

Activity 6 – Writing to share ideas

Invisible writing

What to do

- Write some letters, words or sentences in white crayon on a sheet of paper without showing your child.
- Explain that you have written them an invisible message and show them the apparently blank sheet.
- Ask them to dip a brush in the paint and sweep it over the paper. Once they spot some lines made by the wax, they will brush more to reveal the message. Read it together.
- Show them your secret so they can have a try. They can then paint over to read their writing. Children will often want to try this many times.

What you need

White crayon or a white wax candle
Paper, mixed/water colour paint and a brush



Extension

Use different coloured paints and display the dry messages with writing revealed. Enjoy tricking another adult by giving them a 'blank' piece of paper and asking if they can read it? Allow your child to teach them the trick.

Questions to ask

What does invisible mean?
Can you see my invisible message?
Can you paint a line on the paper?
What can you see? How could you see more?
Can you read my writing now?
What will you write in invisible crayon?
How will we read it?