

## Writing

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer –*


*Check that you are happy with any weblinks or use of the internet.*

**NB New activities are being added at the top of each document.**

*Writing is hard for young children. Scroll down for important dos and don'ts and for guidance when you are helping them.*

### Activity 8 – Letter formation

#### Write letters using paint brushes and water

<p><b>What to do</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Set your child up with brush and a pot of water. Ask them to hold the brush as they would a pencil with a pincer grip.</li><li>○ Get your child writing letters with the brush as if painting them with the water. Can they cover the surface?</li><li>○ Things to try:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– You could write some letters in chalk to remind your child of letters they could write.</li><li>– You could prompt them with phrases such as 'Write the letter which starts the word <i>apple/ball/dog</i>' etc.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Tip:</b> Don't worry if they end up drawing or doodling. They are practising pencil grip and fine-motor movements!</p>	<p><b>What you need</b></p> <p>Outside surface, paintbrush, a pot of water</p> 
<p><b>Extension</b></p> <p>Play guessing games. Your child thinks of an animal, colour or food. They paint the first sound. Can you guess it?</p> <p>Challenge your child to write familiar words that they know, including family names.</p> <p>Try painting shapes such as spirals, wavy lines, zigzags and dots.</p>	<p><b>Questions to ask</b></p> <p>Do you know to hold a pencil?</p> <p>What happens if you paint with water on the patio?</p> <p>What letters do you know how to write?</p> <p>Can you write the sound which <i>snake</i> begins with?</p> <p>Can you cover that paving stone with 'e's'?</p> <p>What letter could you write which has zigzags?</p>