

Handwriting Progression

Where they start	EYFS	Y1	Y2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draws lines and circles using gross motor movements. • Uses one handed tools and equipment. • Holds pencil between thumb and two fingers no longer using whole hand grasp. • Holds pencil near point between first two fingers and thumb and uses it with good control. • Uses simple tools to effect changes to materials. • Shows a preference for a dominant hand. • Begins to use anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines. • Begins to form recognisable letters. • Uses a pencil and holds it effectively to form recognisable letters most of which are correctly formed. 	<p>Development matters: Reception Fine Motor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons. • Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient. <p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form lower-case and capital letters correctly. <p>ELG:Fine motor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases. • Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing <p>ELG: Writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly. • Begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place. • Form capital letters. • Form digits 0-9. • Understand which letters belong to which handwriting ‘families’ (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another. • Start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left un-joined. • Write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters. • Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.

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