

Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home

Signposters

Indoors or outdoors, it is hard to get away from signs and notices. These are all great opportunities for children to learn about print - how it works and what it is for

See how many you can find in a day, or on a walk or hunting round the house – and maybe you can help your child make some of their own

What do I need?

No special equipment, but you might want to look round the house to see what signs and notices you can explore with your child.

These might include:

- Laundry labels
- Instructions on packets
- Book covers
- Calendars
- House signs
- To do lists or fridge magnets
- Meters

There are lots outside too!

What do we do?

Show your child some of the signs or notices and chat about them. Let your child explore and ask questions

Send them off to find some – you could make a “treasure hunt” list

Or, if you are out for a walk, take it in turns looking for street signs, or park notices, etc

Talk about all the different purposes – how many can you find?



What will your child learn from this play?

- Concepts about print
- How signs work
- Lifeskills
- Vocabulary
- Being curious



How can you take it further?

- Your child might like to help you count the signs
- Make a “treasure hunt” with things to spot around the house or the neighbourhood
- On a video chat ask your family/friends to give a “tour” of the signs and notices in their home
- Your child might want to make some signs, notices or instruction lists for themselves or for you

Play & talk together
Be careful with too many questions

Pause and wait for your child to respond
Copy what they say and add to it