Story Scribing

- Sit beside the child (if you are right handed, put the child on your left).
- Make sure the child watches you write (i.e. the paper should be in front of the child if possible).
 Write exactly what the child says.
- Use your knowledge of each child to decide which teaching is appropriate.
- Say the words as you write them.
- Sometimes stop and read what you have written and then let the child carry on.
- Sound out some words as you write them.
- Point out spaces, capitals and full stops etc.
- Exaggerate some letter formation.
- Ask the child to sound out some words for you.
- Ask the child to write a few letters or words as appropriate to the individual child.
- Use terms such as 'characters', 'author' etc.
- The **story** is the important part keep the momentum – the teaching should not slow down the scribing too much.
- Don't forget to act out the stories!!

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