



# WRITING AND SPELLING: LEARNING AT HOME

## WRITING AND SPELLING IDEAS

### Read together

Read books regularly with your child. Read their favourite stories again and again. Point to common words and spell them out together.

**It's important to remember that children progress at different rates. Be patient, positive and supportive, and be sure to praise them for having a go even if they get the answer wrong. If you are concerned about your child's progress, talk with their teacher.**

### Write together

Write shopping lists with your child. Talk about what you are doing and writing. Ask them to write a shopping list as well. Encouraging your child to have a go, as practising their writing builds confidence.

### Making words

Try rearranging the letters in words to make other words. Start with easy words and move on to harder ones, such as: *on* and *no*; *dad* and *add*; *art*, *rat* and *tar*; *tabs*, *bats* and *stab*. These are called anagrams.

**The 26 letters in the English alphabet stand for 44 different sounds. For example, the letter *a* makes a different sound in *apple*, *craft*, *any* and *apron*.**

### Spelling matters

Talk about signs you see when out and about. For example, point out your street name so your child understands that words have a purpose.

### Rhyming games

Play rhyming games, such as: *What is cute, fluffy and rhymes with mitten?*

**Being able to write and spell are processes that take time. Children learn in different ways and at different rates. Be patient and always praise their efforts.**

### Words on wheels

- Play *I Spy* in the car, and on the bus and train.
- Read street and traffic signs, such as a STOP sign. Explain the word says stop and why it is important to stop there. This helps your child understand why correct spelling is so important.
- Play *Word Detective*. Ask your child questions such as: *Which word rhymes with boat?* and *What is the opposite of long?*

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