

The importance of writing

- Writing and reading are part of every subject your child will study at school
- They are vital for many aspects of everyday life
- It's crucial to encourage your child's writing skills as much as possible right from the start.

Early writing

- Children learn a lot about reading and writing before they begin school.
- They are surrounded by road signs, food packets, books, lists, cards, newspapers etc..

Motor skills

- It is important to build up fine and gross motor skills.
- These are the movements you use when doing large or small movements
- This will help to control writing

Fine motor skills: Threading; Sand tray; Flour on table; Chalk; Play dough; Cutting

Gross motor skills: Climbing; swinging; pulling and pushing; throwing; twirling scarves

Top tips

- Spend quality time each day talking with your child
- Read with your child and tell your child stories
- Create opportunities for your child to write - letter formation worksheets, shopping lists, cards, invitations, letters, make simple books, story boards, football programmes, newspaper articles, using post-it notes. Create your own or look for resources online www.twinkl.co.uk has some great ones
- Writing is difficult so any attempt should be praised
- Boys find writing very hard so try to encourage them and make it fun!