

Hands up if you
ever worry about
your child's
writing.



What will this session cover?

- Connection between reading and writing
- The writing environment
- How to support your child with writing



**Why is
writing so
challenging?**

1. Thinking of ideas
2. Vocabulary
3. Spelling
4. Grammar
5. Handwriting
6. Organisation

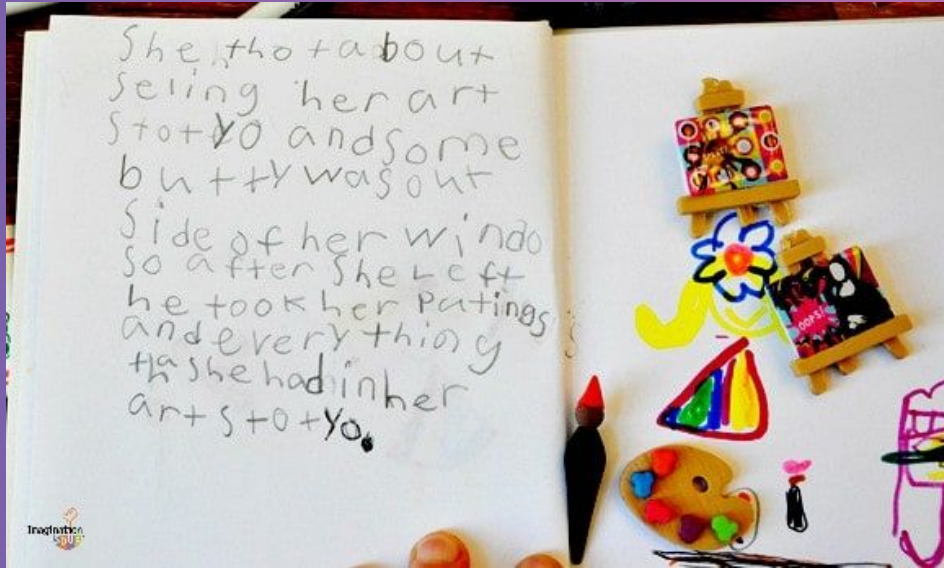


"Well, the secret to writing is writing. It's only a secret to people who don't want to hear it. Writing is how you be a writer."

Ursula Le Guin



Writing Journals



- Space to develop ideas
- Belong to the child
- Choice

Writing Environment – Expectation.V Reality.



Space in the home environment

Using headphones
Writing surfaces

Storage for writing materials

•Your ideas?

Communicating with friends

Making comic books

Creative play –
rehearsing writing

Creating media



Writing stories

Secret writing lives of children

Suggestions of questions you could ask to support writing

Can you tell me about the writing you are doing today?

Who is going to read this? (Lower Primary) Who is your intended audience?
(Upper Primary)

What's the purpose of your writing?

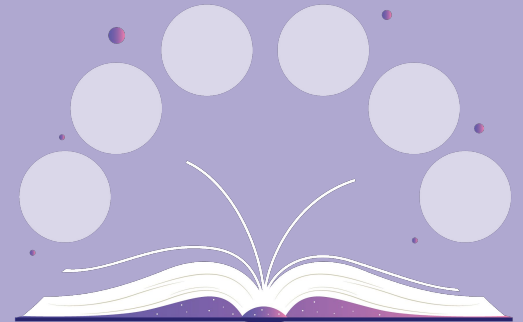
What's going well with your writing?

What are you finding challenging?

What can I help you with?

What stage of writing are you at?

How might you share your writing?



Final Words of Wisdom

- Let your child be your guide - *don't force it* - writing should be fun, not a chore.
- Remember not all children are at the same point of readiness to write just because they are the same age.
- You won't be able to do ALL of this ALL of the time. Be realistic. Be patient with yourself and your child and do the best you can,



"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Maya Angelou



PLAY

STUDY

THANKS
for tuning in!

CREATE

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