

Writing with your children at home.

Writing to communicate and express meaning is a life skill, so any help and support at home is invaluable.

As stated in the recently revised curriculum for English -

'The National Curriculum for English aims to ensure that all pupils write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences.'

The curriculum focuses on two main areas of writing skills -

- transcription (spelling and handwriting)
- composition (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech and writing)

The acquisition of these skills underpins the planning for English in school. Teaching staff facilitate exciting activities such as role-play, use of computers and well equipped writing areas to enable children to have a purpose and opportunity to write.



At home -

Talk a lot with your child. Talking is the perfect rehearsal for writing. Remember, you have to say a good sentence before you can write it.

Any excuse for writing is great! Don't worry about spelling at this stage, just provide as many opportunities as you can for your child to write purposefully eg shopping lists, birthday cards, postcards or letters.

Let your child see you write for specific reasons - show them how important it is to be able to communicate in this way.

Foundation Stage

- Encourage your child to grip their pencil, chalk, crayon, pen or brush correctly, but don't let an incorrect grip stop them from writing - let them make letter shapes in sand, with pastry or with playdough.
- Encourage emergent writing and when the time is right, gently correct spellings of common words while celebrating the child's achievements.

Key Stage 1

In years 1 and 2, keep providing opportunities for children to write meaningfully - it is during this stage that children begin to write for a range of purposes. For example, children can help to make lists, write greetings cards, write emails to family and friends and maybe even keep a holiday diary.

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