

Writing Shopping Lists

Age Groups: Infant & Pre-school

Learning @ Home

You will need:

A note pad or pieces of paper

A pencil / felt tip pen / crayon



Directions:

When you sit down to write your shopping list provide your child with a shopping list note pad and pencil and sit together writing your lists.

As you write talk about what you are writing down “We need more milk”, “I need some tomatoes”. Ask your child to write down what he/she thinks you need to buy.

Take your shopping lists with you when you go shopping and refer to them as you go round the supermarket. “This says I need to get some tomatoes, what does your list tell you to get”?

Do not worry if your child’s marks and squiggles don’t look like words, your child will be able to recall what his or her marks mean.

Top tips:

When children see adults writing they perceive that writing is important. This creates an inspiration to be a writer and be part of this fascinating world of writing and reading.

By sitting closely when you write your shopping lists, your child will see how spoken words are converted to written words. Your child will imitate you and create a desire to write for purpose.

This activity will help your child develop an understanding of the instrumental function of writing and how it helps him/her to obtain goods and services.