

Helping your child with writing at home

Whilst children do lots of Literacy based activities at school (eg. writing, reading, handwriting, phonics), there are also lots of ways that you can support your child at home. It doesn't have to be by doing pages of lines, text books or sentences - there are lots of ways to **make writing fun and meaningful!** Here are a few ideas to help you...

Playing Games!

Play word-building games like Boggle or Scrabble. Games like 'Guess Who' can also develop their descriptive vocabulary. 'Hangman' is another game that children enjoying playing and is a great way to reinforce spelling patterns!

Super Stationery

Different types and colours of paper, different pens and pencils, envelopes, stampers and various other stationery can all be motivating when your children is writing.

Maybe you could even create a special writing corner or area?

The basis of good writing is good talk. When you visit places, encourage your child to talk about what has been seen, he, smelled, tasted, touched. Encourage children to share their experiences in as much detail as possible!



Writing for real purposes

Whenever there is a list to write, a card to send or email to type, why not ask your child to help you?

Helping with Handwriting

Handwriting does not have to be boring! Let children practise drawing letters in sand, water or paint, or use white boards or blackboards. Pattern books can be fun to do and allow children to practise mark-making. Children can also make letters using playdough, pastry or shaving foam.

Lots of positivity!

Praise your child's efforts at writing - it's not an easy thing to do! Focus on a word they spelt correctly, neat handwriting, a good describing word or good use of punctuation. Remember, it is difficult to get everything right when you are learning!

