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Easy Read

Learning in the first 6 months of school



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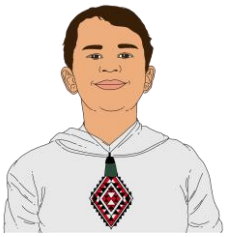
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This Easy Read is about what your child will learn in their first 6 months at school.

Starting school





Starting school is a big thing to happen for:

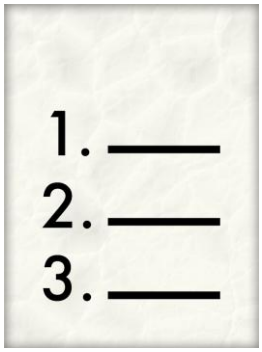
- you
- your child.



We know children in their first year of school are excited to learn.



Children want to do well in everything they do.



Your child will be supported to start learning by the:

- New Zealand **Curriculum**
- Te Marautanga o Aotearoa.



A **curriculum** is a document that says what your child will learn at school.



You can support your child too.

When they come home you can ask them questions like:



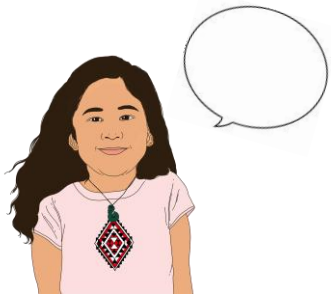
- how was your day at school?
- what did you enjoy most about school today?

English / Te Reo Rangatira



English / Te Reo Rangatira is about your child learning:

- handwriting
- to read by matching letters to sounds.





Your child will bring books home to practise what they have learned in class.



This will support them to remember how to do these skills.



Your child will do a **phonics check** when they have been at school for 20 weeks.





Here a **phonics check** is a test to find out if a child:

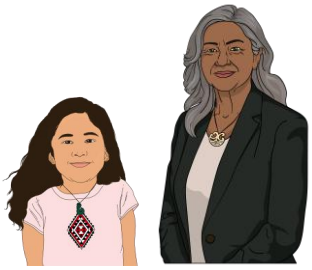
- hears sounds
- knows what the sounds are.

The test includes reading words.



The phonics check:

- is done by the teacher of the child
- checks if the child can figure out sounds when reading words.



A mokopuna / child who is learning te reo Māori / the Māori language will be given **Te Mōhiohio Oro** by their kaiako / teacher.



Te Mōhiohio Oro is a phonics check done in te reo Māori / the Māori language.



How your child is doing will be checked using:

- the phonics check



- what the teacher sees your child doing in class.



You will be told how your child is doing every step of the way.

The phonics check is a good way to:



- celebrate how your child is doing
- work out if your child needs support.

Maths / Pāngarau

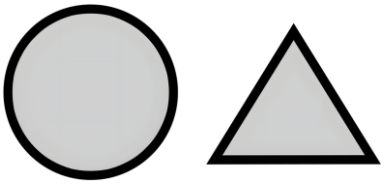


Your child will start to learn maths / pāngarau in the first 6 months of school.

1 2 3 4 5

6 7 8 9 10

Maths / pāngarau includes things like:



- numbers
- geometry / shapes
- algebra which is how numbers are put together

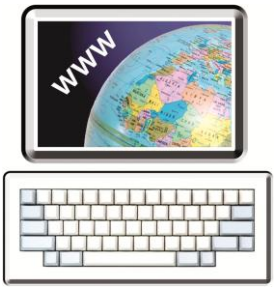


- measurements which is how big things are.



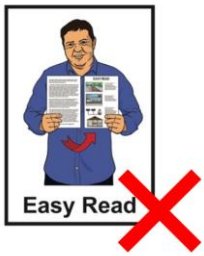
The teacher will tell you how your child is doing in maths / pāngarau.

More information



You can find more information about the first 6 months of school at this **website**:

https://tinyurl.com/4x5dzh5p



This website is **not** in Easy Read.



You can also talk to your child's teacher

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