

Progression of Writing Skills in EYFS

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
2-Year-Olds	<p>To join in with short dough gym sessions to develop fine motor control</p> <p>To make marks on tabletops to support core strength.</p> <p>Show an interest in mark marking-fingers, large apparatus, tools.</p> <p>Hold a tool with a fist palmer grip.</p>	<p>Distinguishes between the different marks they make.</p> <p>Use tweezers to pick up a small object.</p> <p>To develop hand-eye co-ordination through scooping/pouring and filling activities.</p>	<p>Imitate during simple shapes such as circles and lines.</p> <p>Make marks on a picture to stand for their name.</p> <p>Enjoy drawing freely using a range of tools.</p> <p>Notice some print such as familiar logo.</p> <p>Children to use a digital pronate grip.</p> <p>Use lacing cards to develop fine motor skills.</p>
Nursery	<p>Notice and talk about print in their environment such as their name, well known logos and labels with photographs such as on those on resources.</p> <p>Add some marks to their drawing which they give meaning to e.g. that says mummy.</p> <p>Explore mark making on a large scale both indoors and outdoors,</p>	<p>Begin to know that sounds in words are represented by a letter.</p> <p>Show interest in letters and sounds during phonic games.</p> <p>Make marks on their pictures which stand for their name.</p> <p>Use a pencil with increasing control to draw lines and circles.</p>	<p>Children to use a tripod grip when using a pencil with increasing control.</p> <p>Recognise and identify some letters of the alphabet in the environment and in stories, non-fiction texts etc.</p> <p>Children to be able to write their name and some letters accurately.</p> <p>Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing e.g. writing a shopping list that</p>

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	<p>developing control over one handed tools.</p>	<p>Begin to form some letters in their name.</p> <p>Be able to follow and copy patterns to support letter formation.</p>	<p>starts at the stop of the page and write 'M' for mummy.</p> <p>To be able to break down a sentence into words and keep it in their head, asking an adult to record their ideas and beginning to read their own sentence back.</p>
Summer	<p>To be able to break down a sentence into words and keep it in their head.</p> <p>Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing e.g. writing a shopping list that starts at the stop of the page and write 'M' for mummy.</p> <p>Children to be able to write their name and some letter accurately.</p> <p>Hear, say and write the sounds in words based on their phonic knowledge.</p> <p>Write phase 2 common exception words and read them back.</p>	<p>Begin to use capital letters and full stops with adult support.</p> <p>Begin to write simple captions and sentences that they can read back.</p> <p>Write phase 3 common exception words and read them back.</p> <p>Children to begin to write independently during child-initiated play.</p>	<p>Sit with the correct posture at a table for some time.</p> <p>Write for different purposes.</p> <p>Use 3 finger, tripod grip to hold writing tools.</p> <p>Write phase 4 common exception words and read them back.</p> <p>Form letters correctly in a pre-cursive style.</p> <p>Write simple sentences that can be read by others.</p> <p>Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters.</p>

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Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large wooden blocks • Chunky puzzles (animal shapes, knobs for gripping) • Stacking cups and rings • Posting boxes • Large small word figures • Chunky crayons and pencils • Large paintbrushes/ chunky fist Paintbrushes • Large paper to draw and paint on. • Chalk • Playdough (rolling, squeezing, pinching) • Water play with scoops, sponges, jugs • Sensory trays with rice, pasta, oats, or pom-poms Sensory play strengthens small muscles and supports dexterity • Large tweezers or tongs for sorting • Velcro boards (opening/closing) • Simple threading activities with large beads • Duplo • Mega Blocks • Large nuts and bolts toys. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller construction toys (Lego, Duplo, magnetic tiles) • Real child-safe scissors for cutting paper, card, and collage • Tweezers, tongs, and large pipettes for sorting and transferring • Threading beads and lacing cards • Playdough tools (rollers, cutters, presses) • Mark making tools - chunky pencils, whiteboard pens, crayons, egg crayons available for the children who need them. Chunky paintbrushes • Puzzles with smaller pieces • Clothes pegs • Stickers, peeling and placing activities • Loose parts for picking up and arranging (pom poms, corks, beads, bottle tops) • Water and sand play-pouring, scoops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hole punches, staplers (child-safe), and tape dispensers • Smaller construction sets: Lego, magnetic tiles • Writing tools: pencils, felt tips, chalk, handwriting pens, whiteboard markers. • Paintbrushes and paper • The size of the paintbrushes, paper and mark making tools will decrease during their reception year. • Fine paintbrushes for detailed painting • Scissors • Playdough and dough tools: cutters, rollers, shape presses, dough scissors • Dough disco - frequency decrease throughout the year • Tweezers, tongs, pipettes for sorting small objects (pom poms, beads, buttons) • Threading beads and lacing cards with smaller holes • Hole punches, staplers, sticky tape dispensers, squeezzy glue • Small nuts and bolts set and construction kits
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lift the flap books • Touch and feel sensory books • Popup books • Sponges for squeezing water • Clothes pegs • Large buttons or zips • Daily dough disco • Large chalk for mark making on the ground • Water brushes and buckets for painting walls • Diggers, spades, and scoops in sand/mud • Tyres • Crates • Rolling down the hill • Crawling • Tummy time activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children transporting water outdoors by carrying buckers, watering cans etc • Using large brushes and mops outdoors • Monkey bars • Climbing frame • Large equipment in the mud kitchen, spades • Dough disco • Pegs to Paper- Pattern Pursuit • Timmy time activities • Balance bikes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buttons, zips, fasteners for self-help and finger control • Stencils • Jigsaws with more pieces • Loose parts for arranging and picking up (shells, beads, corks, bottle tops) • Model making tools: clay tools, small rollers, palette knives (plastic) • Pegs to Paper- Early Years Exercise for Handwriting • Letter formation taught using Little Wandle Rhymes • Balance bikes • Scooters and trikes suitable for 4-5yearolds • Climbing frames, monkey bars, ladders • Balance beams, stepping stones, wobble boards • Large sports equipment: • Footballs • Bat and ball • Beanbags, quoits, hoops, cones • Parachute games • Skipping ropes • Obstacle course equipment: crates, planks, tyres, tunnels
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