

Drawing

When children first start to make marks on paper, drawing and writing are very much the same thing. However, as children develop, the two aspects become more distinct. Learning to draw is the first step for your child in realising that marks on paper mean something, both to them and to other people who look at their pictures.

You can encourage your children by asking them to draw a picture about a story they have just read with you.

Drawing also helps to build up hand control, which helps with the process of learning to write. You can also get them to practise this by playing with building blocks, Lego, beads and playdough.

Have plenty of paper and crayons or pencils available for your children. Learning to scribble is an important step in a child learning to write. They will start to understand that writing goes across the page and not down and that writing is separated into different chunks i.e. words.

Show them how to make different shapes and patterns on paper as a starting point for forming letters later on. They will start to realise that a variety of shapes form different letters.

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