

How to Help at Home!

- Help your child to learn to tie their own shoelaces.
- Encourage your child to put on their own socks/tights.
- Help your child to learn to do up their own zips/buttons on items of clothing.
- Remind your child to say please and thank you.
- Support your child to hold their pencil correctly.
- Develop their scissor control and accuracy. Can they cut out shapes and cut along different lines?
- Help your child with their letter formation. Encourage them to use lower case letters and capital letters **only** where necessary. Once they have established the letter formation, can they try writing in the cursive script?
- Work on their number recognition to 20 and beyond.
- Work on their sight recognition of the letter sounds; use the phonic mat to support them. It is important that they can also write each sound from memory.
- Help your child to learn their key words by sight.
- Read with your child every night.
- Help your child with their writing. Encourage them to sound out each word independently and write down the sounds they hear.
- Help your child to write in sentences, using a capital letter at the beginning, finger spaces and a full stop at the end.
- Support them with their homework, but let them take the leading role.

