

Your Child at 4 years:

We use age related milestones to help us assess your child's development

What most children can do by this age:

Social/Emotional Milestones:

- Pretends to be something during play (teacher, dog, superhero)
- Asks to play with other children if none are around, like "Can I play with Alex?"
- Comforts other who are hurt or sad like hugging a crying friend
- Avoids danger, like not jumping from tall heights at the playground
- Likes to be a helper
- Changes behaviour based on where they are (library, playground)

Language/Communication Milestones:

- Says sentences with four or more words
- Says some words from a song, story or nursery rhyme
- Talks about at least one thing that happened during their day
- Answers simple questions like "What is a coat for?" or "What is a pencil for?"

Cognitive Milestones (learning, thinking, problem solving):

- Names a few colours of items
- Tells what comes next in a well known story
- Draws a person with three or more body parts

Movement/Physical Development Milestones:

- Catches large ball most of the time
- Serves themselves food or pours water with adult supervision
- Unbuttons some buttons
- Holds crayon or pencil between fingers and thumb (not a fist)

Your Child at 5 years:

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What most children can do by this age:

Social/Emotional Milestones:

- Follow rules or take turns when playing games
- Sings, dances or acts for you
- Does simple jobs at home like putting their toys away

Language/Communication Milestones:

- Tells a story they heard or made up with at least two events – e.g. a cat was stuck in a tree and a firefighter saved it
- Answers simple questions about a book or story after you read it
- Keeps a conversation going with more than three back and forth exchanges
- Uses or recognises simple rhymes (ball-tall, bat-cat)

Cognitive Milestones (learning, thinking, problem solving):

- Counts to 10
- Names some numbers between 1 and 5 when you point to them
- Uses words about time like "yesterday", "tomorrow", "morning" and "night"
- Pays attention for 5-10 minutes on activities
- Writes some letters in their name
- Names some letters that you point to them

Movement/Physical Development Milestones:

- Buttons some buttons
- Hops on one foot

Your Child's Development

Every child is individual and develops at different rates. If we have concerns that your child is not making good progress we will always share this with you, and meet to discuss what we can do to help.

If you have any concerns about your child's development, please share this with us.

We also have designated staff to support any additional needs your child may have:



Our school SENDCO (special educational needs and/or disabilities coordinator) is Mrs Magill.



Our school Learning Mentor is Mr Williams.