

Supporting your Child's Learning at Home

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Recently at ACE Day Nursery:

We have been exploring different ways to make marks, both in our indoor and outdoor play spaces. Staff have been providing the children with opportunities to:

- *hold a pencil and or crayon using a whole hand (palmer) grasp and make random marks
- *make connections between their movement and the marks which they are making
- *use three fingers (tripod grip) to hold writing tools
- *imitate drawing shapes such as circles and lines
- *hold their pencil between thumb and two fingers
- *copy some letters in their own names

For you to try at home:

Children need time to practise mark making skills. Having time to revisit play and activities in the home environment will embed these new learnt skills even deeper.

*Place a large piece of paper on the floor along with a selection of mark making tools (colouring pencils, crayons). Allow the child space and the opportunity to explore the materials at a different level.

*Have a note pad (or two) and a selection of writing tools accessible so children can use these as part of their play. Recently at the Day Nursery children have been pretending to go on holiday or to work and have been using note pads as passports or tickets. These mark making items will allow the girls and boys to enhance their role play ideas while also being able to revisit their mark making skills.



Try these recipes at home:

Slime and Gloop
[Pdf document with recipe](#)

Play dough
[Pdf document with recipe](#)