

Writing activities you can do at home

Activity 1- shopping list

Go through your cupboards and fridges and call out different items that you need to buy from the shops, get your child to write the list.

Activity 2- write a sensory poem

At the park/ cinema/ in summer/ ,

I see ...

I hear

I feel

I touch...

I smell...

And so on.

Activity 3- fun envelopes

Ask your children to write letters to family members or friends they cannot see at the moment and tell them you will post them.

Remind them of tricky words, to use their phonics to sound out words

Writing on top of the line, finger spaces, a capital letter for a name or beginning of a sentence and to finish with a full stop.

Activity 4- decorating the alphabet

Give your child a letter from the alphabet to write down and see what they can turn it into, an animal, a car, a castle. Can they label their picture.

Activity 5- role play

Ask your child to take your lunchtime order and make it extravagant, can they write down everything you would like using their phonics knowledge.

I would like...

A hotdog with ketchup

Some crisps

an ice cream... and more

expect to see phonetically plausible words such as Sum crisps, An ighs kreem

Activity 6- give your child a word of interest for example 'ninja'

Can they tell you a SHORT sentence about a ninja (I am a super ninja)

Can they remember their sentence

Can they write this sentence using phonics, finger spaces, full stop, capital letter at the beginning.

Challenge- Can they extend their sentence using adjectives (describing words) (I am a super ninja and I can fight bad guys.)

Activity 7- create and write a book log of your favourite story's and keep them in a file.

What did you like about the story, what didn't you like? Who was your favourite character? Rate it out if 3 stars, decorate it with drawing.

Activity 8- sorting initial sounds

Have 3 sounds in three separate piles

s, t, p (for example)

Can you write any 2 words that have that initial sound and put it in the correct pile?

Sock, sand, soap,

Tap, toast, tin,

Pan, pizza, popcorn

Can you find something/ object in your house that starts with that sound to add to your pile?

Challenge- use diagraphs/trigraphs for example... can you think of a word that has the sound oa in it?

-boat, soap, toast, loan

(zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er)

Activity 9-

Draw a super hero and label all of its powers and what he/she can do, what do they look like who will they save? Can you write a story to show/tell your teacher or a family member?

Activity 10-

Challenge can you write a new word only changing 1 sound? How many can you write?

Example;

Har, bat, bag, big, fig, dig, dog.....