

WRITING IS FUN

Information for Parents

*Together we make a  
Family!*

*Growing Happy, Healthy  
Children*



# HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD TO WRITE?

## 1. Provide writing materials:

Make sure that your children have a variety of different writing materials at home - not just paper and pencils but...

a) crayons of different sizes



b) washable felt pens

c) chalk

d) rolls of leftover wallpaper

e) post-its and note-lets



f) old birthday and Christmas cards

g) glitter pens



h) junk mail, forms and envelopes

i) sellotape and glue



## 2. Be a good role model:

Share your writing with your child and let him/her join in when you ...

- a) make up a shopping list
- b) write out a birthday or Christmas card
- c) fill in your lottery ticket
- d) fill in withdrawal or deposit slips at the bank
- e) write things into a calendar
- f) use a diary
- g) write invitations or thank you cards
- h) fill in crosswords or puzzles
- i) send away for catalogue items



Any time we pick up a pen or pencil or write in any form and share what we are doing with our children, this helps THEM to understand about writing and want to be writers.

### 3. Give praise and encouragement

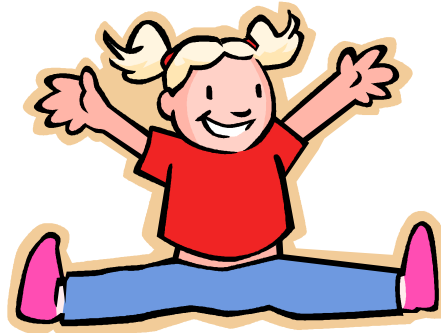
Remember that all children will want to write but will go about it in different ways.



It is VERY important to praise your child's first attempts at writing even though this may just be 'scribbles'.

Children must gain confidence and be able to experiment and make mistakes without criticism.

Let your child 'have a go' and as with everything, praise and value all of their efforts.



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