



THINGS TO DO AT HOME TO SUPPORT WRITING

- Have conversations!
- Share story books.
- Encourage imaginative play and the talk that goes with it.
- Sing songs and say rhymes.
- Play listening games.
- Provide opportunities for children to develop their gross and fine movements.
- Review the sounds and words the children have learnt at school.
- Have a variety of mark making materials available at home e.g. chalk, sand, paint brushes, pens.
- Spend time talking about your child's mark making/ writing.
- Find meaningful reasons for writing – invitations, birthday cards, shopping lists, notes to friends and family, writing on pictures they have drawn.
- Look at print in the environment – what does it mean? Can they recognise familiar logos?
- Support your child with their reading - share reading books, bedtime stories, read a page each.
- Encourage your child to have a go at spelling new words based on the sounds they know and the strategies they have learnt at school.
- Encourage them to use the harder to read and spell words they have learnt (on bookmarks in the back of reading record).