**Opportunities for Writing at Home Year 1 October 2016**

* Writing shopping lists
* Writing notes on post it notes
* Writing out party invitations
* Writing letters to family members
* Writing thank you cards
* Write notes to your child and leave them in interesting places. Ask them to write a reply.
* Have felt pens, pencils, crayons and paper available
* Writing using chalk outside
* Writing labels when planting plants
* Help them create a scrapbook with pictures. Encourage them to write stories under the pictures and talk to you about them.
* Write postcards to friends
* Write out birthday and Christmas wish lists
* Water and a paintbrush on a dry path and a stick on sand are fun ways to write letters and words.
* Let your child see you writing

Don’t worry if your child’s letters or words are sometimes backwards or misspelt at this age. The important thing is that they have fun writing at home and are making an effort.