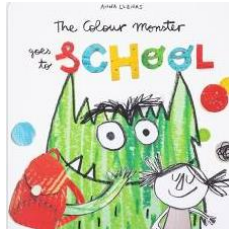




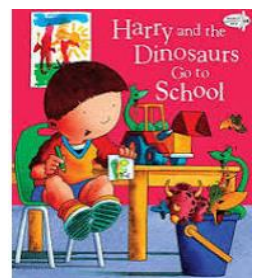
Trumpington Park Primary School



Preparing for school

Stories to read before starting school:

- Starting School – Janet and Allen Ahlberg.
- Boris starts school – Carrie Weston and Tim Warnes.
- Alfie and the Big Boys – Shirley Hughes.
- Jellybean goes to School – Margaret Roc and Laura Hughes.
- Harry and the Dinosaurs go to school – Ian Whybrow.
- Charlie and Lola: I am too absolutely small for school – Lauren Child.
- Topsy and Tim start school – Jean and Gareth Adamson.
- Come to school too Blue Kangaroo – Emma Chichester Clarke.
- The Colour Monster goes to school – Anna Llenas.



Early Literacy Skills



- Sit and listen to a favourite story with increasing focus.
- Talk about the story – discuss the characters and share your favourite part.
- Be able to recognise own name when written down.
- Hold a pencil with increasing control (working towards using a tripod grip).
- Practise writing own name.
- Listen to and identify sounds in the environment.

Early Maths Skills

- Sing counting songs such as 5 little speckled frogs.
- Practise counting to 10.
- Look for numerals in the environment.
- Practise counting objects to 5 and then 10 (touching each object, counting slowly and accurately).
- Identify colours.
- Go on a shape hunt and look for shapes in the environment.
- Practise naming common 2D shapes (square, rectangle, circle, triangle).



Health and Self-care Skills:

- Use the toilet independently and wash own hands.
- Be able to get dressed into PE kit and back into school clothes.
- Be able to put shoes and socks on independently.
- Practise putting on your coat and zipping it up.
- Be able to hold your knife and fork and use them with increasing independence.



Fine Motor Skills:

- Enjoy using playdough – practise squashing, squeezing, rolling and pinching the dough.
- Thread beads onto string, spaghetti or pipe cleaners.
- Use vegetables stampers to print with paint.
- Practise fastening buttons and pulling up zips.
- Use tweezers to pick up small objects.
- Attach bricks to build a tower (including duplo and lego).
- Finger paint or maybe use cotton buds to create patterns.
- Use different sized paintbrushes to paint with water outside.
- Practise tearing, cutting and collaging different materials.
- Push cars inside increasingly narrow tracks.

