

Helping at Home

Did you know?

Pouring water into cups and sweeping up with a dustpan and brush all help to develop early writing skills. Encourage your child to host a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' to practise their pouring and sweeping!

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For children to hold a pencil effectively they need to practise the 'pincer' movement. Encourage your child to help you to peg clothes on the washing line or play with pegs and a mini washing line over the bath at bathtime.

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Did you know?

Completing jigsaw puzzles is a great way for your child to develop their hand-eye coordination - this will help them as they develop their writing skills and letter formation.

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Did you know?

Cutting, sticking and tracing all help to develop the skills that children need as writers. Make a scrap book of your child's favourite animals, characters or places using old papers or magazines.

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Getting fingers and thumbs moving helps with early writing! Have a go...

Tommy Thumb, Tommy Thumb - where are you?
Here I am, Here I am - how do you do?



Early Writing



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Did you know?

Pouring water into cups, sweeping up with a dustpan and brush, tracing, threading beads, puzzles, cutting, sticking, peeling off stickers and putting them in the right place all help to develop early writing skills!

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Sing action rhymes such as *Incy Wincy Spider*, *Two Little Dickie Birds* and *Tommy Thumb*.

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Challenge your child to pick up small objects with kitchen tongs, chopsticks or tweezers or to help peg items on a washing line.

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Have a go...

Incy Wincy Spider climbed up the

water spout,

Down came the rain and washed the spider out.

Out came the

sunshine and dried up all the rain,

So Incy Wincy Spider climbed up the spout again.

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As your child begins to form letters - encourage them to use a variety of mark making tools eg paintbrushes, glue sticks, crayons, rollers, sponges etc and make writing big, bright and fun!

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We are learning lower case and capital letters at school, but most writing will be in lower case so it is useful if you can use these at home.

Encourage your child to write their name beginning with a capital letter followed by lower case letters.

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Have a go...

Two little dickie birds

sitting on a wall,

One named Peter,

one named Paul.

Fly away Peter,

fly away Paul,

Come back Peter,

Come back Paul.

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Action songs and rhymes will encourage your child to be coordinated throughout their whole body and this in turn will help with writing.

Have a go...

Heads shoulders

knees and toes,

knees and toes.

Heads shoulders

knees and toes,

knees and toes.

Eyes and ears and

mouth and nose,

Heads shoulders

knees and toes,

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Spelling is harder than reading words.

Have fun forming letters and words

using pens on

whiteboards,

watering cans on

a path, tomato

ketchup on a dinner

plate or squeezey

bottles in the bath!

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Provide your child with 'fun' opportunities to try out their new writing skills. Maybe invitations, birthday cards and thank you notes following a toy's birthday party or a note to the tooth fairy... (who knows, they may even get a reply!)

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