



What kind of observations would be useful?

A brief list of examples – be as creative as you like! To be significant a number of these will be 'firsts'

- Excellent cooperation with friends/siblings – sharing, resolving conflict
- Using new language
- Accurate use of past, present and future when speaking
- Physical skills: ball control (throwing, catching, kicking, dribbling...); climbing; swimming; new sports and activities
- Self-care: getting dressed/undressed independently (buttons!); cleaning teeth; washing etc.
- Good pencil control; handwriting
- Trying new foods; healthy eating
- Reading: knowing new sounds; reading signs in the environment; reading a whole reading book or choice book independently; knowing all sounds and letters of alphabet
- Writing: own name with all letters accurately formed; good use of phonic knowledge to write words and phrases; as an adult you can read back all of your child's writing; basic punctuation – full stops and capital letters
- Number and shape: counting to/within 10 and then 20; addition; subtraction; doubling; halving; sharing; spotting patterns; talking about time, money, weight etc.
- Your child making observation about plants, animals, the environment, e.g. visiting The Natural History Museum and your child talking about the eating habits of a T-Rex (!)
- Using technology: PCs, iPads, Internet; software at home
- Talking about and understanding own cultural heritage, customs, religion – significant events
- Achievements within hobbies/interests: sports; dancing; drama; languages
- Music, singing, dancing, performing routines
- New creative art and craft skills
- Joining Beavers, Rainbows etc.
- Changes in behaviour (positive!)
- Confidence talking to new people
- Winning an award/receiving a certificate

