

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH WRITING?

Read with him or her

Talk about books

Provide books for children to read

Refer to words and pictures when reading

Ensure that children see adults read and write

Allow children to select their own books

Write messages, shopping lists and cards in front of children and talk about what you are doing

Share letters and greeting cards received

Write messages for children e.g.

Provide children with paper and pencils

Encourage children to have a go at writing and praise their efforts

Provide a space for children to display their writing e.g. the fridge door

Answer questions children ask about print

Talk about letter names and sounds

Recount events of the day encouraging children to join in e.g. What did we do this morning?

Help children to recognise their own names when they are writing

Talk about the print around us e.g. stop signs, advertisements, newspapers etc

Read and say nursery rhymes with children

Read well-known rhymes leaving out the last word for children to "fill-in"

