Reading

- Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles.
- Repeats words or phrases from familiar stories.
- Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game.
- Enjoys rhyming and rhythmic activities.
- Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration.
- Recognises rhythm in spoken words.
- Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories.
- Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured.
- Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall.
- Describes main story settings, events and principal characters.
- Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment

Nursey Reading & Writing

- Looks at books independently.
- Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos.
- Handles books carefully.
- Knows information can be relayed in the form of print.
- Holds books the correct way up and turns pages.
- Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom.

Writing

- Distinguishes between the different marks they make.
- Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint.
- Ascribes meanings to marks that they see in different places.