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FACT SHEET 4

Preparing for Kindergarten

Parents/carers can do a lot to help prepare their child for Kindergarten before the big 'first day'. Below is a list of skills that is useful for children starting Kindergarten. We recognise that not all children will have these skills as everyone develops at a different pace, so this is intended only as a guide so that starting school may be just a little easier.

Encourage your child to attempt the things mentioned below, but don't worry if your child can't do all of them.

Language

- talks to other people about familiar objects and events
- answers and asks simple questions
- makes needs known
- follows simple instructions
- uses books for enjoyment or for looking at pictures
- identifies pictures in books, magazines, on television or video
- able to hold a variety of things (pens, pencils, textas, paintbrushes, sticks in the dirt) to draw, to scribble or to write
- joins in singing familiar songs

Mathematics

- recognises that numbers can be used to count
- uses words such as many, a lot, more, less
- identifies things in a group that are the same or different
- sees differences in shapes
- differentiates between opposites - up and down, under and over, in front and behind, day and night

Personal and Social Skills

- uses the toilet independently
- can say own name and address
- adapts to unfamiliar settings and new experiences
- can finish a task, and tidies up afterwards
- plays cooperatively with other children - shares and takes turns
- can sit still to listen to a story for a few minutes
- can share an adult's attention with several other children
- participates in imaginative play

Physical Skills

- uses scissors to cut along a straight line
- enjoys a variety of indoor and outdoor play
- can put on and take off jumpers, shoes, socks independently
- can open and close own school bag, lunch box and drink bottle