



# HeadStart Programme

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Rutherford Primary is offering a transition to school programme open to 4 year olds with an exciting focus to support children in their preparation for school learning. This programme will allow your child to experience learning in a small group setting which encourages your child to experience success. This will help children to start school feeling secure, happy, and ready to learn.

The HeadStart Programme runs every Tuesday from 1.30pm – 2.30pm. The Tuesday before your child starts school they will visit their new class from 9.30am – 11.30am. This will allow your child to meet their future classmates and see what a school day is all about.

We will cover skills that will support your child starting at school building on

- Reading, writing and maths
- Listening and turn taking skills

Each session we will work with

**Alphabet skills** – talking about and recognising letters and the sounds that they make. Each session we work with ‘the letter of the day’, through a variety of activities.

**Jolly phonics** – using the actions, song and sounds to use to help to learn to sound out and read words.

**Reading** – using big books to learn about reading using terminology to support becoming a reader. Reading books together to understand how letters make words and words make sentences

**Writing** – how to hold a pencil and form letters, use letters to make words

**Maths** – recognising numbers and making sets to represent numbers, counting in sequence

**Craft activities** – creating activities that support the letter of the day that we have been working with during the session

When visiting please check in with the school office and we will take you to Room 8.

If you have any questions about the programme please contact me.

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