

## Editing Help Sheet

- In school, Year 1 would be beginning to learn how to edit and improve their work. It can be tricky for children to spot mistakes in their work, just as it can be difficult for adults.
- Please don't panic if your child cannot spot mistakes independently, they would normally edit in small groups with adult support or work in pairs.
- In class we use purple polishing pens so that it is clear what has been edited. If your child has a purple pen then that is great, if not they can use any colour.
- Try to encourage your child(ren) to keep their editing as neat as possible, putting one line through words or phrases that they no longer want or need.
- Children should focus on one area of editing at a time. For example, they should look for punctuation and then go back through and look for spellings.
- It sometimes helps when their work is read back to them exactly as written. That way they can hear mistakes that they might not see.