

## BROADWAY & TOWERVIEW PLAYSCHOOL

### IDEAS FOR COMMUNICATION, LITERACY & LANGUAGE AT HOME

- Make letter shapes in shaving foam/hair gel on a plastic tea tray - letter underneath on paper with permanent marker - you could do this in bath if worried about the mess!
- Water painting on paving slabs with cheap decorating brushes - large water painting on fence etc.
- Make a story sack from a favourite book - Use a pillow case - look in charity shops for characters - get family involved with looking.
- Singing nursery rhymes for activities - different ones for bath time, bedtime, tidy up and going out routines - so 'wind the bobbin up' for tidy up your toys etc.
- Take photos on a walk or trip out and get your child to tell you about the photos, you write them out - or record, talk and play back.
- Have a 'magical me' shoe box - decorate shoe box with your child and let them fill it full of special things - then you can get it and talk about contents - to encourage descriptive language etc.



- Make a box with magic items in it - an old well boiled bone/old piece of jewellery/a glittery item/old paper weight/a party crown - use it at special times to sit together and get one item out to tell a story e.g. Ooh is it a dinosaur bone? – I wonder where it came from?  
.....allow stories to flow.
- Make your own story book using family photos - write who is who underneath - and the stories about each one - see what your child remembers after a few times of telling.
- Have a WOW moment board at home for when your child uses a new word - use velcro and card star burst to write WOW moment on.
- Encourage your child to 'write' a shopping list for when you go shopping - or make one with them with pictures from a magazine or use real labels off old cans etc. - see if they can match them and find them for you in the shops.
- Look for letters in your child's name when out and about, on street signs/car number plates etc.