## Writing Workshop



'The act of writing brings with it a sense of discovery, of discovering on the page something you didn't know you knew until you wrote it.' **Charles Ghigna** 

- Fine motor control
- Gross motor control
- Communication and language- saying a sentence, remembering a sentence, broad language
- Phonics
- Features of a text
- > Spelling
- Punctuation
- > Fun and creativity!

### **Gross and Fine Motor**

#### Write Dance

- Write Dance helps develop children's fine and gross motor control...... Its important that both sides of the brain mirror and do the same action.
- Helps pencil control
- > Helps to develop muscle strength
- Helps to develop rhythm
- Most importantly its fun!
- Varied media
- **Dough Disco**
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-IfzeG1aC4
- **Clever Hands**
- > Tweezers
- cutting skills
- > Threading
- > pegs







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### Patterns



Patterns are the beginnings for letter shapes.... It is important to practise these alongside letter formation. Start big- draw it in the air, draw on paper (pressure) and then get smaller. These are the patterns we use:

Straight lines/horizontal lines:  $|||\equiv$ 

Spirals:

Circles: **0**0

Crosses:  $+_{+}^{-}$ 

C wave:

O wave:

## Letter formation and order



Letter shapes start large and in the air (letter name and sound now)..... say it as we write it!

Show your teeth and let the s Zoom off. under the snake's hiss out ssssss ssssss chin. Slide down and round its tail. Then flick Open your mouth wide and Zoom off, around the make the a sound at the bac of astronaut's helmet and down your mouth a a a into space. Open your lips; put the tip of Zoom off, up to the tiger's nose, down to its tail. Then follow the your tongue behind your teeth and press ttt stripe across the tiger. Bring your lips together, push Zoom off, up the penguins back, them open and say **p p** down the penguins back. Then up and around its head. Then flick

We teach and then re-visit!

Hear-Say-DO!

ingrained.

### Writing is scaffolded and children are encouraged to work with independence.

> They explore this story through cross curricular means.

- Before they can write a story, they need to understand and re-tell one!
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VI2OWdZo6nY</u>



The children learn a story/piece of non-fiction each term, using actions and a visual story map.

> They orally rehearse this story ensuring that key word choices are



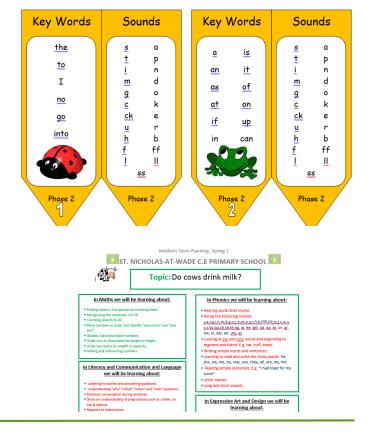


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# Writing process

### Say the word, robot arms, write the first sound..... Repeat process

- Name
- Words are phonetically built however sight words should be spelt properly...... Check bookmarks and web page (medium term plan) for those expected at this age.
- Use sound mat to find sounds and then scribe
- Point out if capitals are incorrect SIMPLE sentences-
- A cat sat on a mat-model
- > Always re-read work- get child to ③



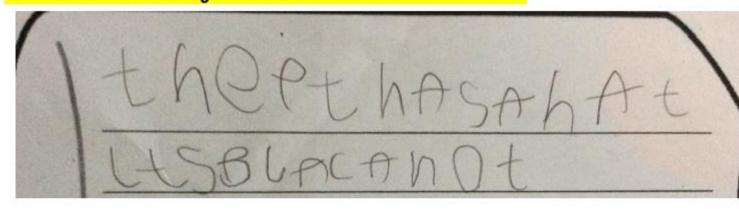


## **Types of writing**

- Lists- Shopping lists
- Cards- birthday
- Sentences- captions for models or photographs
- Information
- Stories...... Use familiar stories- say them, re-read them! Then encourage to write- chunks at a time. (Three little pigs, Goldilocks and the three bears....

## What is emerging?

### EYFS: Writing: EMERGING



Emerging because	Not expected because
Child is using some clearly identifiable letters to communi- cate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in se-	Child not always using their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds.
quence.	Not yet writing some irregular common words.
Child can write own name and other things such as labels, captions. Child is beginning to write short sentences in meaningful	Not yet writing simple sentences which can be read by them- selves and others. No words are spelt correctly. (the was copied from word mat)
contexts.	Some adult support given.

#### EYFS: Writing: EMERGING



Evidence of phase two sounds to communicate meaning but not enough writing stamina yet nor evidence of phase 3 or tricky words. No work showing phrases and sentences- only

### What is expected?

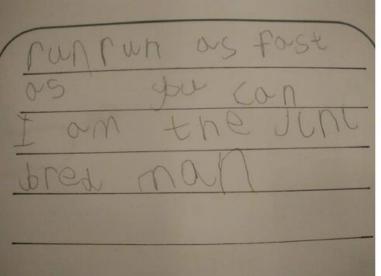


#### EYFS: Writing: EXPECTED



EXPECTED WRITING. Some irregular words spelled correctly others phonetically plausible, can be read by child and others. Clear sentences.

#### EYFS: Writing: EXPECTED



EXPECTED. Can be read by self and others, phonics applied to spell, some tricky words spelt correctly.

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## How can you help at home?

- Letter formation/patterning
- > Physical exercise
- Pencil grip
- Different types of writing model and encourage!-Send in ③
- Say the sentence out loud and keep it simple
- Spellings-Sight words
- Allow your child to use different writing implements to practise their writing such as special pens, felt tips or paintbrushes
- > Make letter shapes using playdough or plasticine
- Sky writing draw big letters in the air
- > Use index finger to make letter shapes in salt, sand, flour, paint, rice, oats, foam be inventive!
- > Use a toy car or train to make a letter
- > Write with chunky chalks outside
- Use thick paintbrushes and water to draw letters on outside walls or on the ground









## >Any questions?



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- White boards
  Flip chart and pens
  Sound mate
- Sound mats
- Writing shape patter and patterns