

# Handwriting



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- Handwriting should be actively taught
- A flexible, fluent and legible handwriting style empowers children to write with confidence and creativity
- Associating handwriting movement with visual letter patterns and aural phonemes will help children learn to spell



# What to teach in handwriting...

- Appropriate pencil grip
- Paper placement
- Posture
- Correct letter and numeral formation
- Size of letters
- Writing on a line





# Handwriting at Barrow Hedges

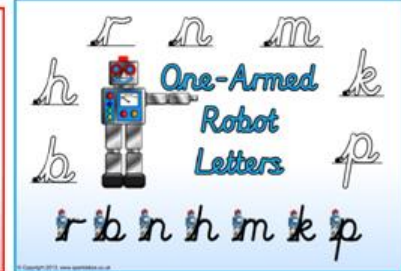
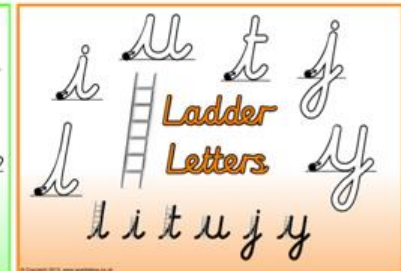
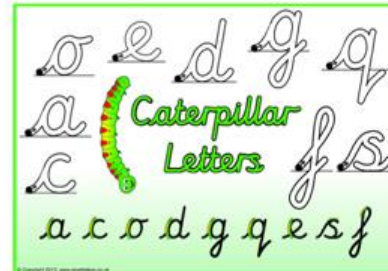
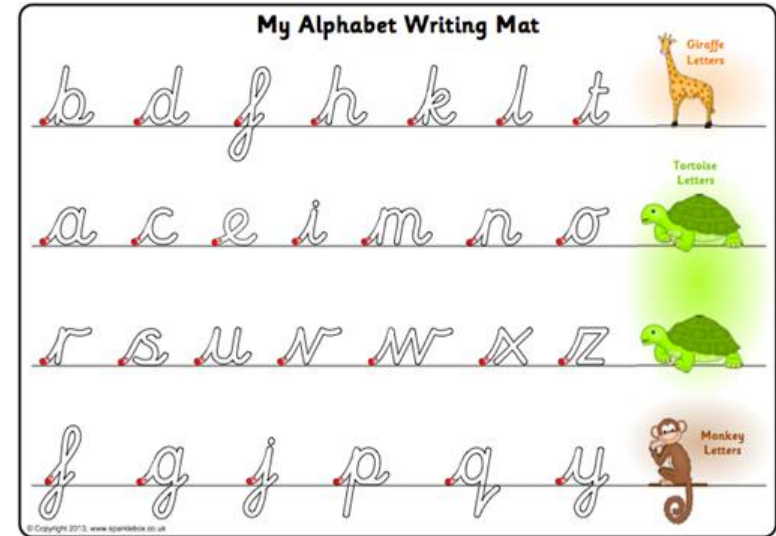
At Barrow Hedges, we aim to teach children to write in a way that is legible, fluent and fast. This means that we have developed a style which enables the letters to be joined easily.



# Handwriting at Barrow Hedges

## Foundation and KS1

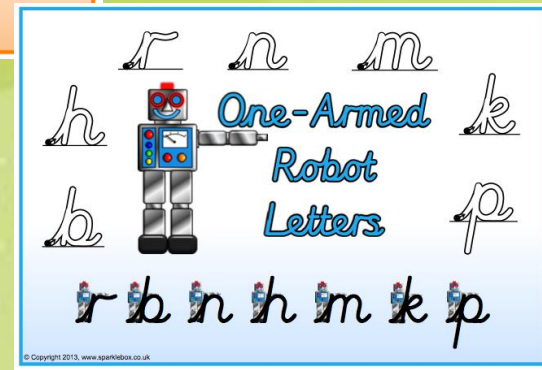
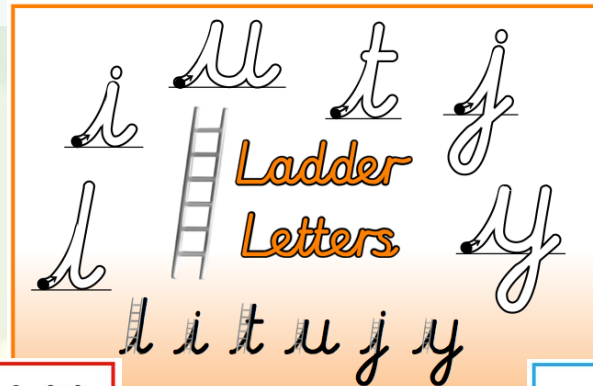
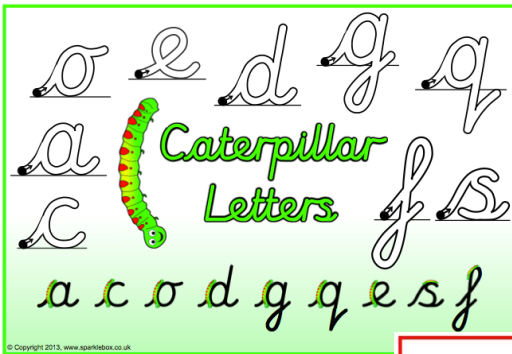
- Long letter ladders  
*Letters involving longer lines up or down (i,t,l,j,u,y)*
- One armed robot ladders  
*Letters that bounce back up or down (r,b,m,h,n,p)*
- Curly caterpillar ladders  
*Letters that involve curves (a,c,d,g,o,q,r,s)*
- Zig Zag letter ladders
- Letters that involve sudden corners (v,w,x,z,)
- One armed robot ladders  
*Letters that bounce back up or down (r,b,m,h,n,p)*
- Up to the sky ascenders
- Dig underground
- Descenders
- Down to the ground
- On the grass
- Up and down
- Left and right
- Flick
- Bouncing back up or down
- Over and curl





# Cursive Writing – Top Tips!

- All start in the same place
- Children need to be able to confidently form single letters before joining.
- When writing in cursive script (joined), it is necessary to plan ahead for the upcoming letters while writing the current letter.
- Practice letters with similar formation pattern.



October

Inside Have you heard of the Greek Myth of Pandora's Box? Inside my box is five special items. Here is an explanation as to why I picked these objects.

Firstly, I chose a photo of me with a ~~double~~ double-decker train, ~~because~~ ~~therefore~~ there are none of them in use for the public. It also reminds me of the first time I went to Amsterdam.

Secondly, I reminds

### Dawid's Toy

Firstly, you can pull the toy backwards so later, when you let it go, it zooms across.

Then, you can push the steering wheel therefore it will go to the direction you want it to.

When you push or pull it, the wheels have a lot of grip. That means it won't crash into the wall. If it breaks, the things would not stop the

November





# Five developmental phases

1. Readiness for handwriting; gross and fine motor skills leading to letter formation (Foundation / 3–5 years)
2. Beginning to join (Key Stage 1 / 5–7 years)
3. Securing the joins (Key Stage 1 and lower Key Stage 2 / 5–9 years)
4. Practising speed and fluency (lower Key Stage 2 / 7–9 years)
5. Presentation skills (upper Key Stage 2 / 10–11 years)





# Pencil hold



**Tripod Grip**



**Quadropod Grip**



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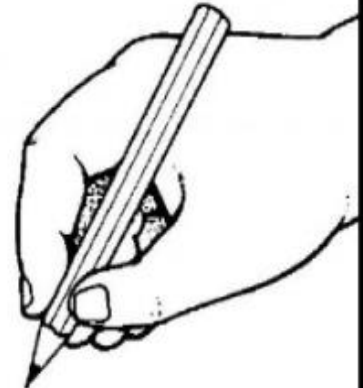
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Cylindrical Grasp



2—3 years  
Digital Grasp



3 1/2—4 years  
Modified Tripod Grasp

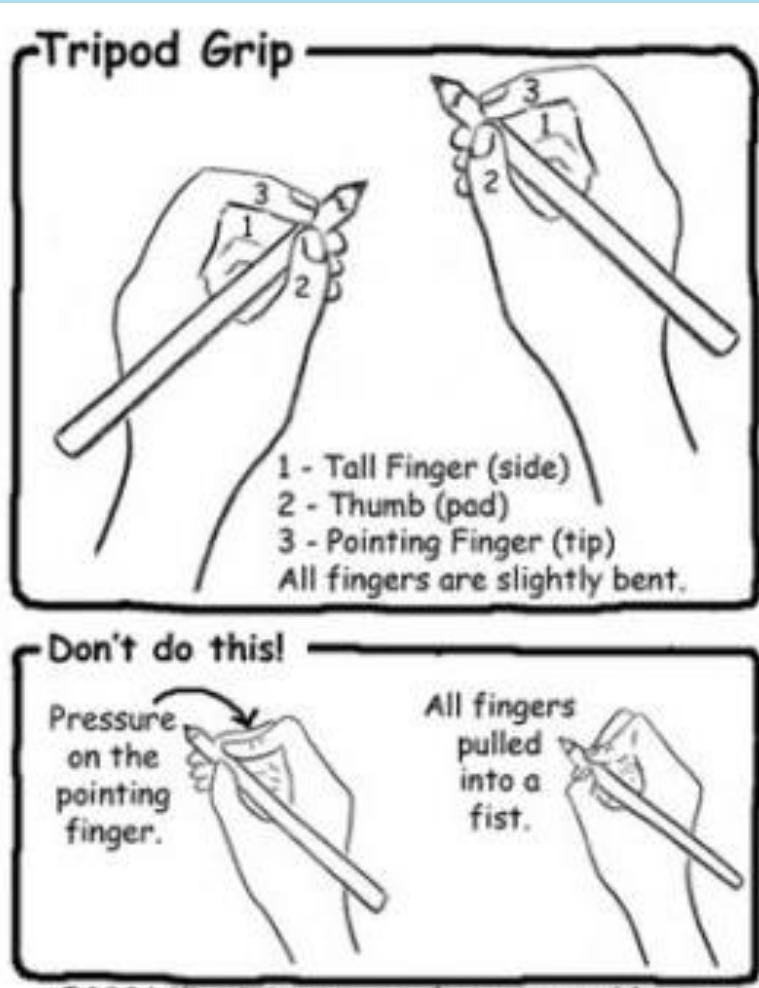


4 1/2—7 years  
Tripod Grasp





# Pencil hold



# Left-handed children

- There is no reason why left-handed children's handwriting should be any worse than that of right-handed children
- Left-handed children should not sit to the right of right-handed children as their papers will meet in the middle!





# Posture

- A good posture and pencil hold are vital for good handwriting.
- Discourage sitting on one foot, kneeling or wrapping their feet around the legs of the chair!



# Left-handed children

- Left-handed children should be taught to position their paper to the left of centre and then angle the paper for comfort





# Sloped surfaces

- Children who experience some motor control difficulties often benefit from writing on a slight slope
- Ring-binders are the easiest and cheapest way to provide a slope
- Commercial wooden or plastic writing slopes are also widely available



# *What are fine motor skills?*

- \*Directly linked to gross motor skills
- \*Smaller actions for example picking up or grasping an object
- \*Usually develop alongside gross motor skills



# Dough Disco!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-lfzeG1aC4>





# Activities to Improve Fine Motor Skills



## Weaving



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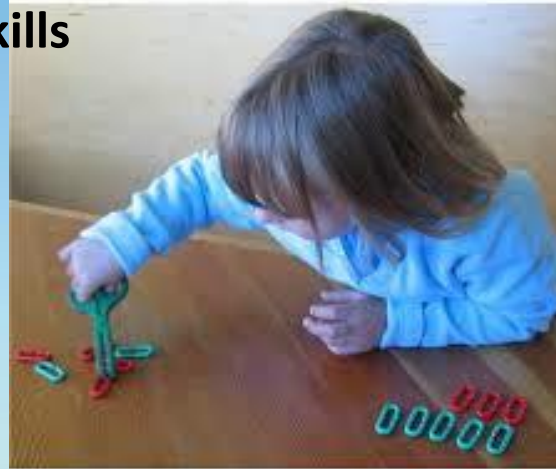


## Threading

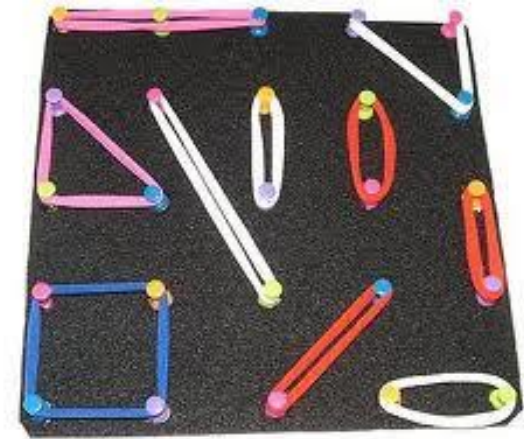




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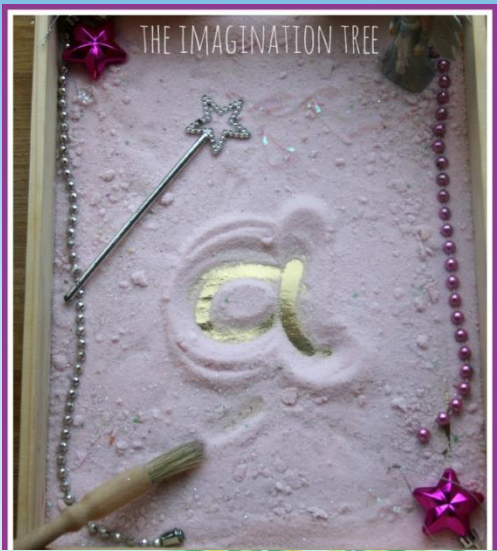


## Pincer Movement





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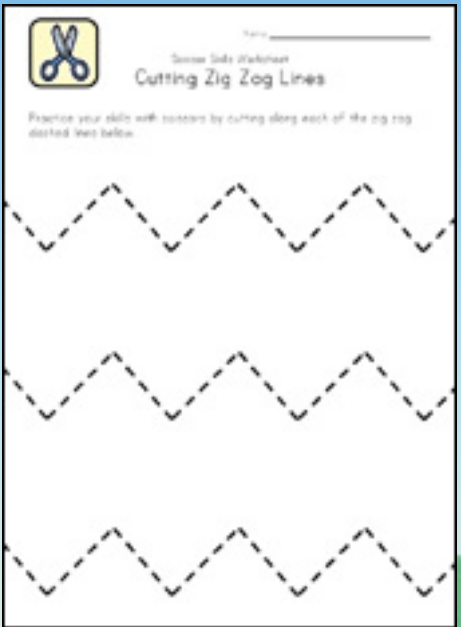
## Creative pursuits



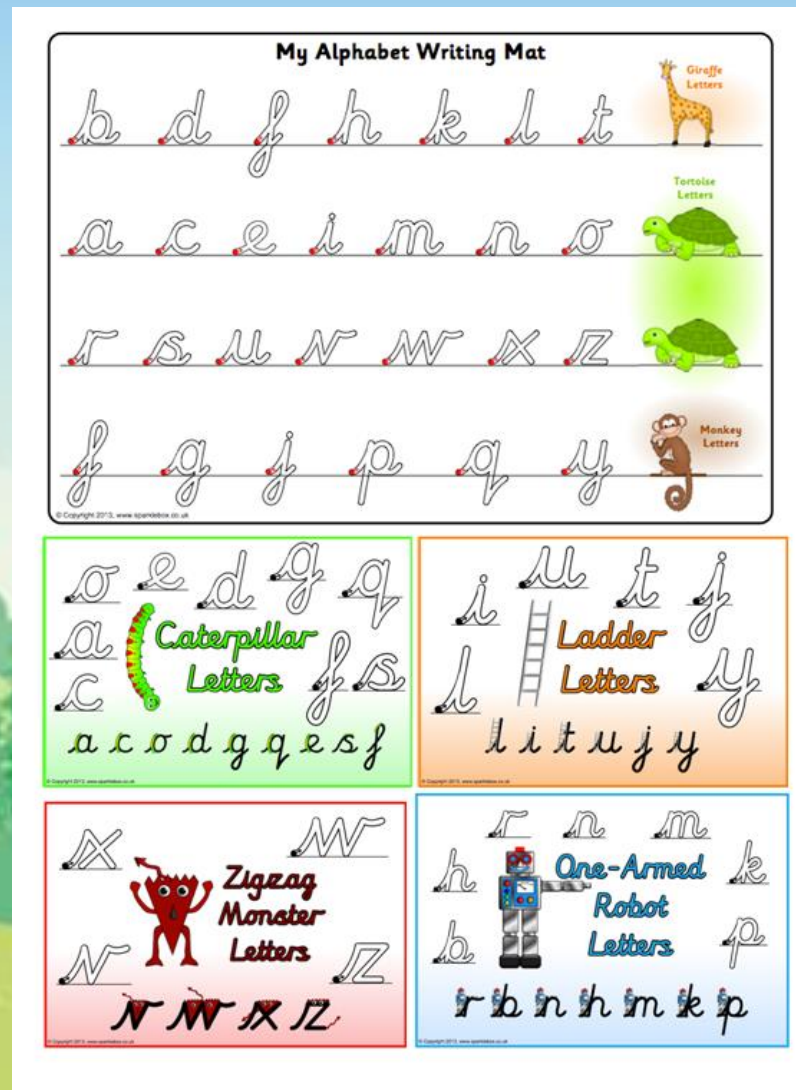


# Activities to Improve Fine Motor Skills

## Cutting



# Resources to Improve Handwriting





# RESOURCES TO IMPROVE HANDWRITING

**My Alphabet Writing Mat**

**Giraffe Letters**

b d f h k l t

**Tortoise Letters**

a c e i m n o

r s u v w x z

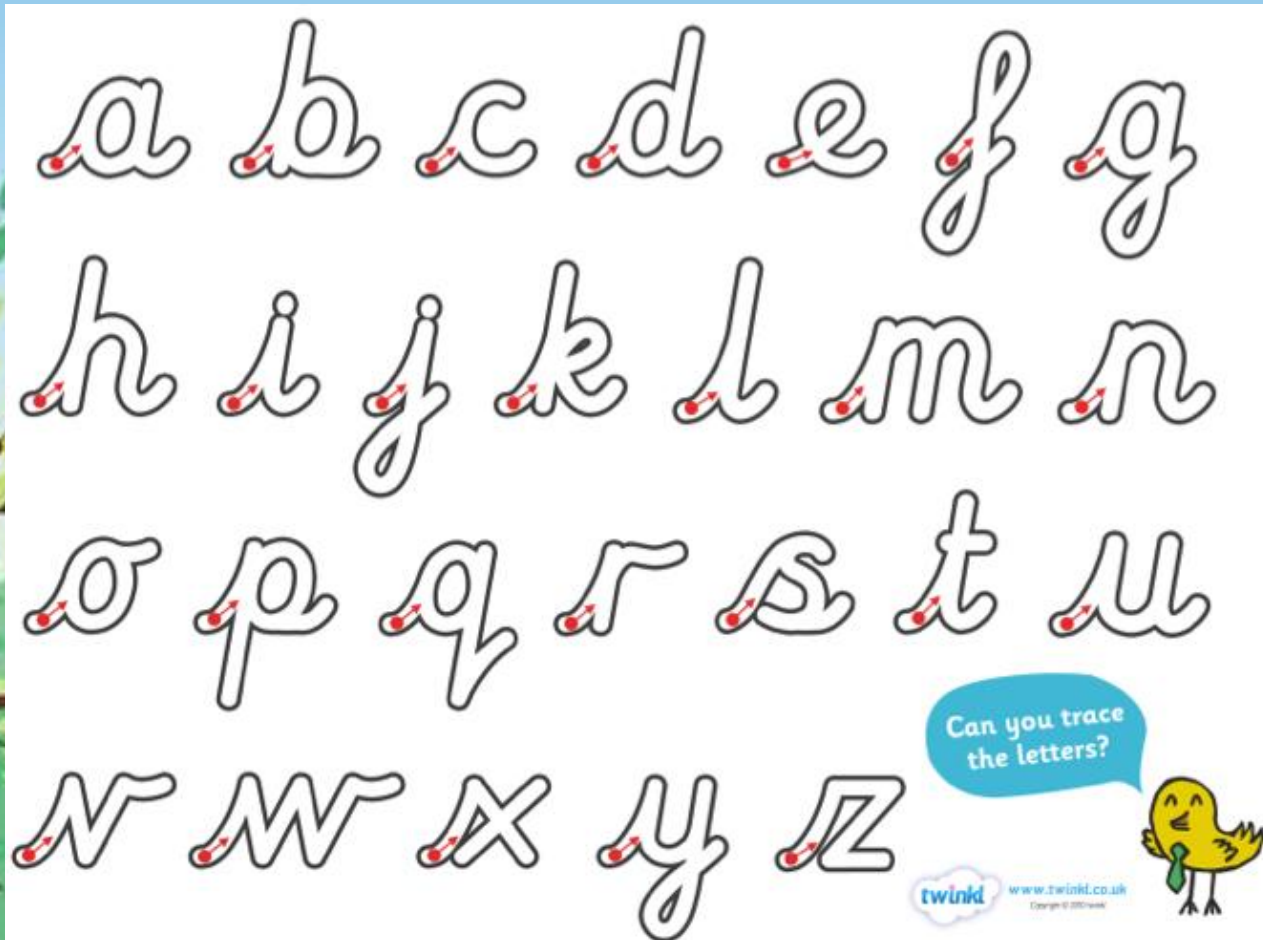
**Monkey Letters**

g j p q y

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## Handwriting

a b c d e f g h i

j k l m n o p q r

s t u v w x y z





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