Writing activity ideas

- **Shopping List** – Go through your cupboards and fridges and call out different items that you need to buy from the shops. Get your child to write the list.

- **Write a sensory poem** – In the garden/In Spring/When I Am Happy (Finish the sentence starter)
  I see…
  I hear…
  I feel…
  I smell…
  I taste…
  etc.

- **Writing letters** – Ask your children to write letters to friends/family members they cannot see at the moment. Remind them to use their sound mats and tricky word mats to help! Remember to use fingers spaces, a capital letter to start and a full stop to end.

- **Decorate the alphabet** – Give your child a letter from the alphabet to write down and see what they can turn it into. An animal, a car, a castle. Can they label their picture?

- **Role Play** – Ask your child to take your lunchtime order. Can they write down everything you would like using their phonics knowledge?
  I would like…
  A hotdog with ketchup
  Lots of crisps
  An ice cream
  Etc.
  (Expect to see some phonetically plausible words such as 'an ighs kreem').

- **Simple sentences** - Give your child a word of interest. Eg. 'Ninja'. Can they tell you a short sentence about a ninja? Eg. "I am a super ninja". Can they remember their sentence? Can they write their sentence using phonic knowledge, finger spaces, full stop and capital letter at the beginning?
  Challenge - Can they extend their sentence using adjectives to describe? Eg. "I am a super ninja and I wear green socks!".

- **Favourite stories** – Keep a log of your favourite stories. Perhaps an adult could write down what you liked about the story/what you didn't like/who your favourite character was? Rate it out of 5 stars and decorate it with a drawing.

- **Sorting initial sounds** – Have 3 sounds in separate piles. Eg. s, t, p. Can you write any 2 words that have that initial sound and put it in the correct pile?
  Sock, sand, soap
  Tap, toast, tin
  Pan, pot, popcorn
  Can you find something in your house that starts with that sound to add to your pile?
  Challenge - Use digraphs/trigraphs. Eg. Can you think of a word that has the 'oa' sound in it?
  Boat, soap, toast, loan

- **Superhero describing** – Draw a superhero and label all of its' powers and what he/she can do. What do they look like? Who can they save? Using the labels, can you write some sentences about them?

- **Change one sound** – Can you write a new word by only changing one sound? How many can you write?
  eg. bat, bag, big, fig, dig, dog...