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WHAT IS EARLY WRITING?



*Children begin
their writing
skills by making
marks, not by
producing
letters and
words.*

-Penny Tassoni

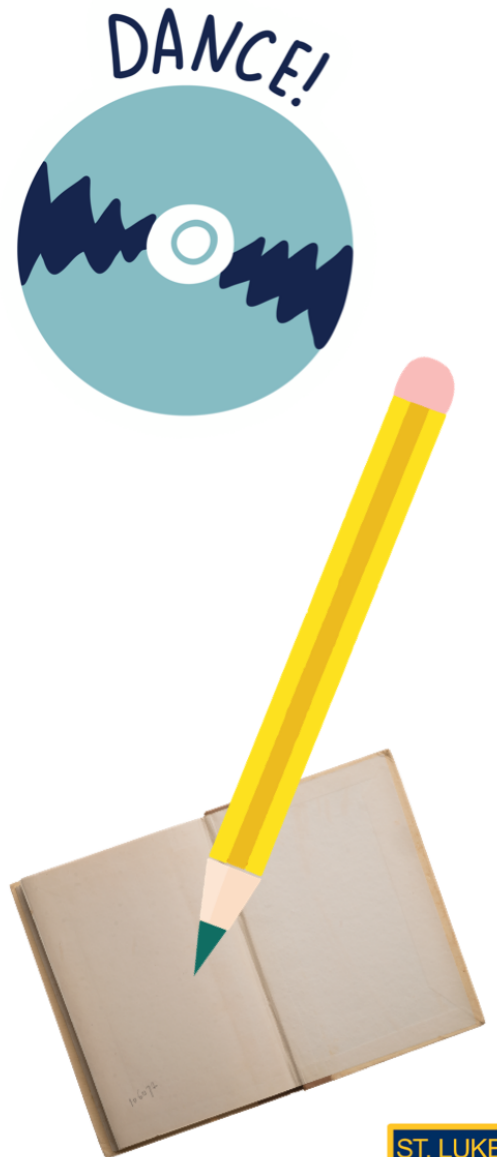




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HOW DO WE SUPPORT CHILDREN IN DEVELOPING THEIR MARK MAKING SKILLS ?

- *Dance write*
- *Dough Disco*
- *Fine motor activities*
- *Gross motor activities*
- *Mark making opportunities*
- *Phonics*





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WHAT IS **DANCE WRITE?**

Dance write is an activity carried out with music and books. It provides opportunities for movement so that children develop their fine and gross motor skills.

It helps support children's balance and coordination for writing.



At St-Luke's, we carry out two forms of dance write. A practitioner reads a story or sings a song, and pauses each time to make marks that may link to the story/song. The children use two crayons (one in each hand) and a large roll of paper to make their marks.



The second form is through dancing with scarves. We imitate the movements of different lines that will help us form letters.





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WHAT IS

DOUGH DISCO?



Dough Disco is an activity in which children use play dough to carry out a range of hand and fingers exercises. It helps develop their fine and gross motor skills.

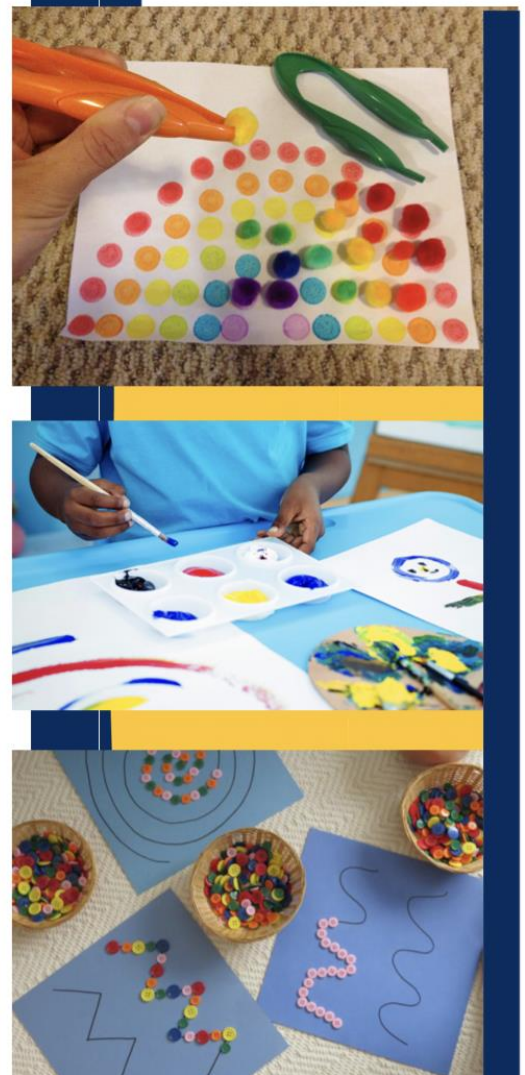




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WHAT ARE FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES ?

Fine motor activities involve the use of small muscles of the hand. They include activities like using scissors, zipping, drawing and eating. It is crucial to create opportunities to develop their fine motor skills to support with every day tasks.





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WHAT ARE **GROSS MOTOR ACTIVITIES ?**

Gross motor activities involve the use of larger muscles and usually require whole body movements. We carry out activities like dance, ball games, large construction and climbing.





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WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MARK MAKING OPPORTUNITIES WE PROVIDE AT ST-LUKE'S?



MARK MAKING IS NOT JUST ABOUT EARLY WRITING; IT IS ALSO A SENSORY AND PHYSICAL EXPERIENCE.

WE USE A RANGE OF WAYS TO MAKE MARKS

- USING YOUR HANDS
- SPONGES
- PAINT BRUSHES
- WATER
- FOOD
(POTATO PRINTING, MAKING MARKS USING TOMATO KETCHUP)
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- MARK MAKING IN SAND
- MARK MAKING USING SHAVING FOAM
- FORKS, WHISKS, SPOONS
- USING NATURAL RESOURCES (IE STICKS)
- PENS
- PENCILS
- CHALK
- PAINT





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WHAT IS

PHONICS?

*The phonics scheme we use is called
Letters and Sounds.*

Letters and Sounds



The phonics scheme we use helps prepare children to learn how to read and write. It is taught in a systematic way. In nursery we integrate phase 1 phonics into everything we do. We teach phase 2 phonics (which exposes children to the sounds of letters) once children are settled. We aim to teach 1 sound every 2-3 weeks.





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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD/REN AT HOME?

THESE ARE SOME ACTIVITIES THAT WILL HELP DEVELOP CHILDREN'S FINE AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS



COOK/BAKE WITH YOUR CHILD/REN



CREATE MODELS USING RECYCLED RESOURCES



MAKE AND PLAY WITH PLAY DOUGH



ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD/REN TO HELP DURING TIDY UP TIME



EXPLORE MAKING MARKS USING DIFFERENT RESOURCES



EXPLORE DIFFERENT WAYS OF MOVING





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USEFUL LINKS

LETTERS AND SOUNDS-

[HTTP://WWW.LETTERS-AND-SOUNDS.COM](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com)

MARK MAKING MATTERS- [HTTPS://WWW.FOUNDATIONYEARS.ORG.UK/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2011/10/MARK_MARKING_MATTERS.PDF](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/mark_marking_matters.pdf)

MARK MAKING- [HTTPS://WWW.PACEY.ORG.UK/MARK-MAKING/](https://www.pacey.org.uk/mark-making/)

**DOUGH DISCO-
[HTTPS://M.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=I-IFZEG1AC4](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=I-IFZEG1AC4)**

DANCE WRITE- [HTTP://WRITEDANCETRaining.COM/ABOUT-WRITE-DANCE/](http://writedancetraining.com/about-write-dance/)

FINE MOTOR AND GROSS MOTOR ACTIVITIES-[HTTPS://WWW.PACEY.ORG.UK/PARENTS/PARENT-ESSENTIALS/TIPS,-FACTSHEETS-AND-DOWNLOADS/MARK-MAKING-TIPS-FOR-PARENTS/](https://www.pacey.org.uk/parents/parent-essentials/tips,-factsheets-and-downloads/mark-making-tips-for-parents/)

MARK MAKING AT HOME- [HTTPS://WWW.PACEY.ORG.UK/PARENTS/PARENT-ESSENTIALS/TIPS,-FACTSHEETS-AND-DOWNLOADS/MARK-MAKING-TIPS-FOR-PARENTS/](https://www.pacey.org.uk/parents/parent-essentials/tips,-factsheets-and-downloads/mark-making-tips-for-parents/)

