

Reception Writing Workshop



An interactive session for parents!

The workshop will comprise of an information session and a chance to work alongside your child in the classroom.

Monday 18 and 25th March













Progression of Writing Development

Early Steps

Making Marks I explore making marks, but I do not communicate meaning. Random scribbling.



I draw basic pictures.
I use lines to look like writing. Scribble writing
Left to right direction
I begin to assign meaning.



I write symbols and shapes that look like writing.
I assign meaning to the marks
Attempts to write name



I write random letters
but there is no
connection between
letters and sounds. I
talk about my writing
and give meaning.
Writes name from
memory





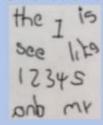
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I use letter strings which travel from left to right and top to bottom. I attempt to 'read' my writing.

I write letters with spaces between them to resemble the idea of words.

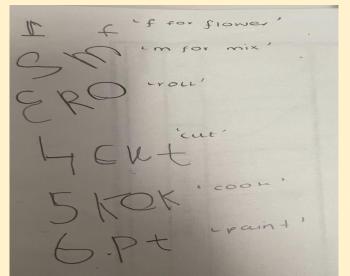
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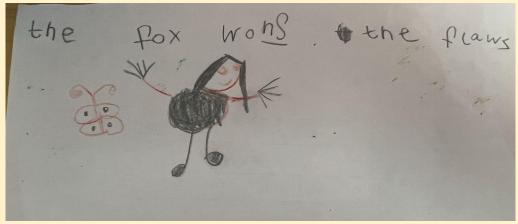
I copy words that I see in the environment around me. I often do not know what the words say.





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Invented spelling - the child's tries different ways of representing sounds in words

Conventional spelling - the child's writing uses correct spelling

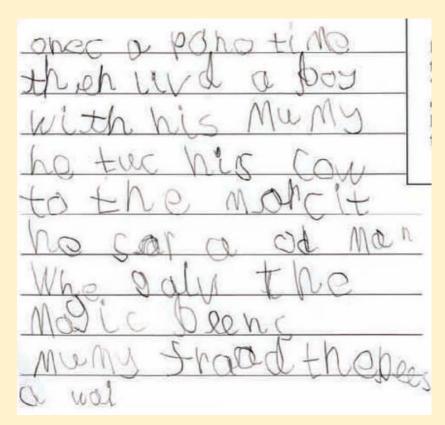


Early Learning Goal

Literacy — Writing:

Children at the expected level of development will:

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



Writing opportunities













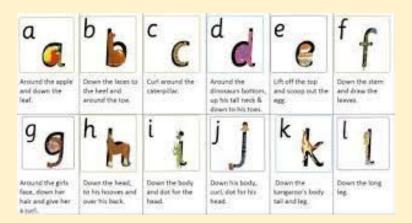






Handwriting

We model how to form letters correctly, so that children can eventually acquire a fluent and legible handwriting style. These skills develop over a long period of time and support children as they move into cursive writing in Key Stage 1.





Spelling

Children don't learn to spell by copying. They learn by becoming aware of how words sound and look. Learning to spell is part of learning to write so in the early stages it is very important to encourage your child to have a go at writing.

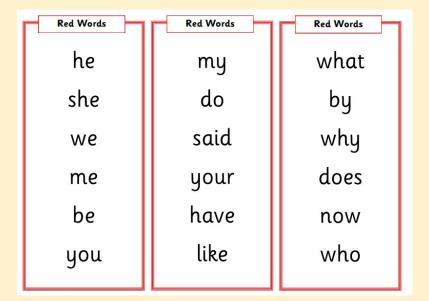
You can:-

- find different ways to help your child write their name
- encourage your child to join in when you write lists, letters, birthday cards.
- give lots of praise and enjoy your child's attempts at writing and spelling.
- when you write with your child try use lower case (not capitals) except at the beginning of a sentence or name.
- look at words together when you're out shopping, on television, or reading together



Red words

Red Words	Red Words	Red Words
the	of	want
to	all	some
I	are	come
go	her	where
so	was	there
no	they	when





We want children to see themselves as writers and to be able to write for a variety of purposes

- Functional writing: lists, letters, signs
- Imaginative writing stories, poems and songs. We want children to become imaginative storytellers and eventually maybe not in Reception, but as they progress through the school imaginative story writers. This is where imaginative play and sharing stories are invaluable. Children can't write stories if they don't hear stories. The more stories that children hear, then the more story book language they absorb especially from traditional tales phrases such as "once upon a time", "happily ever after" and expressions such as "burst into tears" instead of just "cried".
- Through hearing lots of stories, children become aware of the different kinds of characters that you meet in a story, and of the kinds of adventures and misadventure that characters have. Children soak up this knowledge and use the words and ideas that they've heard in stories, as well as their own personal experiences, when they begin to create stories themselves.

Writing a sentence





The cat on the mat.

- Sitting correctly and comfortably
- Holding the pencil in a comfortable tripod grip
- Pressing the pencil hard enough on the paper to show their writing
- Knowing what they want to write
- Remembering/recognising the appropriate 'Red Word'
- Remembering what they want to write
- Form the letters correctly
- Sound out the first word
- Remember or copy the form of each letter in the correct order!
- Continue to remember what they are writing!
- Go back to sounding out and remaining words.
- Read it again to make sure it makes sense.

ALL THIS TO WRITE 5 SHORT WORDS!



Be a good example!



Can you form the 'curly caterpillar' letters?
c, a, d, g, o, e, s, f, q



Challenge: How small can you make your letters?

Try it at home!



Pour salt, lentils, rice, sugar or sand onto a small plate. Can you use the Read, Write, Inc rhymes to help you form the letters?



Can you hunt for the sounds and words?



Challenge: Use the sounds to build a word. Can you say a sentence that contains that word?

Try it at home!

Write your own sounds or red words on bottle lids or other objects.

Can you catch the sounds on mummy / daddy's checklist?

