



# Early Years Parent Literacy Guide



# Literacy

*This area of learning relates to how your child:*

Begins to learn to read...

- Enjoying rhymes and stories.
- Joining in with repeated phrases.
- Exploring books.
- Hears initial letter sounds.

Begins to learn to write...

- Making marks and giving them meanings e.g. that's me.
- Naming and sounding letters of the alphabet.
- Linking sounds to letters.
- Writing own name and other words.

# Activities at Home

- Read to your child daily, your favourite stories or new ones. Talk about them, what happens next? What did you like best? How does it end? Discuss characters, create new endings.
- Encourage your child to join in with repeated phrases or complete the line, e.g. Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.
- Sing nursery rhymes and simple songs.
- Encourage and praise all mark making, sand, paint, pens, chalks.
- Point out print in the environment, child's name, shop names, logos, praise your child's reading.
- Visit the library
- Sing the Alphabet Song
- Encourage your child to write with you
- Above all make reading fun. Try using a silly voice, add your child's name or their sibling's names into the story and your child will love reading.

