

How you can help

St Mark's school values the contribution parents and carers make to their child's learning and development, after all, you are your child's first educator. So we have made a little suggestions list for you to begin at home that will help support your child with their Writing skills. We hope you find it useful!

***Fine Motor Activities–** Children need to strengthen the muscles in their fingers to become good writers so we would suggest lots of baking, cutting soft food up, playing in the sand, finger painting, painting with cotton buds, play dough, using scissors, playing tiddlywinks, finger wrestles, putting pegs on the washing line.

***Tracing and copying their name card**

***Drawing lots of pictures with different resources–** Bring some of these in for Miss Kerr and Mrs Kowalska's fridge!

We thank you for the time you took to read this leaflet and we hope it will be of some use to you as your child moves through Nursery!



St Mark's R.C. Primary School



Writing in Nursery





Writing in the Early Years

As we are all aware writing is a very important skill for children to learn. This begins in the early years of a child's life, and we call this 'Mark Making'. This leaflet will provide information to help support your child with their Writing skills throughout their year at Nursery.

If you have any questions or queries about anything in this leaflet please speak to Miss Kerr. No question is too small!

**"WRITING
IS THE
PAINTING
OF THE
VOICE!"**
VOLTAIRE

The Writing Curriculum

At St Marks Nursery we hope that every child **will be able to do the following before moving to Reception-**

- *To be able to hold their pencil in a tripod grip
- *To experiment with mark making using different resources such as pens, pencils, chalks, pastels, paint etc
- *To trace over their name card as well as lines, crosses and circles
- *To be able to talk about what they have drawn for an adult to scribe
- *To copy their name card in glitter, in the air and finally onto paper
- *Writes random letter shapes, number shapes and made up shapes
- *To draw recognisable pictures



What we do in Nursery

To help your child meet these targets we complete a variety of tasks with them throughout the year such as-

- ***Busy Books**— Children have their own Busy Book to mark make freely in. Once a week the children are given a 'job' where they need to draw a recognisable picture that represents something we have learnt about in class.
- ***Copying symbols and their name**— glitter, corn flour, gloop, rice, on paper, outside with chalk
- ***Writing their name**— They begin by tracing over their name cards and then move on to copying their name cards onto paper.
- ***Fine Motor Activities** such as threading, scooping and nuts and bolts
- ***Questioning**— We question the children on what they have drawn and created