

Supporting your child at home with Handwriting.

With Emails, telephones and text messaging, it is easy to think that Handwriting is out-dated, by no means is this true. Accurate handwriting not only enables a child to write fluently, but it also supports their cognitive development, therefore, it is important that during KS1, your child develops a secure fluent handwriting style.

Pupils will be taught to:

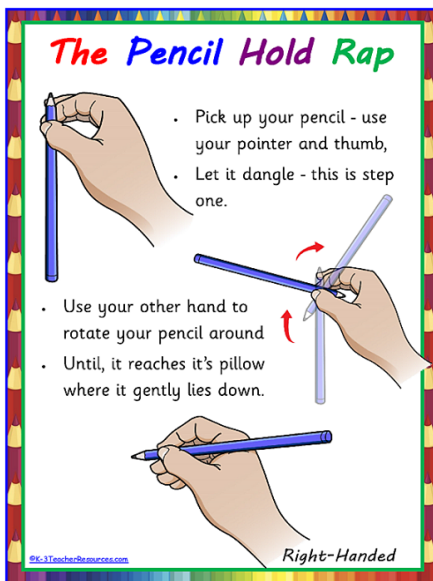
- Form lower case letters of the correct size relative to one another
- Start using the diagonal strokes to lead in to form the letter
- Write capital letters of the correct size and orientation
- Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families'

Let handwriting play a part in your family's daily life.

- Make lists - shopping lists and labels
- Leave notes for one another
- Design and make home-made cards and greeting cards
- Keep in touch with family and friends with letters and postcards

But most importantly, ENCOURAGEMENT and PRAISE goes a long way!

Forming the Tripod Pencil Grip.



Holding the pencil properly allows the fingers and wrists to move freely without putting strain on the hand, helping to improve handwriting and making it more comfortable.

The **Tripod Pencil Grip** is the best way to hold a pencil, for both right handed and left handed writers, however, it isn't the easiest to learn. Luckily, with lots of practise it can be achieved. 😊

Letter Families

We begin at school with the letters being written separately.

Letter families <i>For teaching letter formation</i>	
Letter family 1 <i>Down and off in another direction</i>	l i t j u y
Letter family 2 <i>Down and retrace upwards</i>	m n r b p h k
Letter family 3 <i>Anticlockwise round</i>	c a d o q g e f s
Letter family 4 <i>Zigzag letters</i>	v w x z

Letter Family 1

Ladder Letters

Letter Family 2

One armed robots

Letter Family 3

Curly Caterpillars

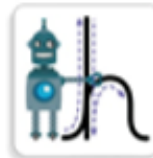
Letter Family 4

Zig Zag Monsters



Long Ladder Letters

i l t j u y



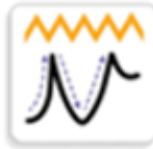
One Armed Robot Letters

h n m r b p k



Curly Caterpillar Letters

c o a d g q e



Zigzag Monster Letters

v w x z f s