



## Literacy Policy

### Aims:

At Clutton Playgroup practitioners aim to offer opportunities to develop children's emergent writing through a literate environment and role play situations. For example, by providing budding "Bob the Builders" with clipboards to draw plans or "doctors and nurses" with appointment cards. Children have access to pens, pencils and paper in all areas of the Cabin, inside and outside, enabling them to record freely, e.g. drawing flowers from observation at the activity tables and using easels to chalk or paint outside.

Practitioners plan opportunities to encourage children to write for different purposes e.g. shopping lists, greeting cards, letters, book making and maps. Children's mark making is encouraged in all areas of learning for example when children carry out a survey of favourite animals they will be encouraged to record the results by tallying. Children are encouraged to recognise their own name and those of their friends through self-registration and putting their work in their named drawers. In this way, children learn that reading and writing are symbolic ways of preserving meaning.

We also have a well-stocked mark-making area.

There is a good range of attractive books available in all areas of the playgroup. Children are able to access books independently as well as shared with others at story time on a daily basis. We have an excellent stock of books used for shared reading so that children begin to understand how text works. We also have a good selection of books chosen to develop phonological awareness through the use of rhyme, rhythm and alliteration.

Our Equal Opportunities lead regularly audits the books and resources to ensure a diverse range of race and cultures are present.

Children and practitioners use books to research projects they are interested in, for example to find out more about dinosaurs.

We also have a library of book boxes which are available for parents and carers to take home and share with their children. These are extremely popular. We monitor the activity in the boxes and renew, refresh and replace boxes as necessary.