

Phonics activities to do at home

Writing and reading tricky words

- Dip a paintbrush into some water and paint some words on a dry surface outside. You could try writing your tricky words.
- With the help of a grown-up, write some tricky words on pieces of paper and lay them on the floor, like a path. Jump along the path, saying each tricky word as you land on it.
- Create rainbow words. Ask a grown-up to write a tricky word onto paper using a pencil. Trace over the word several times, each time with a different colour from the rainbow.
- Tip a small amount of flour onto a flat surface and spread it out with your hand. Copy some tricky words using your finger.
- Create a treasure hunt. Ask a grown-up to write some tricky words on paper and hide these around the house or garden. Search for the words and when you find one, write it down.
- Write tricky words onto empty plastic bottles to create skittles. Ask a grown-up to call out a tricky word and try to knock down the correct bottle with a ball.
- Play a word hunt game using one of your favourite books.

Using phonics skills for writing and reading

- Use your phonic skills to help your grown-up write a shopping list.
- Spread out big pieces of paper with letters written on them on the floor. Your grown-up can say a simple word and you can jump on and say the letters that make that word.
- Can you write labels for different objects around your house?
- Write some letters on small pieces of paper or sticky notes. Can you build words with the letters?
- Ask a grown-up to write some words for items in the house such as hat, toy, bed, sink, bath. Go on a hunt around the house and tick off all the objects on the checklist that you can find.
- Ask a grown-up to hide some objects in boxes. The objects must be items that can be decoded e.g. block, pen, car, train. Pull out different objects and you can write what you see.
- Look at things around the room. Can you spot any words that contain these sounds? E.g. I spy with my little eye, something that has the sound th in it... bath
- Play a game with your grown-up. Ask your grown-up to read a sound to you. Can you write the sound down? You could use different colours.