**Reading and Writing activities**

**to support your child at home**

* Print the letters of their name on paper (using bought letter prints/cut out each letter using old potatoes) and say each letter as you write it. Make a name sign for his/her bedroom. Decorate the sign by adding stickers or drawing on it.
* Free Phonics App – ***Twinkl Phonics Suite Light Edition***
* Phonics website (games and activities Phase 2 ONLY): <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase2Menu.htm>
* Teach and get your child to join in with some familiar nursery rhymes and songs.
* Place alphabet magnets on your refrigerator. Ask your child to name the letters they play with and try to spell simple 3 letter words such as sat, cat, pin, pot, dog, log.
* Wherever you are with your child, point out individual letters on signs, boards, posters, food containers, books, and magazines. Begin finding and naming some letters.
* Encourage your child to spell and write their name. Your child can use their finger to trace over each letter then write each letter by going over it. Begin to write their first name then begin to look at the letters in your child’s last name.
* Make an alphabet book. Draw a picture beginning with each letter, for example ‘a’ - draw an apple, ‘b’ - draw a bumble-bee (you can help too). You can also cut out and stick pictures from magazines or use photos to make your alphabet book. Help your child to write next to the picture the letter that stands for the object (for example, write ‘b’ next to the bumble-bee).