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# HANDWRITING OVERVIEW

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## Reception

### Opportunities for writing/mark making:

Signs  
Menus (role play café/take away)  
Labels  
Prescriptions (role play doctor/vet)  
Cards  
Order forms (role play builders)  
Letters  
Food orders (role play café/take away)  
Postcards  
Stories and books  
Jokes  
Notes  
Invitations  
Poetry  
Messages  
Tickets  
Receipts  
Recipes  
Maps  
Posters  
Sign-up sheets  
Shopping lists  
Bills  
Captions  
Registers  
Diaries  
Instructions

### Handwriting aims:

- ✓ Show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements.
- ✓ Use language to talk about shapes and movement.
- ✓ Understand and demonstrate correctly the 3 P's: Position, pencil hold and paper position.
- ✓ Use a pencil and hold it effectively to form recognisable lower case and upper case letters most of which are correctly formed and sized.



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### Fine motor development and dexterity:

Small construction equipment  
Tweezers  
Threading, sewing, weaving  
Finger rhymes and finger puppets  
Pegs and peg boards  
Malleable materials – play-dough, gloop, clay, sand, shaving foam  
Cutting and sticking  
Puzzles of various levels of difficulty  
Art materials – crayons, paint, spray bottles, sponges  
Washing line and pegs  
Buttons, zips and laces

### Gross motor development:

Digging with spades  
Throwing and catching balls, beanbags, quoits  
Pulling and pushing wheeled toys  
Climbing  
Monkey bars  
Big brushes  
Large rollers  
Mops  
Chunky chalks  
Ribbons and scarves

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<u>Week 1</u>	Baseline assessments	<u>Lower case letter formation</u> m a	u b	x qu	R U	<u>Number formation</u> 0, 1, 2, 3, 4
<u>Week 2</u>	Transition	s d	f e	<u>Upper case letter formation</u> C A	Y E	5, 6, 7, 8, 9
<u>Week 3</u>	Focus on developing fine motor and gross motor skills. (Please refer to list of activities on the cover page)	t i	l h	G Q	F S	<u>Word building</u> mat, sat, sit, dad, as
<u>Week 4</u>	Children will learn how to write their own name	n p	r j	L T	V W	on, get, kit, mud, cup
<u>Week 5</u>		g o	v y	B P	Z X	fun, lip, had, red, jog,
<u>Week 6</u>		c k	w z	M N		vet, yes, win, zip, box,
<u>Week 7</u>						Recap and consolidation