

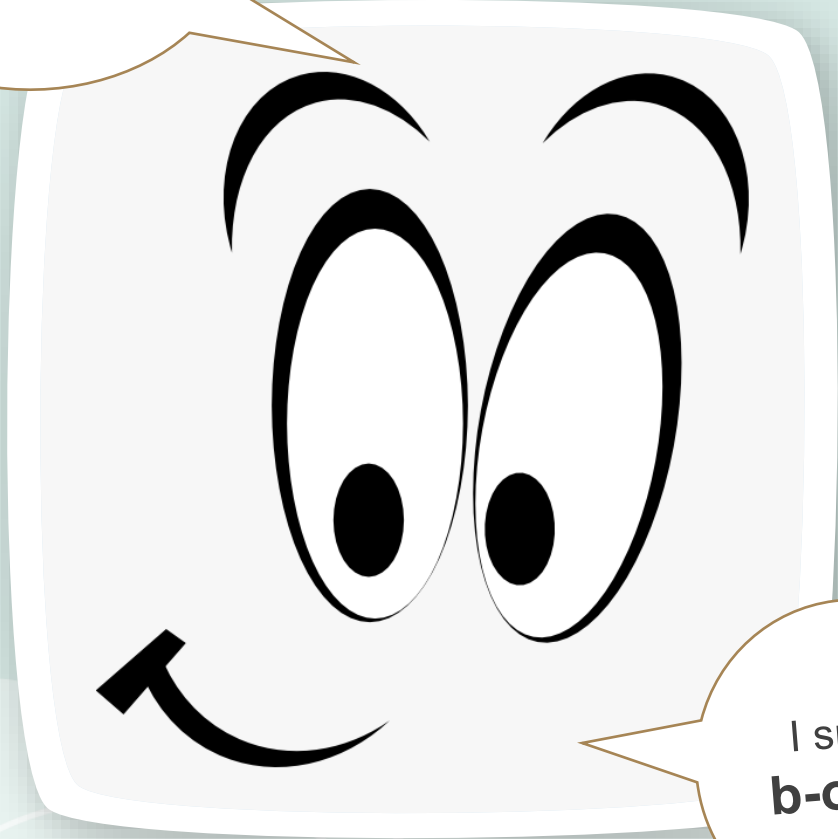
Literacy.

This area of development is all about Reading and Writing.

Your child does not need to be able to read and write before starting school. They should be developing a love of stories and songs and they should be able to make simple marks and talk about them.



I spy your
c-oo-t!



I spy a
b-oo-k!



I spy a
c-a-t!



I spy
something
beginning
with '**S**'

I spy a
b-u-s!

Breaking simple words down into their sounds, or doing 'sound talk' is the first step for reading and writing. Play 'I Spy' where you say an initial sound or a simple word in sound talk and the child has to work out what it is.



What can you see?

What could happen next in the story?



Read at least 1 book together every day, even if it is same book each time! Talk about what you see in the pictures and think about what could happen next before turning the pages. Read in different places to make it fun! You can even try acting out the stories!



Check out these websites for more mark making ideas:
<https://www.pacey.org.uk/mark-making/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/its-not-just-scribbling-its-mark-making>
<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/>



Draw pictures using different resources such as crayons, paints, paintbrushes and water outside or chinks. Encourage your child to talk about what they have drawn.