

Supporting Your Child's Writing Development at Home



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The Writing Curriculum in Reception:

Literacy is one of the 7 areas of learning in Reception. Writing is an aspect of Literacy. Phonics underpins this specific area of learning.

Adult led

Writing through play
Follow up writing sessions
Phonics Lessons
Themed carpet sessions
Long Term plan on the
Website- KPIs
Adults modelling writing

Child initiated learning

Print is everywhere
Opportunities for
mark making are
evrywhere
Our exciting
resource centre



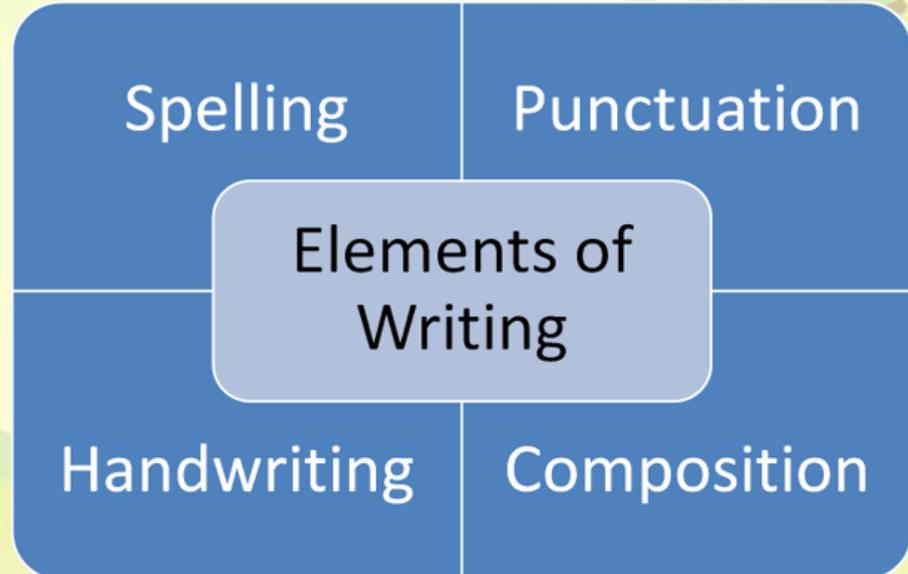
The ELG:

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed;
- Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters;
- Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.

Session Aims:

It's not
easy!!!!



Phonics Recap (Spelling)

Children use their phonic knowledge to decode words in books and this supports children's writing skills.

- Children hear initial sounds in words (phoneme) by stretching words to identify what the sound is, find the grapheme (letter) on a sound mat, then write it down.

- As children become more confident with recognising their sounds they will be able to hear beginning, medial and end sounds in words by stretching the words out and counting the sounds. We call this oral segmenting and blending.

- Once children have mastered words, we move on to writing captions and short phrases/sentences. For example, 'The big dog.'
'I went to the park.'



Please do not worry about correct spelling!

Spelling Rules

Children will learn spelling rules and patterns to ensure they have correct spelling as they move through the different Phases in their phonics learning journey. For example, your child will learn 'ai' as in 'rain' and 'ay' as in 'play'.

In Reception, we encourage the children to use the sounds they know. Some words have alternative spellings and pronunciations which can be very complicated for children in Reception.

Sometimes it is better to tell children that words can be spelt a certain way. For example, knowing that 'car' is spelt with a 'c' and not a 'k'. There is also the digraph 'ck' which usually comes at the end of words like 'duck' but 'ck' can also come in the middle of words like 'chicken'.



My Phase 2 Sound Mat

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My Phase 3 Sound Mat



Tricky Words

These words are tricky because they are not spelt the way they sound. For example, 'was' sounds like 'woz'. It is really important that children learn to read and write these tricky words as they are commonly used in books the children bring home and words they will use often in their writing.

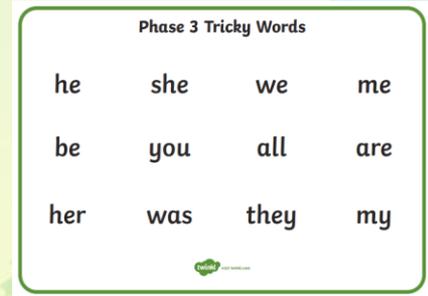
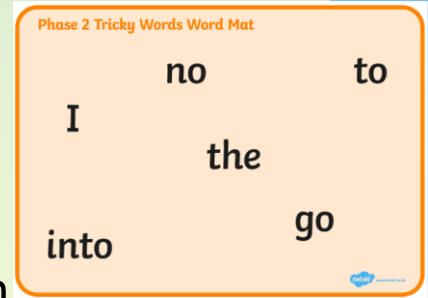
Punctuation

CAPITAL LETTER

Make a triangle with your hands above your head.

FULL STOP

Throw a short, right-handed punch at the air in front of you. Make the noise, cluck (tongue against the roof of your mouth)!



Stages of development:

Understanding which stage of writing your child is working at helps you to know how you can help your child to move on in their writing and make great progress!

We work towards helping your child to work to the next developmental stage or to the next step within a developmental stage.

- **Mark making-Apply meaning to marks- immerse child in print**
- **Letter Like symbols-Apply meaning to marks- immerses in print and in opportunities to mark make**
- **Strings of letters- Now is the perfect time to begin teaching phonics!**

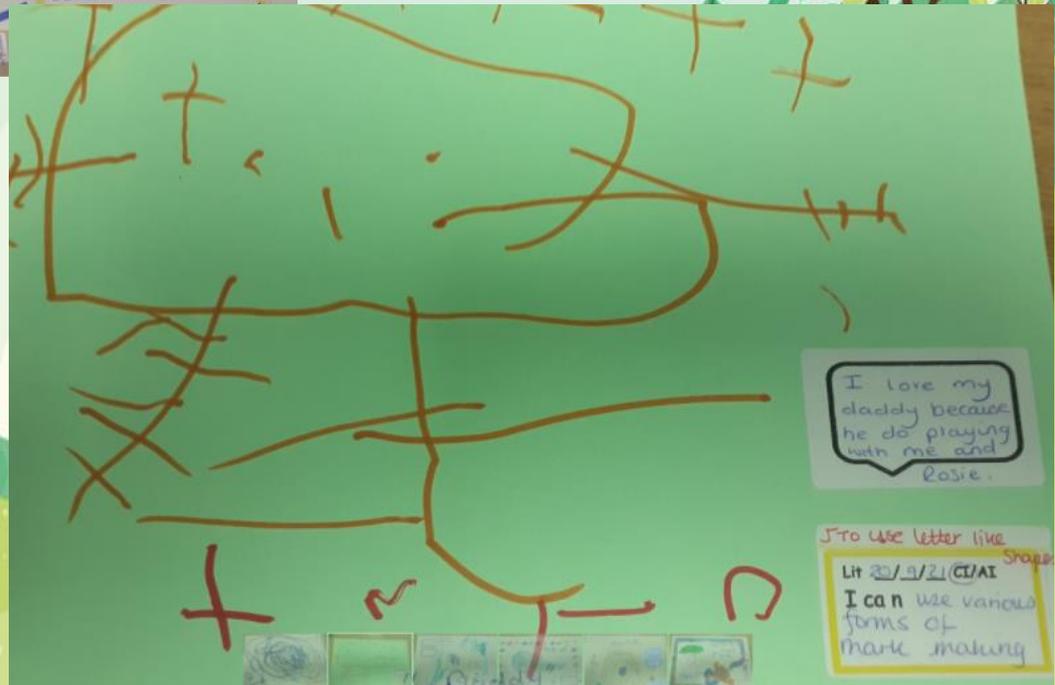
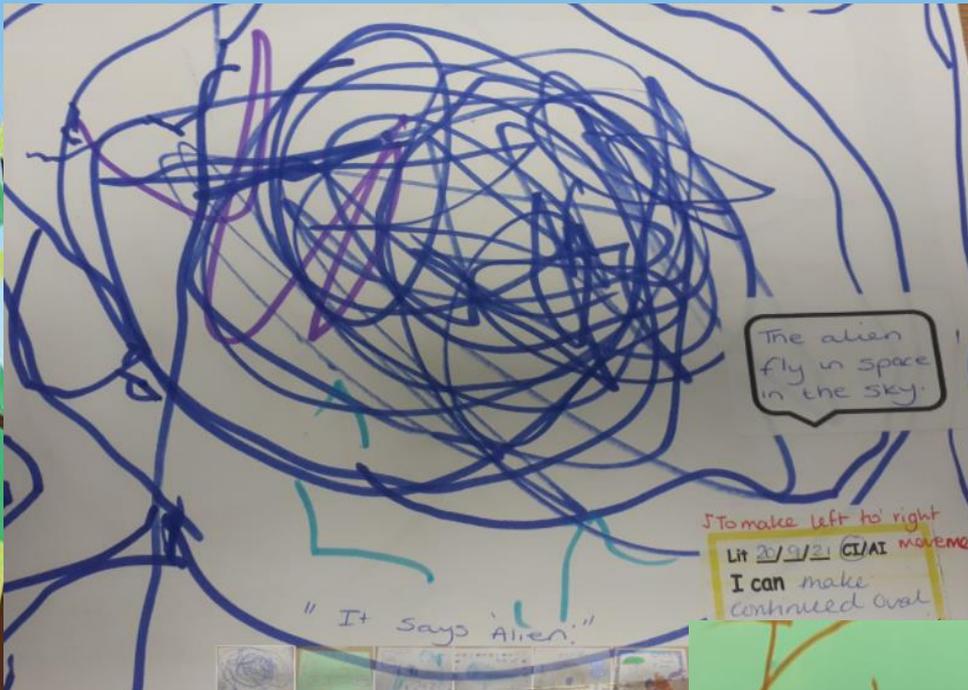


Stages of development:

- **Beginning Sounds Emerge-** encourage the children to represent words using the initial sounds they know (Phonic books)
- **Initial, medial and final sounds-** Support the children to segment and blend words (Alongside learning Look Cover Check methods for spelling)
- **Transitional Phases-**begin to segment sentences into words, count the words, use finger spaces and then the conventions of punctuation



We write for different purposes!



I use letter strings

Lit 20/1/21 (C/AI)
I can use letter shapes to give meaning.

I ride my bike at the park. Daddy take me to

the park.

2021
"bike".

I hear and write initial

Lit 20/1/21 (C/AI)
I can write letter strings to give meaning.



EVBS wr
'Sammy Shark'.



I hope Sammy Shark doesn't eat Mrs Hutchison and Mrs Covey.



rainbow

"rainbow"



I drew all the things I love. I love rainbows and

mummy and hearts and diamonds.

MUM

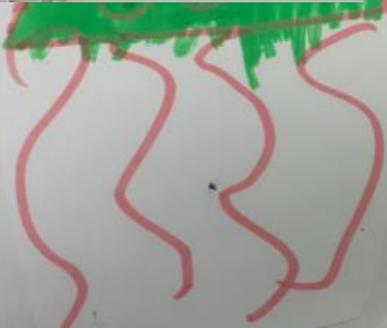
I hear final sounds

Lit 20/9/21 C/AT
I can use initial sounds and letter strings to give meaning

Sammy shark

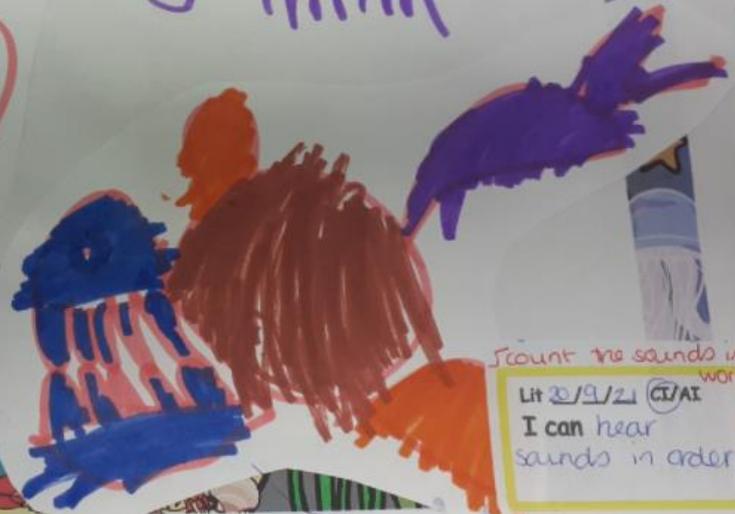
Sammy Shark was sad when Jimmy Jellyfish did sting him.

Jimmy



NO sting

"No sting"



I count the sounds in words

Lit 20/9/21 C/AT
I can hear sounds in order.



I played with my little brother at the park. We saw a big pumpkin it was growing on

the ground. I think someone planted a seed and it grew so big it popped out of the ground.

I WENT TO THE PARK WITH MY MUM AND DA

" I went to the park with my mum and da



Lit Z/10/19/C
I can hear sounds in order.

she is smiling
because she
went to
buy sweets



she is smiling because she is happy she went shopping to get sweets.

Lit Z/10/19/C
I can hear sounds in order.



Now

- People go on a plane to go to beach.
- People go on the beach to get.
- chance ^{on the beach} we can play.
- beach pool.
- we put sun cream on

Then

- When you are in a bathing machine people can see you to go to the bay.



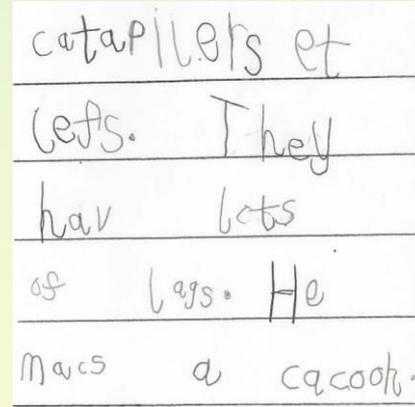
Handwriting

Dough Disco



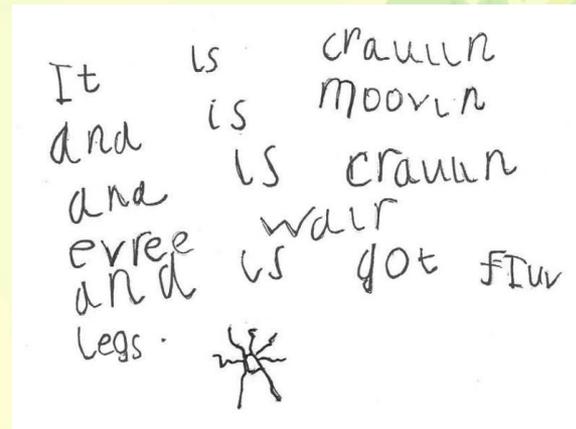
What does good handwriting look like?

Correct letter and numeral formation



Size of letters

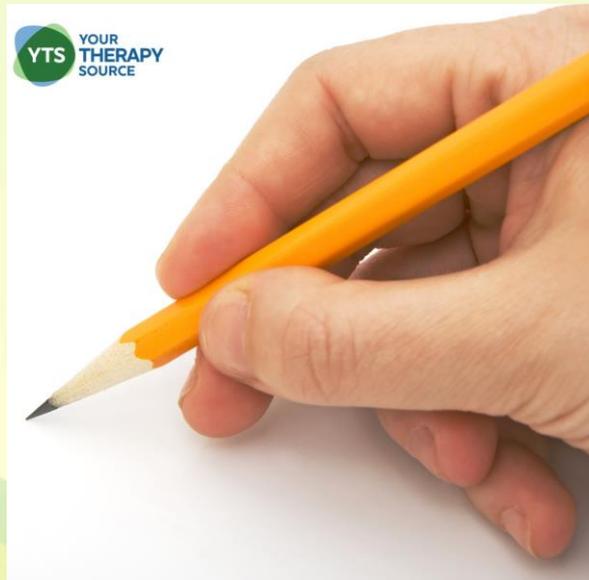
Writing on the line



Handwriting

Appropriate pencil grip:

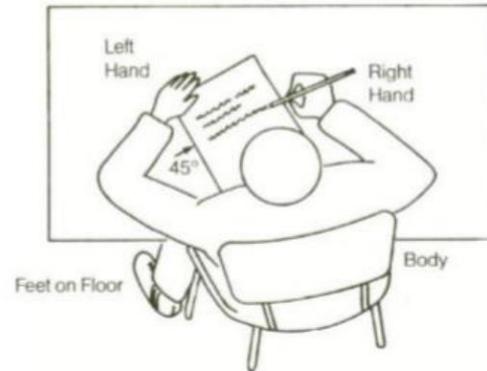
Children should be holding their pencil using a tripod grip. This is where the thumb and index finger hold the pencil.



Handwriting- Fine and Gross Motor Movements:

Paper placement:

Paper Position for Right-Handers



Paper Position for Left-Handers



Gross Motor and Fine Motor Skills

Gross motor and fine motor skills underpin the development of early writing. Children need to have developed these skills before they can control a pencil and write effectively.

Gross Motor Skills

Gross motor skills are abilities that let us do tasks that involve large muscles in our torso, legs, and arms. They involve whole-body movements like running, climbing, and lifting.

Fine Motor Skills

Fine motor skills are the ability to make movements using the small muscles in our hands and wrists.



How can you help at home?

There are lots of different activities you can do at home to support the development of these skills.

Gross Motor Skills:

- Climbing
- Riding bikes
- Large-scale arts and crafts
- Lifting heavy objects – playing with wheelbarrows, large trucks, digging



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Fine Motor Skills:

- Cutting with scissors
- Threading activities
- Activities using tweezers
 - Dough disco
- Pegs and pom-poms



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