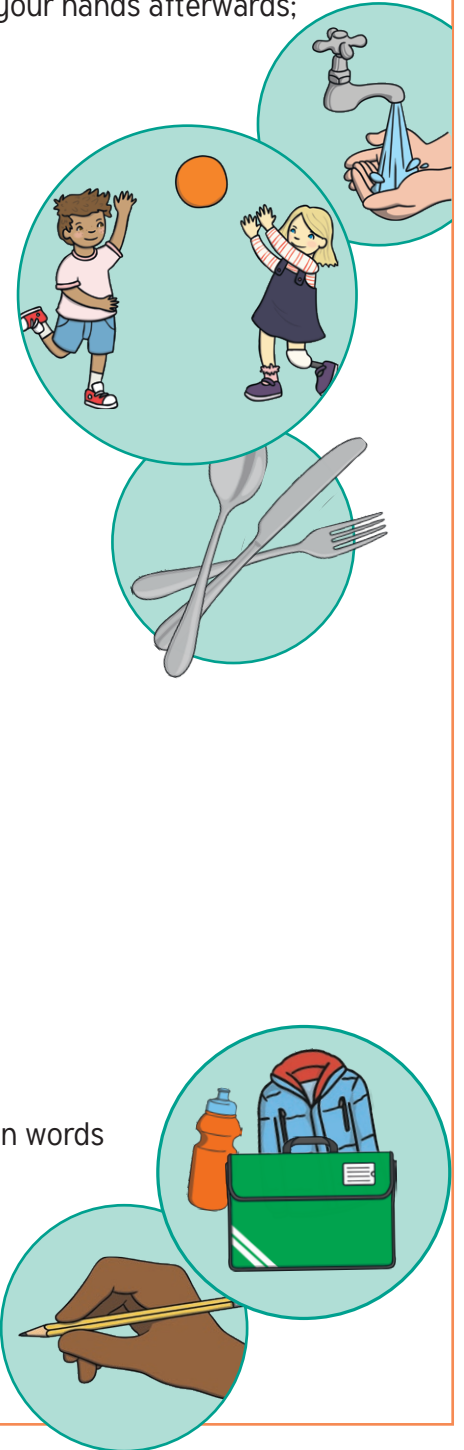


# Getting Ready for Year 2

There are lots of ways to help your children get ready for year 2. Here are some ideas of key skills you can practise together at home (as appropriate for your child).

## Ask a grown-up to help you practise:

- Getting changed into and out of your PE kit quickly and storing your clothing sensibly;
- Putting on and fastening up your coat independently;
- Using a knife, fork and a spoon;
- Using a tissue to blow your nose, disposing of it in the bin and washing your hands afterwards;
- Flushing the toilet and washing your hands afterwards;
- Holding and using scissors confidently;
- Opening and closing your lunchbox (if appropriate);
- Waiting your turn in a game and sharing resources with others;
- Throwing and catching a ball with increasing accuracy;
- Following an instruction the first time of asking;
- Writing the days of the week and months of the year;
- Reading and writing the numbers in words from one to twenty;
- Confidently recalling the number bonds up to and within 10 and 20;
- Adding and subtracting with numbers up to 20;
- Counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards;
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s;
- Knowing one more/one less than a number;
- Reading the time to o'clock and half past;
- Being able to correctly form all lowercase and uppercase letters;
- Reading and spelling the Year 1 Common Exception Words correctly;
- Beginning to learn the Year 2 Common Exception Words;
- Writing sentences with a capital letter at the start, finger spaces between words and a full stop (or other punctuation) at the end;
- Reading back a sentence to check that it makes sense;
- Being able to say your address;
- Being able to tell someone your birthday.



## Other things you can do:

- Have name labels on everything you bring into school (e.g. PE kit, water bottle, jumper, coat, gloves etc).
- Know what you need to take to school and to bring home each day.
- Be able to tie and untie your shoelaces (if appropriate) by yourself.
- Be comfortable celebrating others' achievements, as well as receiving praise for your own.



Please note, this is not a prescriptive nor exhaustive list but is intended as a guide to support your child's transition into year 2.