Things you can do to help that Early Years teachers think are really important …

* Talk with your child - listen to them and let them ask you questions!
* Share books – the more the better.
* Play together modelling turn-taking, sharing, role-play, chat and tidying!
* Encourage them to be independent, especially with getting dressed!
* Encourage them to be thoughtful and helpful.
* Eat together and have a conversation. Encourage them to listen and join in by taking turns.
* Use technology but have a limit on screen time.
* Spend time outdoors.
* Have a good bedtime routine and plenty of sleep.
* Have fun together ☺

More specific things that you can do to help during the Reception year (in addition to the above)…

* Read a school reading book for at least 5 minutes every day and write in the home-school reading record whenever you read so that we can see how much your child is reading/ what they are enjoying.
* Practise letter and sound recognition using RWI cards (available on Amazon very reasonably – search for Read Write Inc. flashcards and buy at least the first box of sound cards as they are great for letter hunts, quick-say flashcard games, word making with the letter cards etc…)
* Log in to Mathletics (passwords to follow) and play some Maths games on the iPad or computer.
* Practise fine motor skills, especially using scissors, colouring pencils, writing tools etc…
* Practise letter formation using the letter formation booklet following the instructions in the front of the booklet.
* Do fun things that involve Reading and Maths such as baking/ cooking, writing shopping lists and going shopping, following directions or instructions on a walk or treasure hunt…