

Tips for helping your child with literacy skills at home

10 Tips for Reading	10 Tips for writing	10 tips for spelling
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Make reading fun! Ensure that all their reading experiences are enjoyable. · Accept and praise your child's attempts to read, especially new words and sentences that are difficult. · Make reading a special time, when you and your child can enjoy reading together. · Encourage your child to read with you when reading familiar stories. · Read anything and everything. Reading is about books and much more signs, advertisements, newspapers, shopping lists, recipes ..) · Talk about books that you both enjoy, (including those you enjoyed as a child)and for experienced readers:- · Be proud of your child's success in reading · Encourage them to be regular library users · Give books for presents · Encourage your child to discuss books they have read and enjoyed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Try joint list writing -eg shopping lists · Writing in cards to relatives, even early mark making. · Leave notes for them to read and encourage them to do the same. (Remember your packed lunch , I need 50p for tuck) · Writing and checking the lottery numbers · Letters to family and friends · Postcards from trips and visits even day trips · Taking messages, phone messages etc · Praise your child's attempts at writingand for experienced writers:- · Encourage your child to write - letters to friends, relatives, newspapers, letters requesting information, mini projects about their hobbies · Encourage your child to play word games, crosswords, word searches..and join in too! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Praise all attempts at a word · Encourage children to try words, mark making and spelling lines are helpful steps towards learning to write words. · Encourage your child to collect words that interest them - from dictionaries, from the environment, from the computer (eg names of countries) · Discuss the meanings of words, help them to find out using their dictionaries · Encourage children to practise Look-Cover-Write-Check · Encourage children to read the syllables in words, this helps them to see how words are made · Praise your child's achievements in spelling tests and writing words in their own writing, encourage them to 'improve their previous best'and for experienced spellers:- · Encourage your child to read through their work and underline any words they are unsure of · Encourage them to do crosswords, newspaper articles, word games they all keep them on their toes! · Encourage your child to use new words in their writing