

# Ready, Steady, Reception: Enhancing the Offer

The **50 Things to Do Before You're Five, Ready, Steady, Reception**, is a practical tool to support children's smooth transition into school. By encouraging children to build everyday skills such as communication, managing change and self-care through playful activities, it helps them feel confident and ready to take on the routines and social expectations of Reception.

## How could you enhance the offer?

The Ready Steady Reception project focuses on seven of the 50 Things to Do activities:

- #10 Sharing Books (Book).
- #16 Just Outside Your Door (Drawstring bag/magnifying glass).
- #19 Growing Little People, Plants and Things (Seeds, for example, cress seeds).
- #20 Mini Artists (Chalk)
- #36 Ready Steady Blow (Bubbles).
- #37 Postie (Envelope).
- #45 Wonderful Waiting Games.

The seven chosen activities have been designed to support the development of fine motor skills, self-regulation, communication and language and mark-making, supporting children's readiness for school, through fun, play-based activities.

**If you would like to expand** the Ready Steady Reception offer for families, you could:

- Consider adjusting the activities by exploring the other 50 Things to Do activities- choose activities that best suit your cohort's needs and interests.
- Consider raising funds, or asking your Parent Teacher Association to support with purchasing linked materials for each of the activities that you can share with families during a transition event - we have listed suggested resources above (in brackets).
- Plan a range of transitional opportunities, inviting families and feeder settings, where you work collaboratively to model the activities to families - invite them to join in and take part with their children.
- Include 50 Things to Do posters and handouts in your transition packs for families. When the children join in September, ask them to share what activities they have enjoyed engaging in over the summer holidays.

## Get involved

Practitioner support and guidance on [Supporting Home Learning](#). Includes definitions, initiatives and training



Department for Education guidance on [Supporting a Smooth Transition into Reception](#), and [Getting children ready for Reception](#). Size: 1,667KB File format: pdf



National Literacy Trust [Embedding the Home Learning Environment](#) guide.



[50 Things to Do Before You're Five](#) resources for schools and settings, including posters and guides.



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