

Hello (name),



My name is Mrs Pham and I'm going to be your teacher in Nursery. I can't wait to see you and I wanted to send you a little gift while you're waiting to go school.

It's a book about Goat going to his school and if you look at the pictures you can see how much fun the animals have, even when things go a little wrong sometimes!

It looks a bit like our Nursery and I'm sure you are going to have a lot of fun too!

The other adults in there are Mrs Stalham, Miss Canning and Mrs Baker and they are also looking forward to seeing you very much.



Dear Parents,

We are sending your child this book to help them prepare for their first days at Nursery. We hope you will share it with your child by talking about the pictures together.

It's the first story we will read to them and it might help them to get used to listening in a group if they are already familiar with it.

You could ask them to tell you what they can see in the pictures and what they will be looking forward to in our Nursery.

It's a rhyming story and we use rhyming stories a lot so the children can have a go at guessing what the last word of the sentence is. Being aware of rhyme is going to be a great help for them when they will learn to read and write later on in school.

You might have other rhyming stories at home such as 'The Gruffalo', also by Julia Donaldson, 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?' by Bill Martin Jr., 'Duck in the Truck' by Jez Alborough, just to name a few and of course Nursery Rhymes.

Other things you could do to prepare your child:

- Singing, dancing and making music together (pots, pans and spoons make great instruments)
- Encourage them to draw lots of pictures and praise the results, whatever they look like! it's a great way to express themselves and it's essential your child feels confident using pencils or other writing materials before they're going to attempt letters
- It will help them to feel more confident in school when they can use the toilet independently

- It will also be a great help for them (and for us) if they can take off and put on their coat, jumper and shoes by themselves.
- Your child will be sharing toys with other children, if this is something they haven't needed to do so far then maybe you could get them used to it by sharing their toys with you

It is not necessary to start with letters and numbers before they go to Nursery, but all children are different and if you feel the need for your child, you could start with 'The song of sounds' which we will be singing everyday so that they get used to the letter sounds. You can find it on YouTube <https://youtu.be/48uf9I6P2xQ>. In Nursery we stop at z.

As for numbers, if you feel your child is ready for this, then singing number songs will help them to learn the right order ('1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive'). Counting items properly is tricky when they are so young, start with very small numbers i.e. counting 2 spoons, 3 cars, 4 blocks. It's equally important for them to learn concepts as small, big, more, less, a few, a lot.

We will be working on all these things in Nursery, so please don't worry if your child isn't doing any of this yet.

In the first Term our main focus will be personal, social and emotional development, we want them to be happy in school, to enjoy the company of other children, to be able to work and play together and to get used to the rules and routines of our unit.

We are looking very much forward to welcoming your child into our Nursery and to working together with you to achieve the best possible outcome for your child.

Kind regards,

Mrs Pham