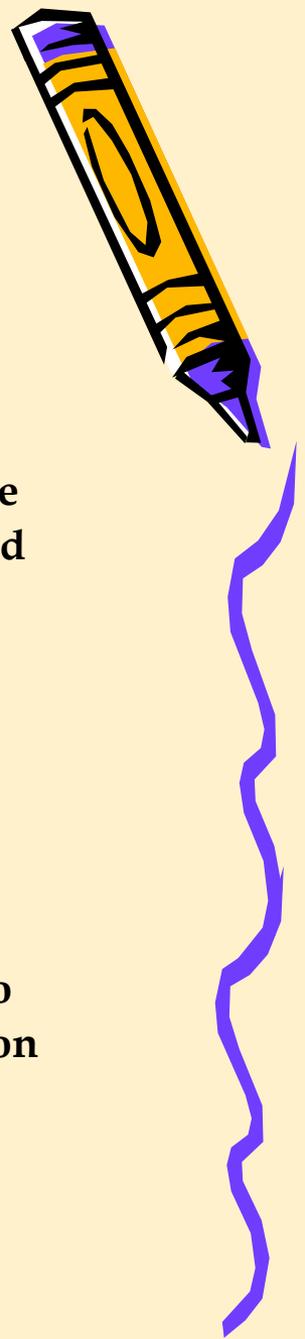
# TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

## Nursery / Home:

- Once you have accepted a place at our school, we will arrange to visit your child at Nursery (or at home if they do not attend Nursery). These visits are an opportunity for school staff to meet your child in a relaxed and familiar environment. It is an important opportunity to share information about your child and about the school.

## School Visits:

- Your child will be invited to come for a 'Stay and Play' session (a morning or afternoon). The children normally come to visit with their friends from Nursery (and Nursery staff or parents).
- Your child will also be invited to come to school for a full afternoon to meet all their new classmates (the children normally attend this visit on their own).



# Information Sessions



- You will be invited to attend a 'New Parent welcome Meeting' in the Summer Term prior to your child starting school. This is an opportunity for you to meet us and to ask any questions.
- You will also be invited to a 'Phonics Information Session' in September after your child has started school. At this session we will tell you all about how we teach Reading in School.
- There will be a Parents Evening towards the end of your child's first half term. We can discuss how your child has settled into school and answer any queries you may have.



# Getting Ready!

There is a lot to learn when your child starts school! Here are a selection of skills you can practise at home to help them get ready.



## Personal Skills:

Encourage your child to:

- wash and dry their hands;
- use the toilet;
- use a tissue to blow and wipe their nose;
- put on and fasten their coat;
- put on and fasten their shoes;
- put on and take off their school uniform (this is really helpful when we start doing PE lessons).

## Independence and Sharing:

Encourage your child to:

- take turns when playing simple games and share toys.
- join in with games and activities with other people. Try having a friend round to your house to play - this is great for encouraging independence and developing confidence too.



## Eating & Drinking

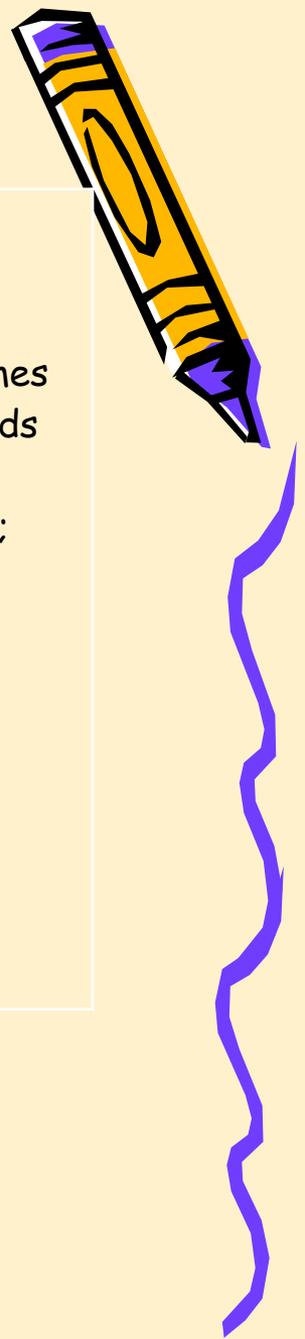
Talk to your child about how to:

- make healthy choices at lunchtime;
- look at the school menu and try some of the different foods. If your child will be having a packed lunch, try packing some lunches together. What would your child like to eat? Can they open different packages?
- use a knife, fork and spoon.

## Speaking & Listening

Encourage your child to:

- listen to stories, songs and rhymes and to join in with repeated words or phrases;
- ask and answer simple questions;
- ask a grown-up for help when needed.



## Writing:

Support your child to:

- recognise their name when written down;
- hold a pencil to make marks;
- practise writing their name if you feel they are ready to.

## Number Skills

Support your child to:

- count small groups of objects;
- practise counting to 10;
- sing number rhymes or songs.

