

Reception Handwriting Meeting

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Welcome Parents/Carers



Aims of the Session

- To explain how we get your child ready for handwriting in school.
- To talk about the correct way to hold a pencil.
- To give you fun ideas of how you can support fine motor skills and encourage writing at home.



Firstly lets think about what the children need to become good writers:



- *Good hand to eye co-ordination*
- *Dexterity*
- *Finger strength*
- *The correct pencil grip*

So how do we encourage this skills in school?

We support your children with their Large Motor Skills





During 'soft start' we have 'Funky Fingers' time every morning from 8:30-9:00.

This is focused time for the children to improve their letter or number formation using whiteboards and pens. If your child needs further support with their fine motor skills then 3x a week they will receive targeted activities aimed to support their pencil control.



sorting



threading

cooking

spreading



rolling



peeling

patterns

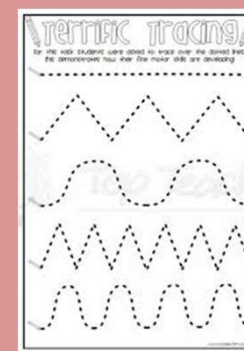


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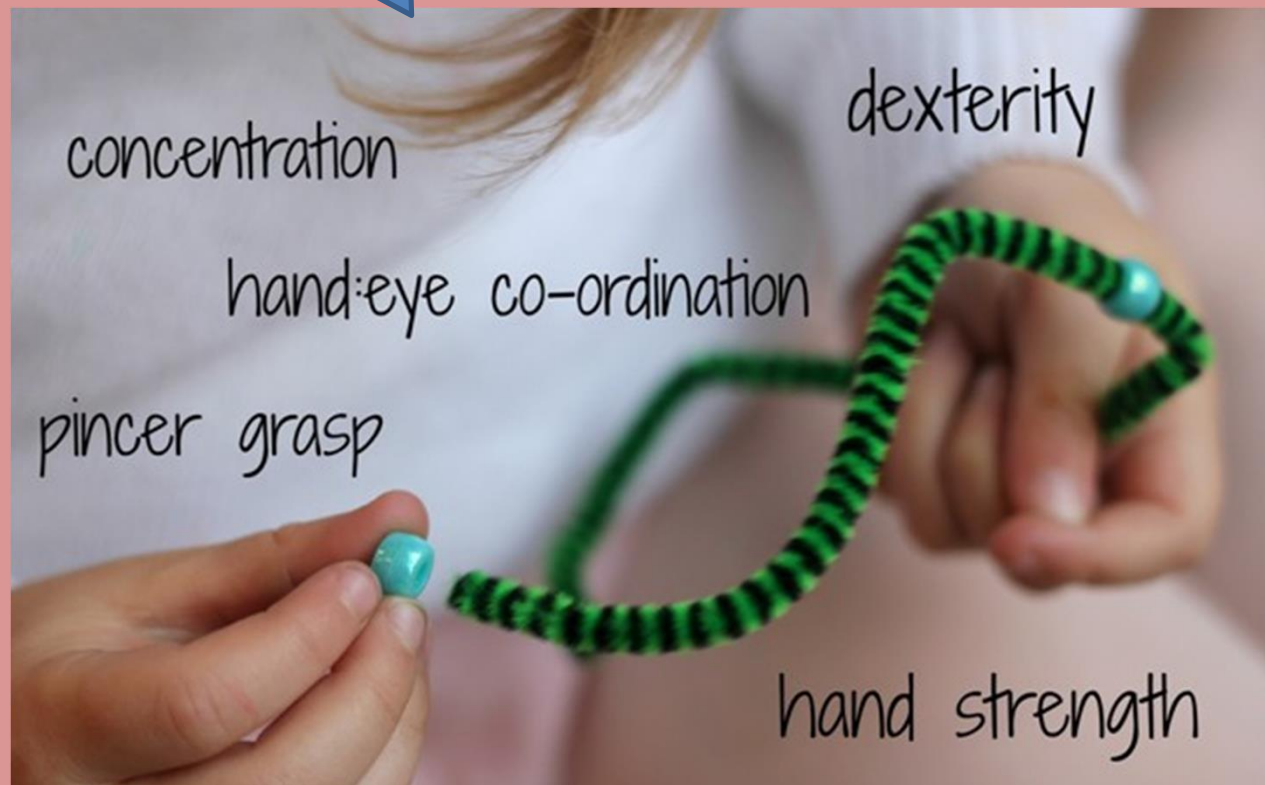
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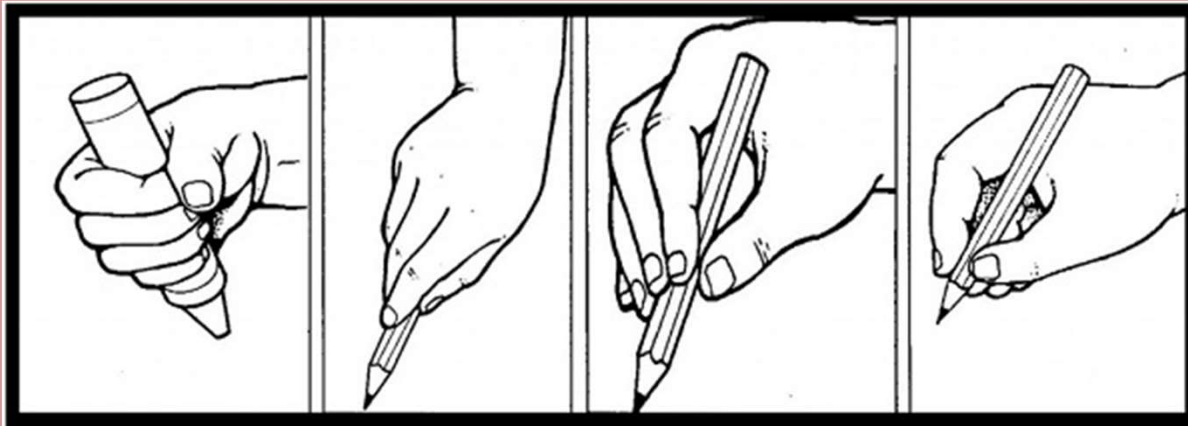


twisting



*So how do those
fun activities
help?*



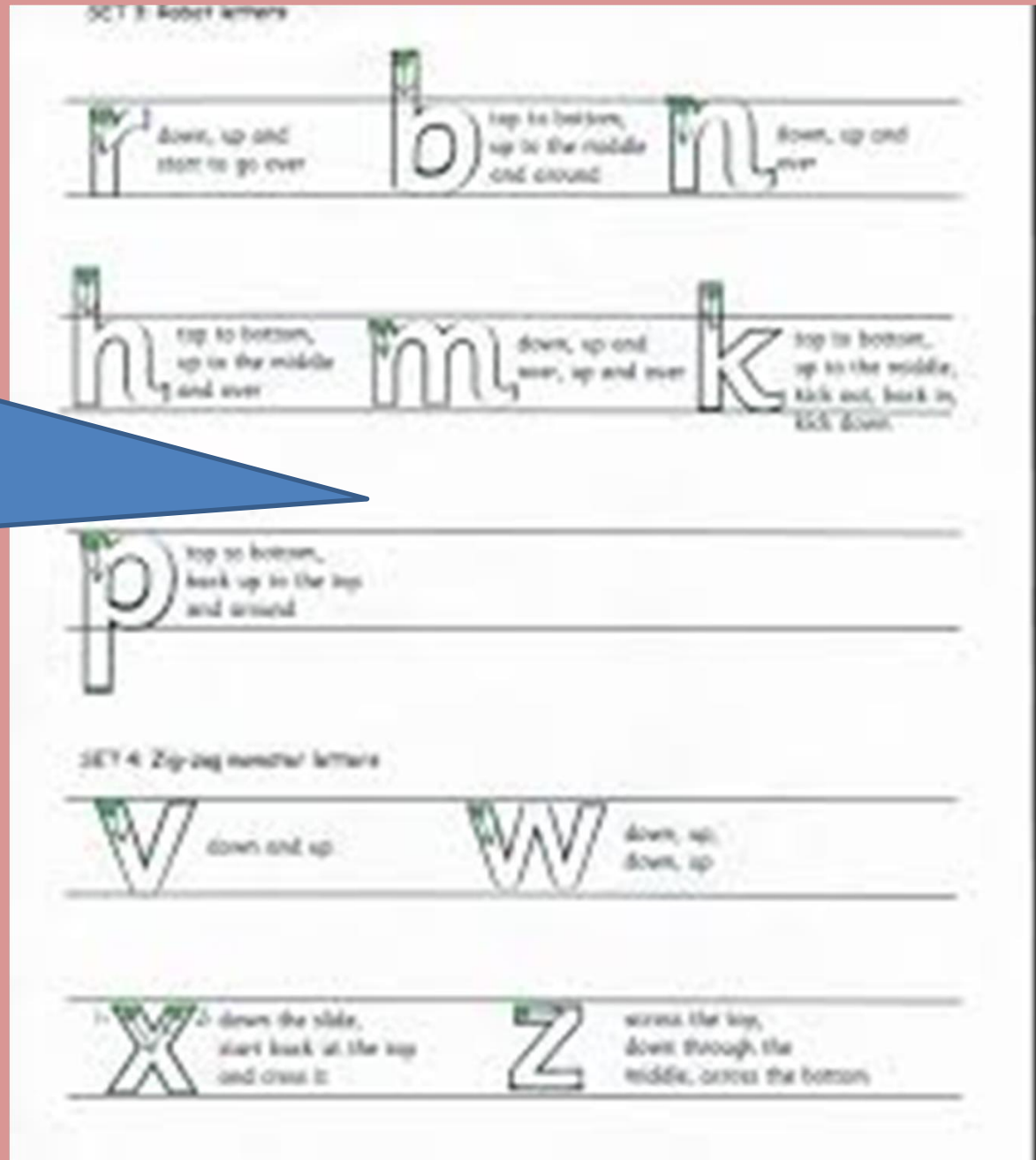


4 stages of holding a pencil

It is very important that we teach children how to hold a pencil correctly ; a good pencil grip will help them become proficient writers so much more easily.



Once your child is confident and comfortable in holding a writing tool they will be able to form letters more easily.



We will also be doing joining patterns to support the children with letter shapes.

mm mm mm mm

cc cc cc cc

uu uu uu uu

zz zz zz zz



Parents/Carers we need you to encourage your child to write at home to support what we are doing in school, here's how you can help.

When playing: (encourage)

Write a menu/invitation for a doll's tea party

Cars- write road signs, draw maps

Trains - tickets and station signs

Treasure maps

Write messages in bottles

Write telephone messages,

Write shopping lists

Mark making items:

Post it notes

Labels

Clipboards

Notepads

Scissors

Pens, pencils, colouring pencils

Paint, chalk, crayons, felt tips

Envelopes

Rolls of wallpaper

Learning to write is one of the most complicated things your child will ever learn!



Be patient with them, give lots of encouragement, but above all make sure any activity you do together is fun!

Thank you for coming

Please have a go at doing some of the activities on the hand-out.

All of these activities help to support and improve children's ability to hold a pencil and form letters correctly.

Workbook 2 to be completed by January.
Please collect your child's workbook.



Please feel free to ask us any questions
that you may have.