

Starting school soon?

Some things to try for ...

Writing

Making stories

Tell your child stories - from life as well as books

Go through photo albums and tell them what happened

Make a story out of each day - what did we do first, and then what? Or make plans - what's next?

Try "small world play" with toys acting out stories and adventures. Help your child retell favourite stories with toys

Fine motor skills

Find fiddly things to do that are fun

Making things, drawing, music and most sports are great for developing movement & coordination

Try "loose parts" play - just a bunch of things, could be twigs, bottle tops, pebbles, lego for your child to do whatever they want with

Home activities such as baking, dressing, sorting, laying tables, etc are great too

Playing with sounds

Traditional rhymes are fun for developing your child's sense of speech sounds - lots on the Bookbug Songs & Rhymes app

Any singing and playing rhythms is great too

Clap or dance out the words in a simple sentence
*how *are *you *today?

Play and talk together as much as you can - follow your child's lead and build on it

Don't worry about ...

Whether your child can write their name - some like to and some don't!

Tracing letters or using practice sheets

Having "the right" pencil grip - just enjoy making marks

If your child is not interested in "writing" yet - it will come ...

for ideas on how to help your child learn through play & fun, go to [bumps2bairns.com](https://www.bumps2bairns.com)