

Penpals for Handwriting: Information for Parents

In Reception your child will take part in at least 3 handwriting sessions per week. Your child will be practising letter formation in a number of exciting ways including: in sand, in the air, on the interactive whiteboard and iPads, as well as on paper with a pencil!

Your child will be introduced to the lower case letters in four family types:



The long ladder letter family

l i t u j y

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The curly caterpillar letters

c a d o s g q e f

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The zig-zag monster letters

z v w x

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The one-armed robot letters

r b n h m k p

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How you can help

We are continuously practising and consolidating letter formation in our handwriting sessions and throughout the day to ensure that each child is developing a legible style of handwriting.

At home you could support your child by regularly practising and consolidating the correct letter formation.

When practising with your child you could ask these questions:

- Where does the letter start?