Ideas for encouraging writing at home

- Label the objects in a drawing, expand this to descriptive phrase e.g. the lazy dog
- Create picture books and write a sentence to say what is happening e.g. The lazy dog did not want to go for a walk.
- Entrust an important writing job to them: the weekly shopping list, writing out birthday cards or Christmas cards, postcards or letters… send to someone who might write back!
- Encourage their play to involve signs or posters e.g. Wait here to see the doctor
- Ask them to make treasure hunt. They write clues on post-it notes to solve.
- Create a map and write a route of how to get a place on it.
- Cook something and write up the recipe as instructions.
- Role play with a notepad and pencils.
    - Write a speeding ticket as a police officer
    - Write out a menu and orders as a café owner
    - Create a price list for a shop
    - Take telephone messages as a receptionist
    - Write out prescriptions as a doctor or vet
    - Write a book recommendation as a librarian
    - Teach writing as a teacher