



Literacy

Some useful tips to support your child at home

10 Tips for Reading	10 Tips for Writing	10 Tips for Spelling
• 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 as presents. • Encourage your child to discuss books they have read and enjoyed.	• Try joint list writing, e.g. 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!) • 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 writing and for experienced writers:- • Encourage your child to write – letters to friends, relatives, newspapers, letters requesting information and mini projects about their hobbies. • Encourage your child to play word games, crosswords, word searches and join in too!	• Praise all attempts at a word • Encourage children to try words. • Encourage your child to collect words that interest them – from dictionaries, from the environment, from the computer. • 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 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 and word games. • Encourage your child to use new words in their writing.