

Supporting your child's early literacy skills in readiness for school



Skills for school superheroes

Make a 'Talk-about Book'

Buy a cheap drawing book and get your child to cut and stick pictures they like. You could add photos, pictures from magazines or printed from the internet.

Sit down, snuggle up and get them to talk to you about the pictures.



Make your own brushes



Use clothes pegs to clip different textured items such as pom poms, tin foil and feathers. Use these as paintbrushes

What is 'Mark Making'?

Mark Making means any type of marks, patterns, lines and shapes made on paper or anywhere else. It is the basis of learning about writing and drawing and children can get into Mark Making from a very young age.

You can encourage Mark Making indoors on paper, on a chalk board or white board, using paint, crayons, fingers in gloop, and lots more. Mark Making outdoors is great fun too - you can use water with a paintbrush on a fence on a sunny day, chalk on the patio, draw with a stick in mud or in the sand at the beach.

Initially children will make squiggles and scribbles and that is great. Later they will give their marks meaning - so they might tell you they've drawn a dog or written 'Mummy'. Value what they have produced (even if you can't tell yet what it is) because this is a great step in becoming a writer!



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