## Reading and Writing Float on a Sea of Talk

Your child's future success as a reader and writer starts with their ability to talk so ... share stories, sing songs and rhymes, and talk about everything and anything!

## Self-Care

Your child will be using the toilet independently at Nursery, so make sure they can manage their clothing, wipe their bottom (this won't be perfect!) and wash their hands by themselves.

Get your child into the habit of hanging up their coat and tidying up their toys to prepare them for doing these things at Nursery.

Make sure your child can open and close their water bottle.

If they are staying for lunch, ensure they can open their lunchbox and containers or use a knife and fork if they are having school dinners.

## Getting ready for Nursery

## Social Skills

Take your child to busy spaces with lots of children their own age.

Let them get used to taking turns and sharing and beginning to manage their own feelings when things do not go as planned!

Help develop a 'can do' attitude in your child

Give your child the time and space to talk about their ideas and find out about the world around them by engaging in long periods of play.

Let them get messy! Let them mix, mush and squelch water, sand, mud, playdough, paint.

This helps develop their creativity, confidence and communication skills.