Recycling

Within nursery we have been focusing on recycling with the children. Each group has visited the recycling area within the school grounds. Many children can already name items that we can recycle and talk about the refuse collectors taking it away. Discuss with your child where they take it, what happens to the different items, why we recycle etc. We can recommend “What’s Rubbish,” game by Orchard toys [www.orchardtoys.com](http://www.orchardtoys.com) as a fun way to learn about recycling as you play with the family.

Understanding of the past

Within social studies we will be working to develop the children’s understanding of the past. We will be discussing any personal links associated with special family events eg. Family birthdays, family holidays, Christening. At home use photographs linked to these events to prompt discussion and develop their understanding of the past.

Preparation for school

In preparation for going to school, parents of pre-school children could take their children on a walk to their new school, talking to them about places they pass, people you meet on the way eg. lollypop person and reinforcing issues such as road safety. Discuss with your child the different people who work within a school.

Emergent writing

Provide meaningful opportunities for your child to practise writing their name, letters of the alphabet eg. on Birthday cards, shopping lists, don’t worry if not clear, developing their understanding that writing has meaning and their interest in early writing is most important. Encourage your child to take notice of environmental print, for example street signs, house numbers, writing on posters, shop names and signs, car registrations etc.