

Literacy



Key areas:

- Reading
- Writing

This area of learning:

- helps to develop your child's vocabulary
- provides your child with opportunities to share his/her ideas
- will encourage your child to ask questions
- will help your child to understand how stories work
- helps to develop recognition of letter shapes and text
- helps to develop your child's pencil control skills
- will encourage your child to begin making marks on paper, and to eventually write his/her own name and simple words and phrases

You can help your child by:

- sharing and 'reading' books, signs and labels together
- making a comfortable area where your child can sit and enjoy books
- showing your child that you use books for reference, and helping his/her to find information from books
- enjoying the repetition of stories and nursery rhymes together
- pointing out different types of writing, for example, in books, shopping lists, ingredients on packets or notices at the library
- doing activities that encourage manipulative skills and hand-eye co-ordination, such as jigsaw puzzles



Things to try at home:

- enjoy making marks and let your child practise writing simple words and his/her name
- try some simple jigsaws and threading activities to develop your child's manipulative control
- enjoy sharing the rabbits and writing in their diaries at the weekend.