

# WILTHORPE INFANT SCHOOL

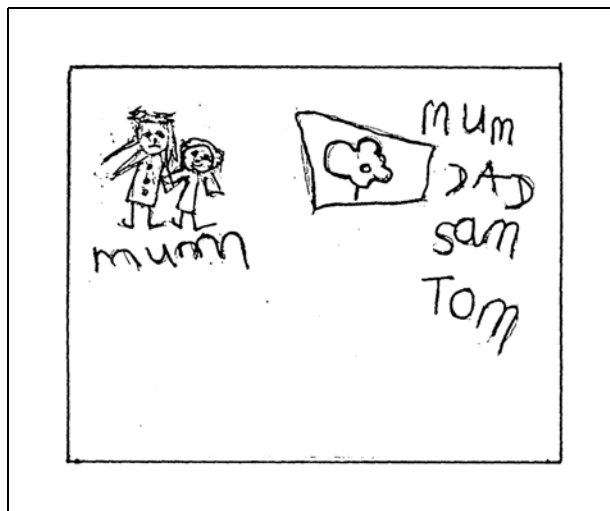
## PARENTS BOOKLET

### HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING



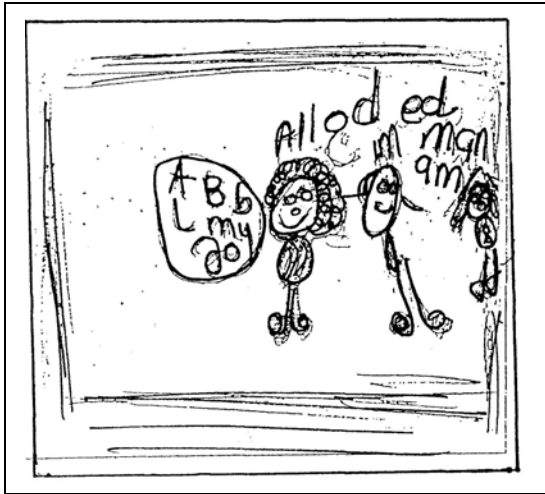
#### 1. Show your child how to use writing

- Read with your child, reading teaches children many things about writing.
- Write messages.
- shopping lists
- telephone messages



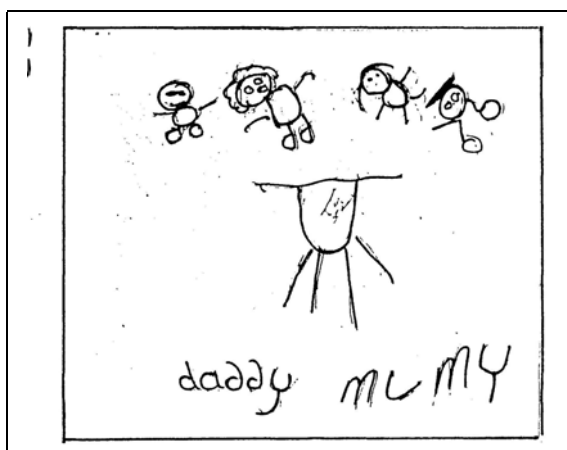
## 2. Provide a place for your child to write

- \* find opportunities to display your child's work
- \* Talk about letter names and the sound they make
- \* encourage your child to experiment with writing



## 3. Write messages to your child and encourage him/her to write replies

- \* talk about letters, words and spaces
- \* Support your child's spelling attempts and praise his/ her willingness to have a go
- \* use scrap books or books made from spare paper to make personalized books with your child



#### 4. Praise your child's writing efforts and respond to the message rather than the grammar or spelling

- Talk with your child to help them clarify their thinking about their writing
- talk about capital letters and full stops
- Play games and reward your child for the number of words he/she can write



#### 5. Encourage your child to write for a variety of reasons

- Invitations to a party
- Thank you letters to friends and relatives
- Greetings cards
- Shopping lists

