

## How to help my child at home:

<b>Literacy (writing and reading)</b>	
Handwriting/ letter formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Trace letters on paper over the top of a lighter coloured pen</li> <li>-Use chalk outside to write letters</li> <li>-Write letters on a steamed-up window/shower screen</li> <li>-Use a cup of water and paintbrush to practise them outside on the pavement</li> <li>-Take part in fine motor activities (anything that gets their fingers moving to strengthen them, such as pegs, tweezers, threading)</li> <li>-Sounds-Write app (only available via Apple devices)</li> </ul>
Recognising letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Use of letter flashcards</li> <li>-Reading lots (if a child is unsure on a sound, then tell them)</li> <li>- Sounds-Write app (only available via Apple devices)</li> <li>-Go on a letter hunt around your local area</li> </ul>
Blending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Listen to your child read as much as possible</li> <li>-Robot sounds (you say sounds like a robot and your child blends them together to make the word)</li> <li>-Sounds-Write app (only available via Apple devices)</li> <li>-Model blending yourself when reading</li> <li>-Read words together in daily life, such as signs or in a supermarket</li> </ul>
Imagination for making up stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Share lots of story time together</li> <li>-Playing with toys and creating small world areas</li> <li>-Make up your own story to your child using your own imagination</li> <li>-Read the first part of a story, pause, then create the ending yourselves</li> <li>-Call or visit a relative and have them share stories together</li> <li>-Visit your local library and borrow unfamiliar stories or read them there</li> <li>-CBeebies bedtime stories</li> </ul>
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Introduce your child to new vocabulary</li> <li>-Model the correct use of new words</li> <li>-Provide life experiences, such as going on a senses walk, baking a cake together, visiting a local library etc (naturally this gives you chances to use lots of vocabulary)</li> </ul>

Please speak to Miss Hickman if you have any further questions. 😊