

Name Games

Lots of the children are showing an interest in reading and writing their own names. Here a few ideas of fun, interactive ways to explore names and become familiar with letters, as well as developing early reading skills.

- Post-it notes – write each letter of the name on a single post it note. You can muddle them up, put them in the right order, hide one and guess which one is hiding, the possibilities are endless!
- Toilet roll skittles – write each letter of the name on a toilet roll. Arrange them in the right order – it can help to have a piece of paper with the name written to support this – and use a ball to knock them down, like skittles! Which letter have you knocked down?
- Matching names – Have yours and your child's names written down twice. Cut up one of each name and place them in a pot or a bag. Pull a letter out – can you match it to your name?
- Chalk names – Use chalk to write your name in an outside space. Can you make your name disappear by spraying it with a water spray?
- Letter hunt – Go for a walk around your local area. Take a piece of card with your child's name on it – Encourage your child to make a mark on the card when they spot a letter from their name – it could be on a road name, a shop sign or even on a bus!

- Name target – Write each letter of the name on a piece of paper – hang it from a washing line, or stick it to a wall and use a ball to throw or kick at the name! You could even do splatter names by dipping a tea bag in some paint and aiming it at the letters!
- Water painting – dip a paintbrush in some water and use it to make marks to represent the letters in your name
- Forest Name – Use some double sided sticky tape to make your child's name on a piece of paper. Collect natural items to stick to it to make each letter.
- Post cards – Write a post card. Scribe a message that your child would like to write to a family member or friend and encourage them to write their name on it.
- Car name – use masking tape to write each letter from the name on a toy car. You could make parking spaces on some cardboard and write each letter from the name in the parking spaces too.
- Ball pool name – If you have ball pool balls, you can write letters on them and then challenge your child to find the letters in their name. They could use a sieve as a fishing net!