

The journey from holding a tool and making marks to holding a pencil and forming letters and numbers is tricky. There are lots of ways that you can encourage your child and support them with this.



## Mark Making

How to help:

Ask your child what their marks mean.

Let your child see you writing, this is especially important now we are more reliant on smart phones and digital devices.

Have a range of tools available for your child—pencils, pens, crayons, sticks, paper, sand, and paint.

Use playdough to help develop the muscles in the fingers and arms.