



Supporting your child at home: Writing

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6)

10 Top Tips!

1. Read with and to your children - it can be anything that interests your child and you - magazines, comics, recipes, catalogues, books, songs. (Don't be afraid to try a text out of their reach that you know your child will enjoy as this will encourage great conversations).
2. Visit the local library and museums - many are free!
3. Encourage curiosity by sharing your interests and experiences. Ask questions and make time to work out the answers together.
4. Play word games: Boggle, Scrabble, Wordle, Banagrams, Lingo, Hangman.
5. Encourage making a poster, project, presentation on a subject your children is interested in and feels they are an expert.
6. Give time to write with a purpose: postcards, letters, diaries, notes, invitations to friends and family.
7. Create a space for your child to write with a special box or pencil case with a variety of pens or pencils in it. Some children like to have music in the background. Writing can also be done on a computer or tablet.
8. Become a word detective with your child. Collect words from books, out in the environment, around your home and find out what they mean.
9. Help your child to learn their weekly spellings from school - play different games and try different activities.
10. Celebrate your child's writing by sharing it with family, friends and school.

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR WRITING!