

Mark making and Writing

Mark-making is not just about early writing; it is a sensory and physical experience which can be enjoyed by all ages and abilities. Mark-making in all forms needs to be valued, encouraged and discussed.

How does mark-making support a child's learning?

Mark-making allows a child to:

- Investigate a new concept
- Represent thoughts and ideas
- Develop their understanding of the world
- Tell a story
- Solve problems
- Express their feelings
- Create a gift for someone
- Relive an experience
- Record what they see

Your child might:

- Make different lines and shape marks.
- Give meaning to the marks they draw or paint.
- Experiment with writing letters such as those in their name.

Here are some creative ways to get your child interested in Mark Making.



Using trains to make marks



Rolling balls in paint



Making your own paint brushes

Using sand or salt



Chalk, water and paint brushes outside



Using shaving foam