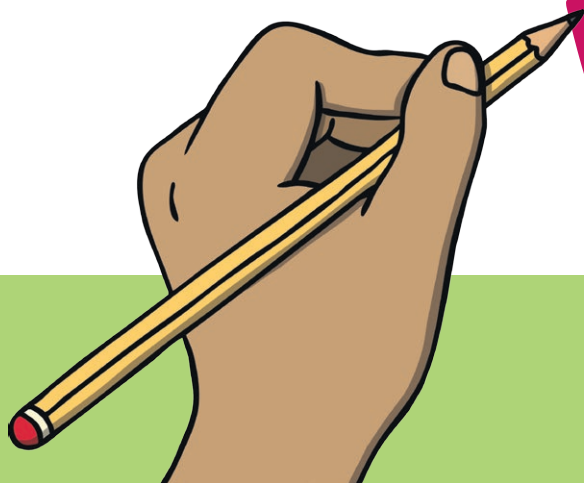


# Help Your Child With



# Writing

## Everyday Writing

Encourage your child to write whenever possible. This can include shopping lists, weekly menus, notes, directions, letters and postcards etc.

## Different Media

Writing can take many forms. Provide your child with a range of equipment to mark, make and write. Highlighters, felt tips, chalk, computers and tablets, steamed up mirrors, snow and sand all encourage writing.

## Talking

Children need to hear and use vocabulary in order to understand how it works in written sentences. Try to use a range of word choices to develop their internal thesaurus.

## Word of the Day

Give children the opportunity to use a range of words by focusing on one interesting or imaginative word. Challenge them to try and use it as many times as possible or to see who can use it the most.

## Talking

Giving children a quiet work space will help them to focus. Provide them with pens, paper, a dictionary and thesaurus and encourage them to write whatever they want. Remind them that no one needs to see what they've written and you're not going to be marking their work.

## Learn from Example

Children will often copy what they see adults doing, so get out those pens and get writing. Write alongside your child while they are doing homework, or write a story or poem together.

**Encourage your child to read.**

**Good readers often make good writers!**