

# Year 1 Writing Tips for Parents



## Inspiring Ideas



### Syllabus Links

**EN1-10C:** A student thinks imaginatively and creatively about familiar topics, ideas and texts when responding to composing texts.

#### Content:

- Develop and apply contextual knowledge
- Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features
- Respond to and compose texts

### Advice for Parents

Children learn to write through their experiences, which then inspires ideas and creativity through writing. When they have a range of different experiences to draw upon the ideas flow. Give your child opportunities to do, read, see and talk about a variety of events. This assists your child's ability to create ideas to use in their writing.

## Activities at Home

Here are some activities that you may want to try at home to help your child improve their creativity.

### Experiences

#### The things we 'do' together...

Everyday experiences you have together with your child can inspire their writing.

**E.g.** *Everyday Experiences* - going to the park, library, shopping centre, grocery shopping, to school, cooking and playing games

**E.g.** *Extraordinary Experiences* – weekends away, birthday parties, going bowling, swimming, dancing, going to the museum and visiting friends/family

### Experiences

#### The things we 'read' together...

A good reader makes a good writer. Reading a variety of books builds creativity. Together you can:

- read the words
- the pictures
- retell the story in your own words.

Read books your child is interested in.

**E.g.** comics, fiction books, non-fiction books, environmental print and listen to online stories to enhance your child's ideas.

### Experiences

#### The things we 'see' together...

Talking about what you see together with your child can generate creative ideas when writing.

**E.g.** Watching: Movies – Plays – Sport - News – TV shows – Documentaries – Dance – Music Videos – Video Games - Nature

### Experiences

#### The things we 'talk' about...

Walking is a great way to talk to your child in a relaxed fun setting. You can start the conversation talking about things you notice along the way. You could use the five senses to guide your conversation.