

Writing ideas to help at home



- Labels on items at home using post its
- Shopping lists - get your child involved
- Cards - get the children to write a message to family and friends on birthday cards / thank you notes / letters to Santa etc.
- Give them *reasons* to write - a thank you note, a present wish list or a reminder for a family member.
- Write a diary - just one or two things that have happened that day or week. They could write the date, then *I went to the park with mum.*
- Write a sentence to go with a picture they like - it might be a family photo or a picture in a comic.
- Use any paper you have - used envelopes, junk mail, back of used wrapping paper, inside of cereal boxes - any flat surface made of paper or card!
- If you're ok with it...Chalk on the garden wall / patio
- 'Paint' words with water and a paintbrush outside on the wall / floor
- Use different mark-makers - pens, pencils, crayons, paints, chalk
- Look in charity shops for good value resources - we love a bargain!
- Small whiteboards and chalkboards are great because you can use them and re-use them over and over again (children always enjoy using these in school)

- Play games involving writing words - eg they write clues for you to guess what they are writing about ... Green, pond, jump. Can you guess it's a frog?!
- Take it in turns - you write, then they write.
- Don't worry too much about their spelling or letter formation - it's more about getting them to write without feeling worried.
- Praise all of their writing efforts - they should feel confident to have a go and you can feel proud of what they have written together.

