End of Year Expectations
NURSERY

At Nursery age, learning happens through play, exploration, talk and relationships. Children are not expected to read, write or do formal maths. Confidence, curiosity and communication are the foundations for future learning. Progress from where your child started is what matters most.

Communication and Language

Nursery end of year expectations:	What can parents do at home to support?
-Listen to stories, songs and rhymes with enjoyment -Understand simple questions and instructions -Use short sentences to express needs and ideas -Begin to ask questions (e.g. *"Why?"*, *"What's that?"*) -Join in with familiar rhymes and repeated phrases Examples *Follows instructions like: "Put your coat on and line up."* *Uses sentences such as: "I want the red car."* *"Look, it's big!"*	-Talk with your child throughout the day -Ask open questions: *"What are you doing?"* -Read stories and pause to talk about pictures -Sing nursery rhymes and repeat favourite songs

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Nursery end of year expectations:	What can parents do at home to support?
-Separate from carers with increasing confidence -Play alongside and sometimes with other children -Begin to share and take turns with adult support -Show awareness of their own feelings -Follow simple routines and expectations Examples *Takes turns with toys when prompted* *Says: "I'm sad." "That's mine."* *Attempts to tidy up with encouragement*	-Talk about feelings and name them -Encourage turn-taking games -Praise positive behaviour and effort -Give simple responsibilities (e.g. tidying toys)

Physical Development

Nursery end of year expectations:	What can parents do at home to support?
-Move confidently (running, jumping, climbing) -Begin to control movements when stopping or changing direction -Use hands to manipulate objects (building, threading) -Start to use tools such as pencils, brushes and scissors Examples *Climbs steps or frames independently* *Holds a pencil with emerging control* *Makes marks on paper*	-Encourage outdoor play and movement -Provide crayons, pencils, playdough, scissors -Practise dressing skills (zips, coats) -Allow messy play (sand, water, paint)

Literacy (early reading and writing)

Nursery end of year expectations:	What can parents do at home to support?
-Enjoy sharing books with adults -Handle books correctly (turning pages) -Recognise familiar stories and rhymesMake marks to represent meaning -Begin to recognise their name Examples *Says: "That's the bear!"* *Makes marks and explains: "This is my mummy."*	-Read to your children every day, even briefly -Talk about pictures and characters -Encourage mark making (no pressure to form letters) -Point out your child's name on belongings

Mathematics

Nursery end of year expectations:	What can parents do at home to support?
-Count objects to 3 or 5 (sometimes higher) -Use number words in play -Compare amounts (more, less) -Recognise basic shapes -Use language of size and position Examples *Counts: "1, 2, 3!"* *Says: "I have more." "It's under the table."*	-Count everyday objects together -Use number songs and rhymes -Talk about shapes in the environment -Use words like *big*, *small*, *full*, *empty*

Understanding the World

Nursery end of year expectations:	What can parents do at home to support?
-Talk about familiar people and places -Show interest in how things work -Begin to notice differences between people -Explore the natural world Examples *Says: "That's my house." "The ice is cold."* *Notices changes (weather, seasons)*	-Talk about daily routines and places you visit -Explore nature together -Answer questions with curiosity -Share family traditions and experiences

Expressive Arts and Design

Nursery end of year expectations:	What can parents do at home to support?
-Join in with songs and music -Use imagination in role play -Explore colours, materials and sounds -Express ideas through play and creativity Examples *Pretends a box is a car* *Mixes colours when painting* *Joins in with familiar songs*	-Encourage pretend play -Sing songs and listen to music -Provide craft materials -Value creativity over finished products