

Emergent Writing

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Objectives

- To understand how writing skills evolve and develop.
- To see how writing fits into the Early Years Curriculum.
- To provide ideas of how to develop early writing at home.

Early development and writing.

- Writing requires co-ordination, control, manipulation and movement.
- Gross motor skills precede fine motor skills. What gross motor opportunities can we provide for our children?
- Children need the fine motor control as a pre-requisite to writing. What fine motor opportunities can we provide?

Stages in emergent writing

- Celebrating meaningful mark making.
- Mimicking adult writing.
- Attempting to write for a purpose / copying.
- Using phonic knowledge to write initial sounds.
- Making attempts at writing basic words.
- [Writing.flipchart](#)

Integrated Curriculum

- Children learn through real experiences.
- Writing and reading is making sense of the world around us. Think about how many times a day we use our reading and writing skills.

Providing opportunities

- Have writing equipment available.
- Allow plenty of opportunities for have a go writing.
- Celebrate writing.
- Model writing.
- Provide fine motor activities – clever fingers box!
- Scissors!