Broomlands Primary School

Helping with Writing

It's good to know how I can help with writing. I can see a real improvement.

Writing together really helps me and I like it when I hear my writing is good.

Functional Writing
Instructions
Second Level
(2)

Making Potato Prints

Materials you need:

* A knife
* Brush
* Paint
* Paper
* Potato
* Water

Follow this process:

1 Place the potato on a safe surface for cutting.
2 Carefully cut the potato in half.
3 Put one potato half to the side.
4 Blot the potato half on paper to dry the surface.
5 Cut a pattern into the flat side of the potato.
6 a) Either cut a pattern or shape into the potato
   b) or cut the potato away to make the
   shape stand out.
7 Brush some thick paint evenly onto the potato.
8 Press the potato firmly down on the paper.
9 Repeat steps 7 and 8.

Variations
You could:

* Make a border
* Print rows across the paper
* Print randomly over the paper
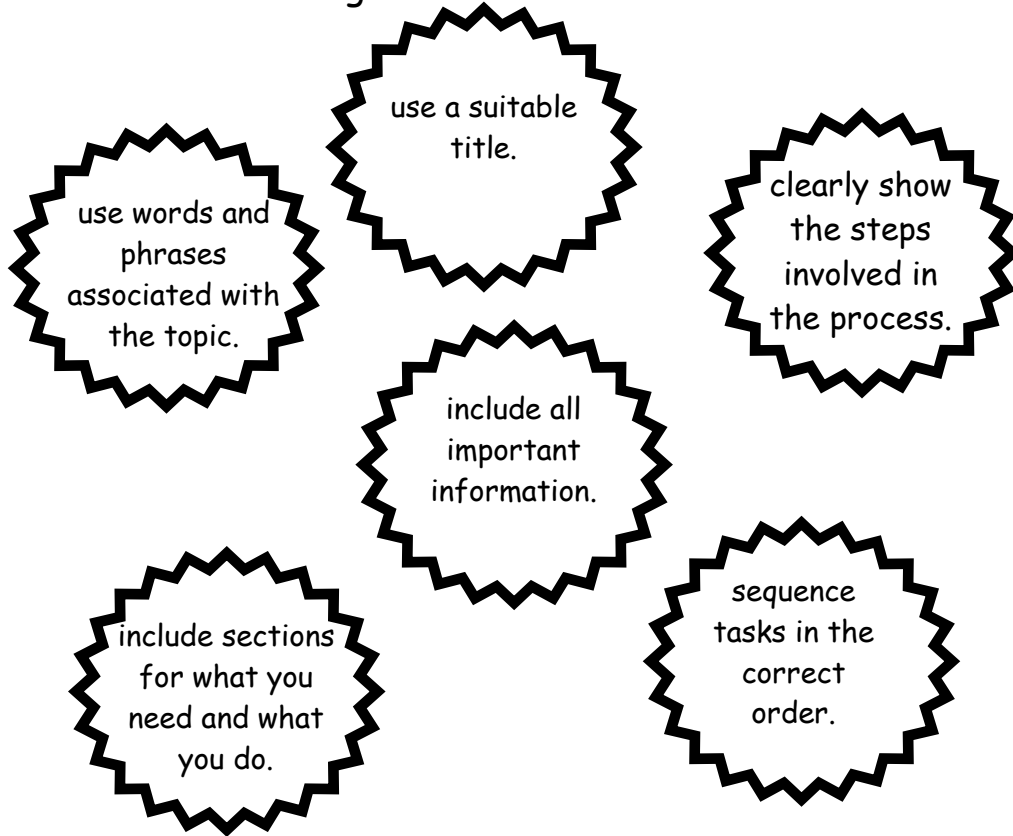
REMEMBER TO PUT MORE PAINT ON WHEN THE PAINT GETS FAINT.

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When writing instructions children learn to:

use a suitable title.

use words and phrases associated with the topic.

clearly show the steps involved in the process.

include all important information.

include sections for what you need and what you do.

sequence tasks in the correct order.
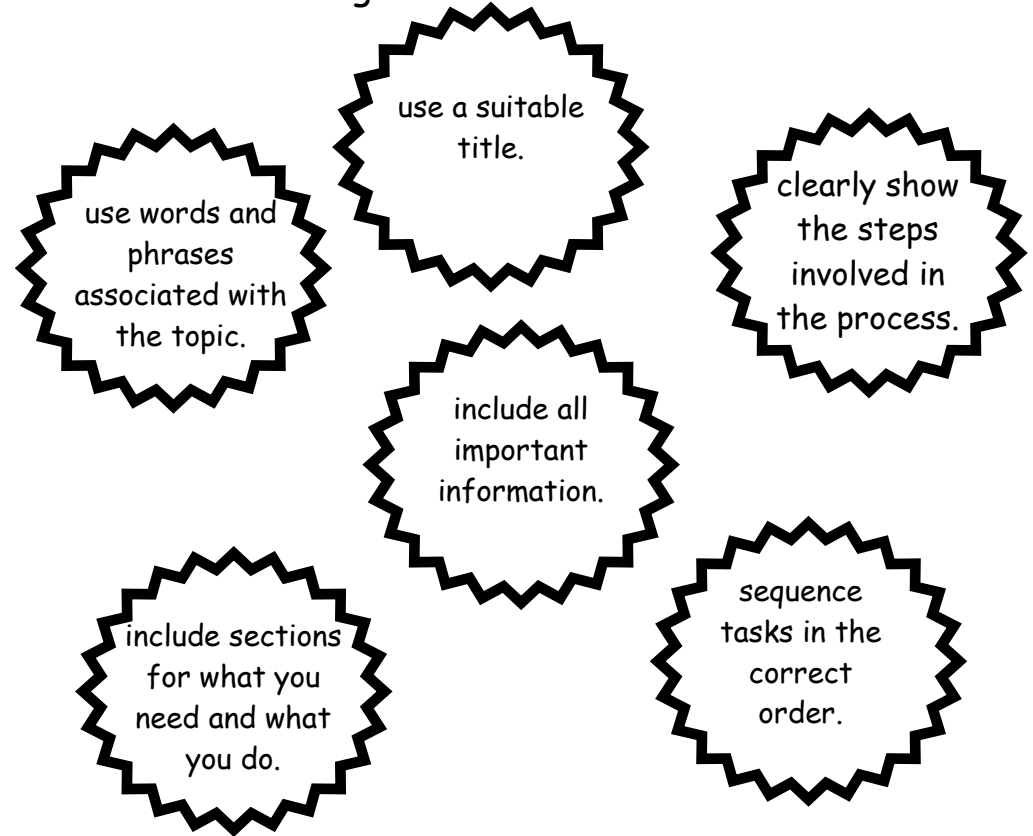
Tools for Writing

* Use correct punctuation, full stops, commas, questions marks and try to use exclamation marks, dashes, brackets and apostrophes, etc.
* Accurate spelling of most common and familiar words.
* Use different joining words e.g. but, then, so, that, although, besides, until, because.
* Vary sentence beginnings and length.
* Use neat and accurate handwriting.

HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH WRITING INSTRUCTIONS

* Read the instructions for a household appliance.

* Discuss real life examples of instructions.

* Read the instructions and play a game.

* Write instruction to care for the family pet.

* Write instructions for how to set the video.

* Write the directions to your house.

* Encourage your child to proof read their writing carefully.

* Use plenty of praise and encouragement.

* Make writing fun. Write some instructions together!