



Let's build confident writers!

Ways you can support your child with writing at home

From EYFS to Year 6, your support makes a big difference. Every little moment helps your child become a stronger, more confident writer!

Writing is everywhere!
Encourage, praise and celebrate effort.



EYFS

Mark making, letters, early sounds and sharing ideas.



Year 1-2

Building sentences, using phonics, and writing for different purposes.



Year 3-4

Developing ideas, using varied vocabulary and improving structure.



Year 5-6

Writing in detail, adapting style, proofreading and independence.



PRACTICAL WAYS TO HELP AT HOME



TALK, TALK, TALK!

Chat about everyday things. Ask questions, listen to ideas and encourage your child to explain their thoughts.



READ TOGETHER

Enjoy stories, non-fiction, poems and comics. Talk about the words, characters and what happens.



WRITE EVERYDAY

Encourage small pieces of writing like shopping lists, labels, postcards, diary entries or thank you notes.



CAPTURE AND CREATE

Take photos on days out. Use them to retell what happened or write a caption or a story.



MAKE IT MEANINGFUL

Link writing to their interests – dinosaurs, football, animals, space, friendships and more!



PLAN TOGETHER

Use mind maps, lists, story mountains or comic strips to plan ideas before they write.



ENCOURAGE GOOD HABITS

Help them check their work – does it make sense? Are capitals, punctuation and spellings correct?



CELEBRATE EFFORT

Praise their hard work and progress. Confidence grows with encouragement!

FUN GAMES AND IDEAS

SILLY SENTENCE STARTERS

Choose a silly start (e.g. 'Yesterday, a dragon came to tea...') and see where the story goes!



ROLL A STORY

Roll a dice 3-5 times and use the pictures (or numbers) to create a story.



WHAT CAN YOU SEE?

Pick a photo or go for a walk. Write or describe everything you can see, hear and feel.



WORD CHALLENGE

Pick a word and see how many other words you can make from the letters!



WOULD YOU RATHER...?

Use 'Would you rather...?' questions to spark ideas and then write your answers and reasons.



TOP TIPS

- ✓ Create a quiet space for writing.
- ✓ Keep resources handy (paper, pencils, pens, whiteboards).
- ✓ Let them be independent but be there to help if needed.
- ✓ Be patient – every writer develops at their own pace.

It's not about perfect – it's about progress and pride!



Remember...

- Children improve most when they enjoy writing.
- Every word they write is a step forward.
- Your support at home makes a lasting impact!

Thank you for being your child's biggest cheerleader!



Together, we can help every child find their voice and enjoy the power of writing.