**How to encourage and support your child’s writing at home.**

Write party invitations.

Encourage children to write thank you letters after birthdays and Christmas.

Write postcards when on holiday.

Write a menu for a family meal or party.

Email a family member or friend.

Make a scrap book with labels and captions – maybe after a holiday or special event.

Write short stories involving the adventures of their favourite toys.

Write an information leaflet about something they find interesting e.d dinosaurs, sports etc.

Write a letter to a favourite author.

Invent and write rules for the house, bedroom etc. and put on a poster.

Draw, label and explain their own inventions. Make up silly sentences and tongue twisters.

**More confident writers.**

Write a secret diary.

Make up song lyrics.

Plan their own party.

Write a story for a younger family member, the style of their favourite book.

Write a holiday journal.

Write instructions for an X box game, Minecraft or similar.

Write a recipe.

Look for writing competitions e.g Radio 2’s annual 500 word story.

It’s also an incentive to write if there is a range of exciting writing materials available – pencils, crayons, felt tips, sparkly pens, writing icings, writing soaps for bathtime, coloured papers, different shape and sizes of paper etc.

Most of these things are available quite cheaply these days in places like Poundland.

Try to remember to focus on and praise the content of any writing your child shares with you, rather than dwelling on any mistakes they may have made. Hopefully, the variety of activities listed here have provided you with plenty of ideas to help and encourage your child to have a go at doing some writing at home.