Writing at home


Children need to be challenged to write things that matter to them. The following may assist parents to encourage their children to write at home:

- **Provide time** - young writers need time to explore ideas, talk to others about their ideas, conference and revise their work.
- **Choose writing topics of interest** - children need to be able to pursue their own interests and be encouraged as they explore new ideas.
- **Ensure they see good writing demonstrated** - children need to read good writing – a range of good literature, fiction and factual
- **Make sure that writers have interested readers** - all writers need people who will read their work, offer praise, simply respond to the content, and at times offer constructive criticism.

Some useful websites from TaLE

http://funfiction.edublogs.org/ The Fun Fiction Factory

http://www.wordcentral.com/ Word Central, exploring words

http://www.wordsmith.org/anagram/ Automatically creates anagrams

http://www.eduplace.com/tales/ Wacky stories – fill in the gaps

http://www.gigglepoetry.com/ Fun with Poetry

http://poetryzone.co.uk/ Poetry Zone - lots of poems, ideas and links to poetry websites

http://www.pmpoetry.com/ Huge collection of links to poetry websites

http://www.pottypoets.com/ A collection of 'Potty Poetry'!