**Ideas to encourage your child to write**

1. Try to choose a subject that they are interested in, for example:

* Interests like dinosaurs, trains, bugs, unicorns
* Favourite game on playstation, XBOX
* Favourite movie
* There is a website called “Once Upon a Picture” which has loads of beautiful pictures. As well as the pictures there are questions you can ask and ideas for writing.
* On the Literacy Shed website if you type in “KS1 Literacy Shed” there are some great short films to watch. You could get them to draw what happens next.

1. Try to get them to draw a detailed picture.
2. Talk to them about the picture and get them to label the picture, the character in the picture, what is happening in the picture and describing words, e.g. huge, frightening, beautiful.
3. You could make a story map with postcards size or post it notes and put the words underneath.
4. You could try to get them to make their own storybook with a front cover and a title and then use the picture to help them write the story.
5. If your child is struggling to engage in writing, STOP. Don’t stress! Try it another day.