



Activity ideas to support Early Years Literacy

- Talk to your child about the things that you do together and the things that you have seen- help your child to recount experiences using photos / videos. Write down, bring photos/ tickets/ pictures or tell us about anything you would like to include in your child's Learning Journey
- Read things together and look for print around you; on food packaging, shops/road signs/markings, begin to make your child aware of initial letter sounds and play 'I spy games"
- Read and talk about books-join the library, borrow books from nursery. Read favourite stories over and over again and encourage your child to join in. Talk about the pictures and ask -Who? What? Where? Questions. Ensure you teach your children to look after books
- Value story time together- enthuse about how you enjoy reading together as being a favourite part of the day- bedtime is an especially great time to read together
- Explore making marks together-drawing lines and circles, pictures of themselves and practise the letter shapes in their name-Remember-Start their name with a capital letter but make sure the rest is in lower case-sounding out the sounds the letters make
- Develop good pencil grip and control by letting your child explore different fine motor activities such as threading, pegging, chalking, play-doh, picking up small objects, flicking, scrunching up and tearing paper, using different mark making tools-chubby crayons, felt tips, paint brushes and always model correct grip
- Write shopping lists together, label items in the house with sticky post-it notes, make and write celebration cards together and value any writing attempts that your child makes

Have fun!