

How you can help your child with cutting!

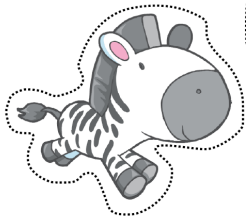


Being able to use scissors is an important part of life and a crucial pre-writing skill. Using scissors develops the fine motor skills which enable children to hold pencils and be able to write.

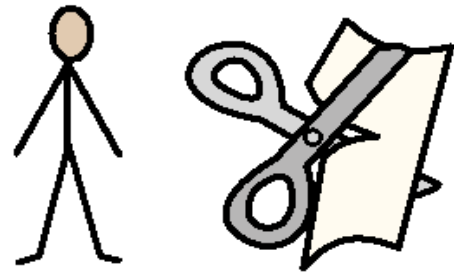
This booklet provides you with some ideas of how you can help your child at home.

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Talk together about what makes good cutting:



Cut around the picture



Snip away from you



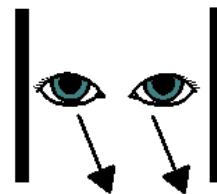
Sit down with scissors



Hold the scissors with two fingers and your thumb



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Hold and look at the picture when you are cutting it

Some ideas you can try at home, with children's scissors:



Snipping playdough, paper, card– anything!



Practising cutting along thick black lines!



Using old catalogues, junk mail, leaflets to make pictures and collages!

Children who are left handed should use left handed scissors. At school, these are green and yellow. Our right handed scissors are blue.



Other ways of developing fine motor skills-

- Play dough**
- Playing with shaving foam**
- Pegs**
- Sewing or threading**
- Building with small blocks**
- Using children's tweezers to pick up small objects**
- Scrunching up tissue paper**

Some websites for further information;

<http://www.ot-mom-learning-activities.com/scissor-cutting.html>

**We hope you've found this booklet useful.
As always, please talk to your child's class teacher if you
have any questions!**