**Encouraging your child to write at home**

Below are some suggestions of how to encourage your child to write at home:

Out and about – talk to your children about the purpose of writing

* Read food signs in supermarkets together, this tells us where to find things.
* Read lists of where the store is open or closed, these tell us when we can go shopping.
* Read road signs: STOP, SLOW, NO PARKING: these tell drivers what to do, or what not to do!
* Read advertising in shop windows and on buses and lorries: these try to get us to buy things!
* Talk about words on boxes and other packaging while putting away the shopping: these tell us what’s inside.

Writing together at home:

* Write a reply to a letter or invitation together.
* Write a birthday card or send a card online, working out what to say together.
* Write a shopping list together

Fun activities to do at home:

* Write a message on a steamed up bathroom mirror
* Float letters that make up words in the bath
* Make a message out of magnetic letters on the fridge
* Play “I spy”