



# All about... mark making

## Did you know that...

- Mark making isn't just about using pencil and paper.
- Regular reading helps to strengthen a child's writing skills.
- Tally marks are a great way to introduce mark making, have a scavenger hunt or count objects.

## Things to do when out and about...

- Create a checklist for things to find, children can tick things off a list when the item has been found.
- Children can mark out an area to play hopscotch with chalk.
- A spray bottle filled with water is great for mark making and encourages fine motor skills



## Things to do at home...

- Read or listen to stories together and draw attention to text.
- Practice pencil control - draw patterns on paper and ask your child to trace or copy them.
- Draw attention to your child's name.
- Encourage children to discuss their drawings and mark making.
- Play cafes and take turns writing down orders and serving. Have different resources available diary, Sticky notes, pots of pens and pencils and a variety of paper.
- Ask your child to help write a shopping list.
- Point out writing - signs, labels and other writing around the home and see if your child can guess what it says.

### Tripod Grip

Standard grip:

Hold pencil with

**thumb + index finger.**

Pencil rests on middle finger.

