



Writing outdoors

Yes you can take pen & paper outdoors to record learning (providing it's not raining!), but being outside provides the opportunity for lots more hands on sensory experiences. So here's some ideas to help you bring that to recording and writing too!

Sticks and mud

If you've got empty flower beds or muddy ground they can provide a great space for mark making! Grab a stick (mix in some water if it's a little dry) and you can write mathematical working, letters, draw pictures, anything you want!

Playground chalk

Chalk is great because it works on any hard surface outdoors.

Pavements, driveways & walls become your new canvas!

Playground chalk is chunky and safer to use. Smaller pieces of chalk still work fine, just make sure to explain to your children to be mindful of their knuckles!

Make your own chalk paint

If you don't have access to chalk but do have lots of hard surfaces outside chalk paint could be the answer! Mix equal parts cornflour & water then add about 10 drops of food colouring. Use a paintbrush and you're away!





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Use tablets

Just because you're outside doesn't mean you have to ditch the technology. It can find its place with you in nature. Tablets are great for recording writing and speech. Make the most of them!

Marker pens on leaves

If you have access to lots of leaves in your garden, save yourself the paper and use them for recording. You'll need leaves that don't have a waxy feel to them, Permanent markers work best but felt tips will still work too!

Use nature to represent letters & numbers

Sticks and leaves can be used to create letters, words & numbers by laying them out on the ground.

Number & letter pebbles

If you have gravel in your garden you could collect some pieces and mark them with letters & numbers. You could use a permanent marker or paint. Use these to label your learning or show your mathematical working!





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Make your own mud paint

Mix 1 cup of mud, add a little water if it's dry, a teaspoon of food colouring & a couple of drops of washing up liquid. You could use regular paint brushes or make your own natural ones.

