## Ideas to help with transition to school

Here are some ideas and activities you could complete with your child leading up to the next academic year for when your child starts school.

Create a countdown to starting school calendar, showing weeks in advance and note when key events are taking place  Create an all about me box (ideas in induction pack).	
Have a look at the pictures and videos on the webpage showing classroom layout and environment	
Read some transition stories with your children	<ul> <li>Some suggestions:</li> <li>Starting school- by Janet and Alan Alberg</li> <li>Alife and the big boys- Shirley Hughes</li> <li>Harry and the Dinosaurs go to schoollan Whybrow</li> <li>I am absolutely too small for school-Lauren Child</li> <li>Topsy and Tim start school</li> </ul>
Role-play going to school: trying on uniform, pack a lunch box, book bag, PE bag etc.	
Go through the routine of the day with simple pictures (attached on the website)	
Summer home learning activities	Treasure hunts Local walks Walk to school Map of the route to school

	Sing nursery rhymes Play with numbers and counting Send a post card to school Read favourite picture books
Look at useful websites suggested (links on webpage).	BBC Bitesize Starting Primary School Pacey: Spotlight on bring school ready Small Talk Family Zone Nasen: Transition