

## Ways in which you could help your child with writing at home

- Provide lots of attractive writing equipment, e.g. fancy pens, chalk, crayons and pencils, paper and notebooks etc. will help to inspire them to mark make and write.
- Try to encourage them to writing for a purpose following their interests —label their buildings or their pictures, make signs, postcards, shopping lists, cards or invitations. Encourage them to read back their writing to you. Write down the things your child says to support their developing understanding that what they say can be written down and then read and understood by someone else.
- Encourage them to sound words out as much as possible, even if they can only write the initial sound or a couple of sounds in a word.
- Gently show your child the letter formation—this is tricky for young children to grasp. They need to know where to start the letter! Please see the attachment for letter formation tips!
- Encourage your child to have a go at writing and acknowledge any attempts at writing. Above all...Make writing fun!