**Writing in context**

Classroom Ideas for developing mark making

* Chalk
* Paintbrush and water
* Cotton buds in paint
* Dopplers

Other writing ideas

* Let children mark make on vertical surfaces and lying flat on the floor before you ask them to sit at a desk.
* Always have writing materials in role play areas
* Number plates for bikes and scooters in the playground
* Weather charts
* Start and finish signs for races
* Instructions for things / procedures in the classroom – each child has responsibility for one thing
* Have post it notes widely available and a ‘Don’t Forget’ board so you can ask children to ‘make notes’ for you through the day as part of classroom routine
* Use known stories as a stimulus for writing and model to children e.g. maps from We’re Going on a Bear Hunt, shopping lists or recipe sheets for a recipe from The Lighthouse Keeper’s lunch
* Create letters from the characters of a book you’ve been reading to the children. These letters could outline a problem the character has. Children can reply to the character.