



Early Writing



Early writing is all about your child exploring marks. Young children often like to explore through large scale activities, which don't have an end product. Remember to give value to and respect your child's explorations—it's ok that it may not look like what they tell you it is at this stage! Don't forget to send in some pictures to your class email.



Activity ideas:

1. Mix together some cornflour and water. The more cornflour you add, the thicker the mixture. Help your child to use their fingers or a stick or paintbrush to draw lines, circles and other marks in the mixture.
2. Use water and large paintbrushes such as the ones you get for decorating to do some large-scale painting on the ground outside.
3. Have some large sheets of paper on the floor and encourage your child to do some big-scale drawing.
4. If you have a sand pit, your child can draw in the sand using a stick or their fingers.
5. A tray of glitter can be great for your child to draw in using their finger.

Building muscles for writing!

To help your child with writing, drawing and early mark-making, they need to develop the muscles in their hands, arms and fingers. Here are some activities to try at home:

- Pegging the washing out onto the line
- Going to the park and using climbing equipment, especially where they need to pull themselves up or use their arms, such as monkey bars
- Doing up and undoing nuts and bolts—begin with larger ones if you can
- Mixing and stirring, for example, when making cakes