

Fine Motor and Writing Workshop

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Aims:



What are fine motor skills

How do we teach your children to write?

What does progress look like?

How can you support your child at home?





Writing in Reception

The Writing and Fine Motor Early Learning Goal

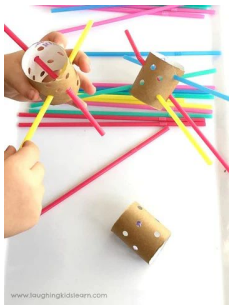
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- Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed
- Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters
- Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.
- Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases.
- Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery



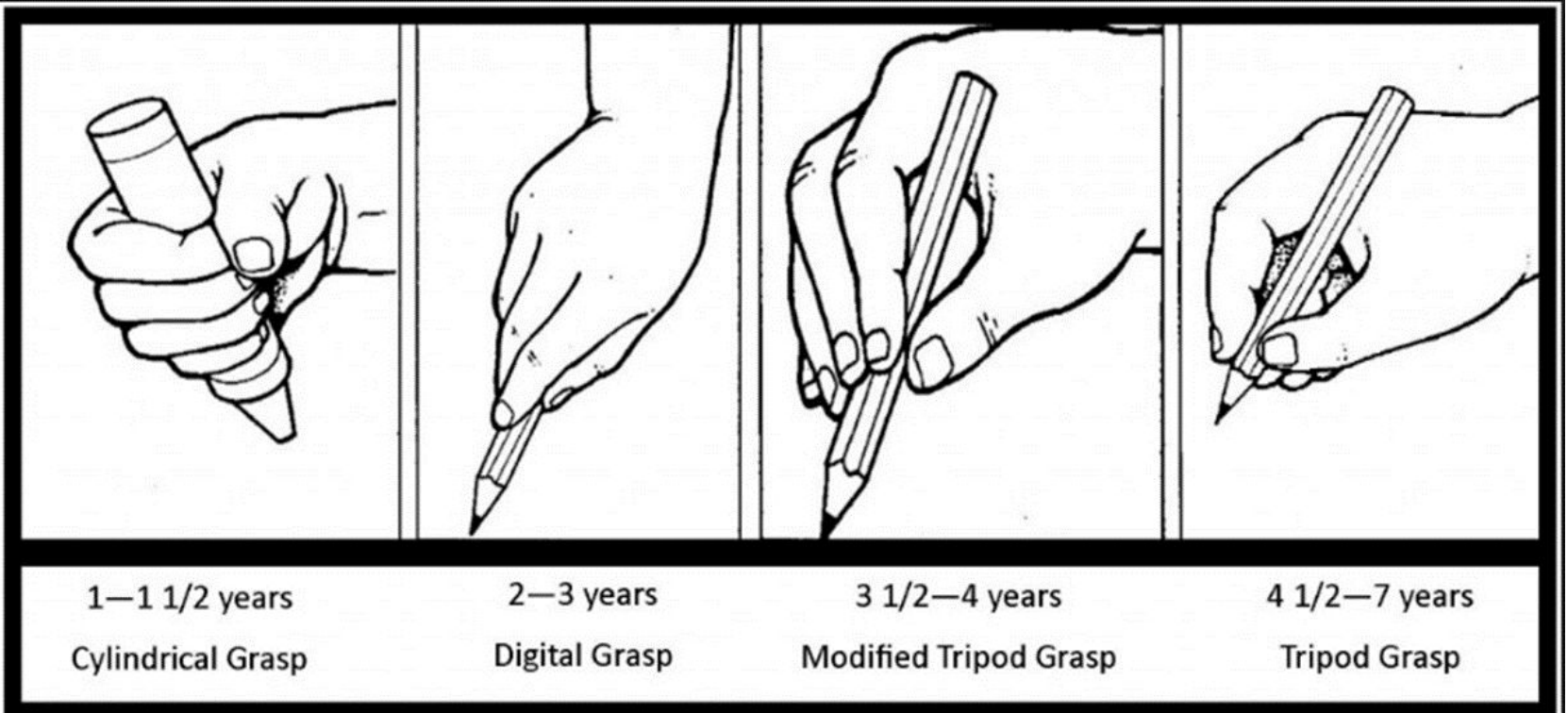
What are Fine Motor Skills?

- Fine motor skills involve the small muscles of the body.
- The coordination of these small muscles are required for small movements like cutting, writing, opening water bottles, zipping up their coats, tying shoes, etc.
- Young children benefit from daily practice to help develop fine motor skills in their hands and fingers.
- Strengthening these skills are important because they directly impact how well a child can write as well as increases their stamina for writing.





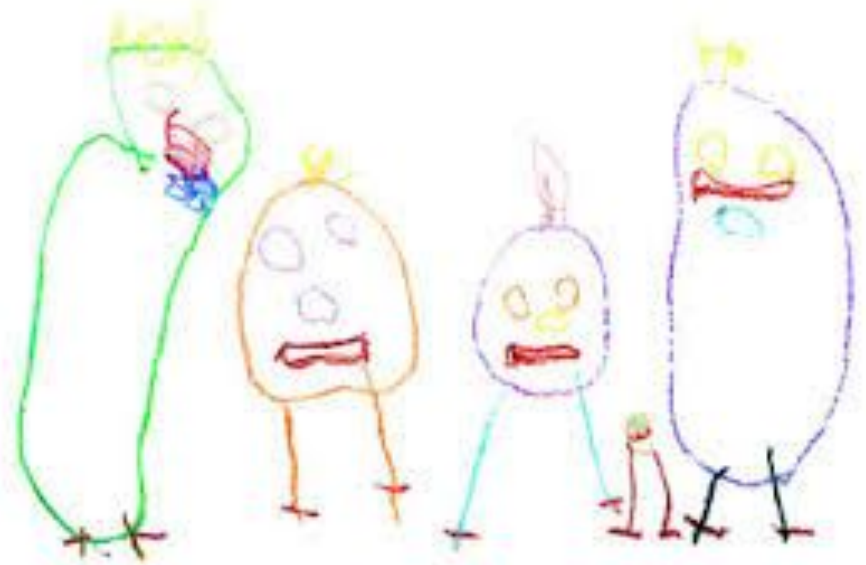
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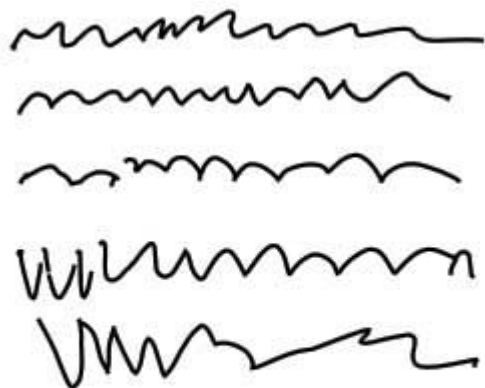
Developmental Stages of Writing

Drawing





Imitative writing





Letter strings (not linked to phonics)

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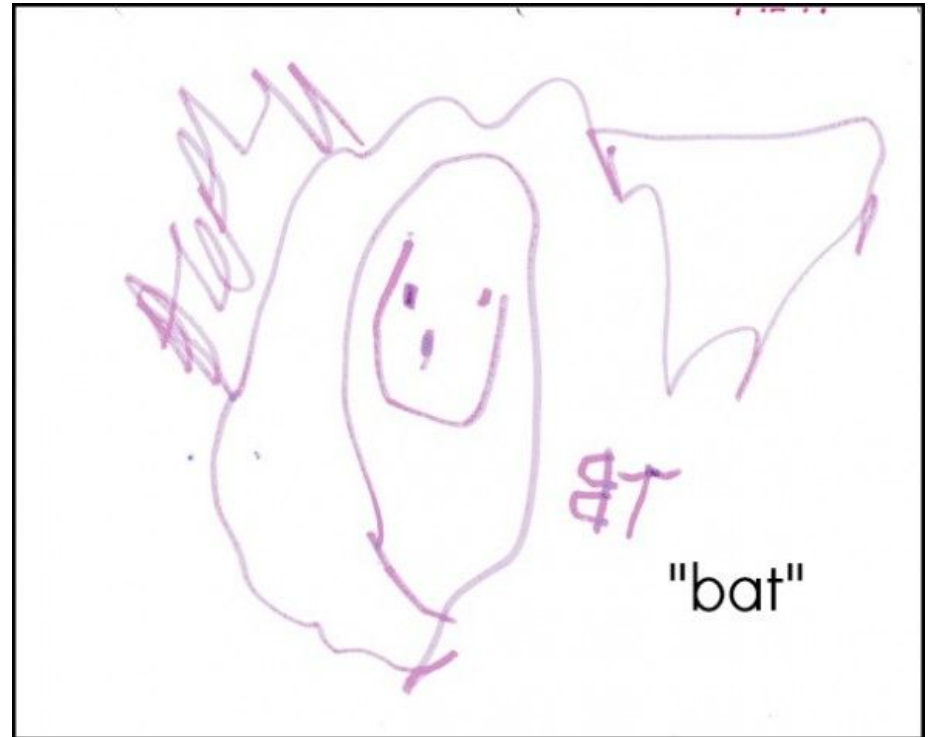
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Early Phonetic Writing

I H A S

(I have a sister.)





Phonetic writing

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it is speshe

dot- EVCH!



Phonetic/ Conventional writing

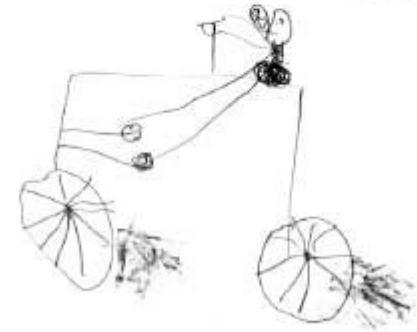
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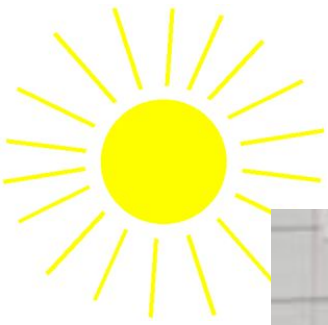


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and I went to the BathROM.
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my bigo fast.

I LOVE.





Conventional writing

I have used different colored covers

Algier star

Once ~~so~~ upon a time, there was a little, kind and small boy called Algier who loved stargazing one yep evening. Algier gazed up in the dark, cold and quiet night. Suddenly, to his amazement, the biggest and brightest star tumbled down to the forest next to his house.

First a prickly hedgehog came scurrying along and found found the star it was shining like the sun in the middle middle of some leaves. "This ~~star~~ star will help me find my way on this dark night" he said. So he pushed ^{and} pushed ~~it~~ home to his until



Letter Formation

a b c d e
f g h i j k
l m n o p
q r s t u
v w x y z



Handwriting

How you can help at home:

- Encourage a correct pencil grip
- Encourage good sitting
- When spelling words for your child, use pure sounds
- Draw lines to encourage letters 'sitting on the line'

Common errors

P instead of p

Confusion between b, d and p, q



So, how can I support my child at home?

Lots of opportunities for writing:

- Post-it-notes
- Notepad
- whiteboard
- Appealing pens

Allow them to choose what they write.



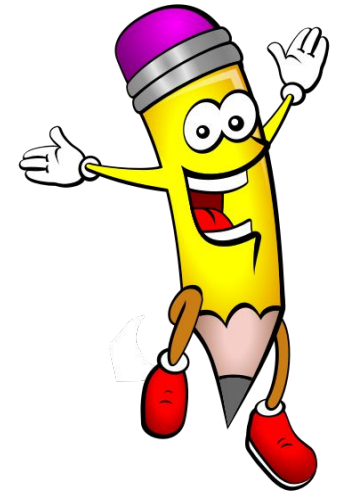
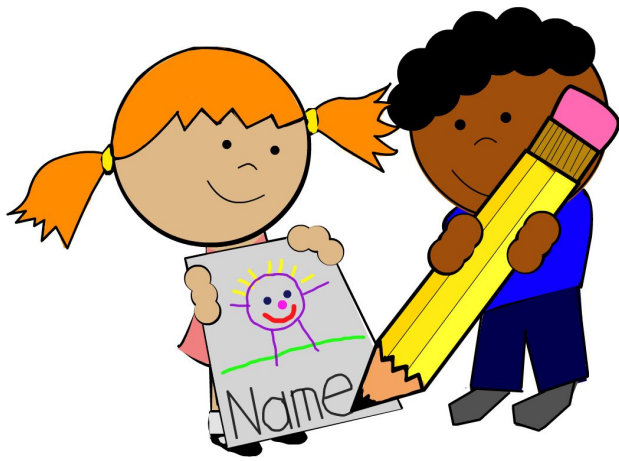
Encourage them to practise writing their name, using a capital at the beginning and then lower case for the rest.

Give them a reason to write, children need to know who they are writing for and that someone will read it.

Praise their efforts!

Encourage them to zip up coats, put on shoes etc. independently.

Fine motor activities



Thank you for
coming!

Any questions?