

# Activities to promote writing

- Exchange Post-it notes with your children. Put the notes on pillowcases or lunch boxes or any surprise location!
- Help your child assemble photo albums of family events and write captions.
- Suggest that your children write postcards to themselves when they are away from home of their trip.  
Make writing practical and useful by having children write lists, reminders and phone messages, instructions for caring for pets.
- Use games to help increase your child's vocabulary.
- Try crossword puzzles, word games, anagrams  
Encourage your child to write to relatives and friends (or maybe a pen-pal)



# Activities to promote reading

- Encourage your child to read, it might be comics, stories online or real books
- Pick books that are at the level your child is able to read, and use newly learned words in interesting sentences.
- Show your child how much you enjoy reading (even if it's a newspaper) and let them see you use a dictionary.
- Give your child time (10 seconds) to sound out words they don't recognise straight away.
- Play fun games with cards (Top Trumps, Pairs, Snap) and encourage your child to read out the rules for favourite games.
- Take turns to read aloud at story time and be an enthusiastic listener when your child reads aloud to you.
- Have a special place to keep your books at home and a special time to read them.



## Brownhall Primary Literacy Information Early/First Level

Ideas to use to support your child at home in developing skills in Literacy





## Parents as Partners

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you find these Literacy guidelines helpful. They are designed to help raise your child's attainment. Some pupils will exceed these guidelines and some pupils may not yet be able to complete all the outcomes.

Being a confident communicator and gaining good Literacy Skills very much helps us in life. Adults can be of huge help to our young people.

Please do contact the school if we can be of further help.

## Key Benchmarks in First Level Reading and Writing

- Selects a text for enjoyment
- Finds key information from a text using different strategies
- Decodes unknown words
- Reads an increasing number of words
- Spells most commonly used words correctly
- Starts sentences in a variety of ways
- Writes independently, punctuating most sentences accurately
- Links sentences using common connectives, eg and, but, so



## Recommended Websites

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

<http://starfall.com/>

<http://www.storynory.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

[bitesize/ks1/literacy/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/)

## Bug Club

We are fortunate to have a personalised reading world for our 21st century pupils at Brownhall. All pupils can access Bug Club at home and teachers regularly allocate e-books. This is a fantastic resource and we would encourage all pupils to make use of it. It can be accessed on a laptop, ipad or tablet also. Pupils have log in details but please let us know if you have any issues.

