Welcome to Our **Family Workshop**

Writing in the Foundation Stage

Staying Safe Online

iPads, tablets, phones, Xbox

YouTube – kids app

NSPCC website

Helping children manage device stress and anxiety

Funky Fingers

We have 'Finger Gym' or 'Funky Fingers' activities in the Reception classrooms.

We encourage children to try the activities to strengthen their fingers which will support the development of fine motor skills.

These are fun activities that the children enjoy.

Physical Development Early Learning Goal for fine motor skills:

- **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, paintbrushes and cutlery.**
- **Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing**

Funky Fingers

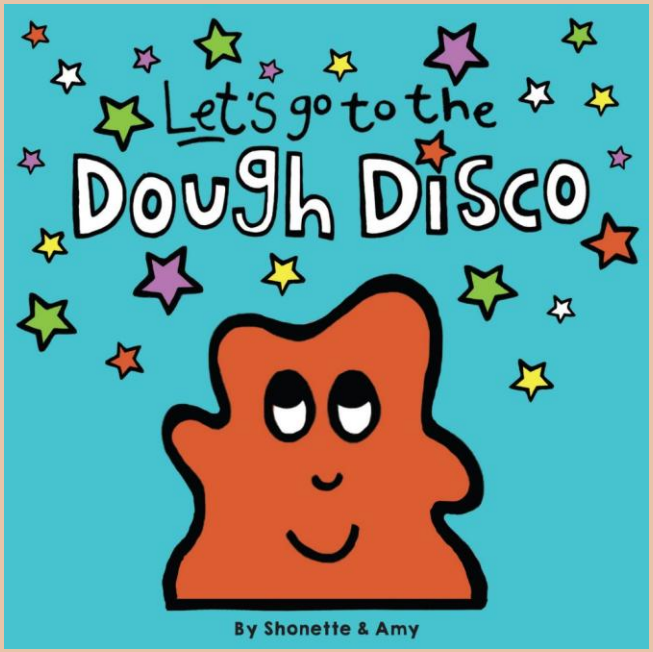
FINGER GYM
Finger Gym
What will you build ?
@itshyllshy

Funky Fingers
Can you use tweezers to fill the numicon shapes with magic beans?
Bantock

The power of Play Dough!

The children love playing with play dough. We encourage them to use play dough to support their fine motor skills.

Youtube – dough disco Shonette Bason



Stages in starting to write

Children give meanings to the marks they make.

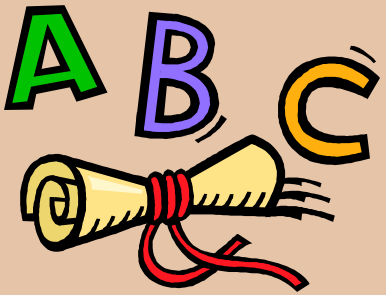
Children use identifiable letters when writing.

Children are able to name and sound the letters of the alphabet.

Children use some letters correctly usually for the initial sound of the word.

Children use their phonic knowledge to write whole words.

Write common words from memory.



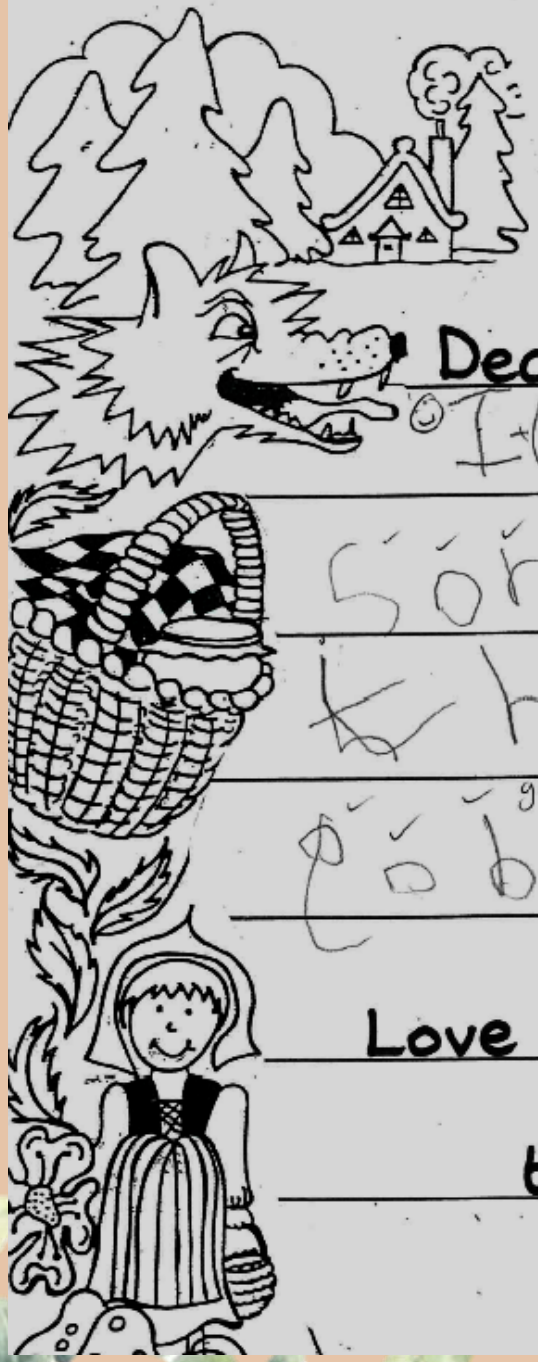
Examples of early writing

When I grow up I want to be a

f oo t b aller

Builder Shopping List

- Bricks
- concrete
- cement
- Hammer
- nails



Dear Grandma,

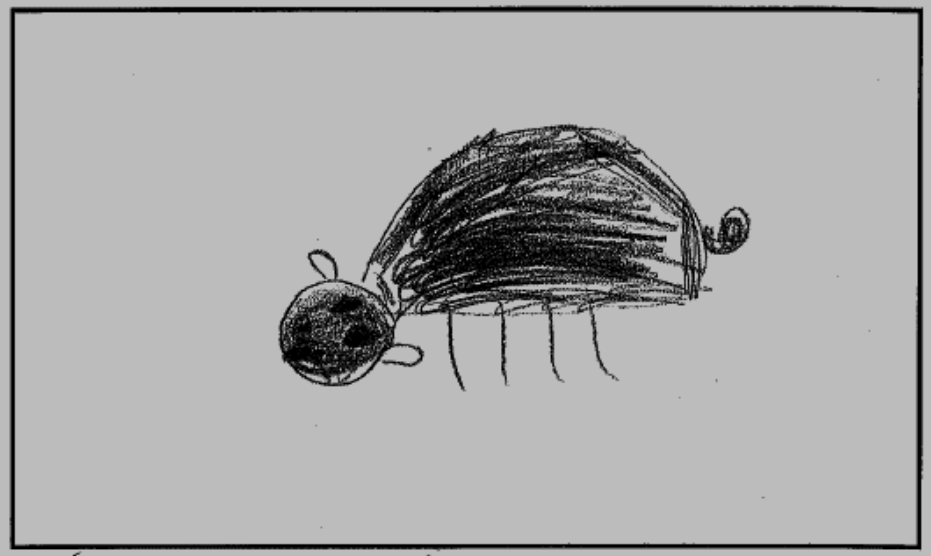
I'm sorry that I gobbled you

Love from

the wolf

xx

My Favourite Animal



It is big and fat

It lives in water

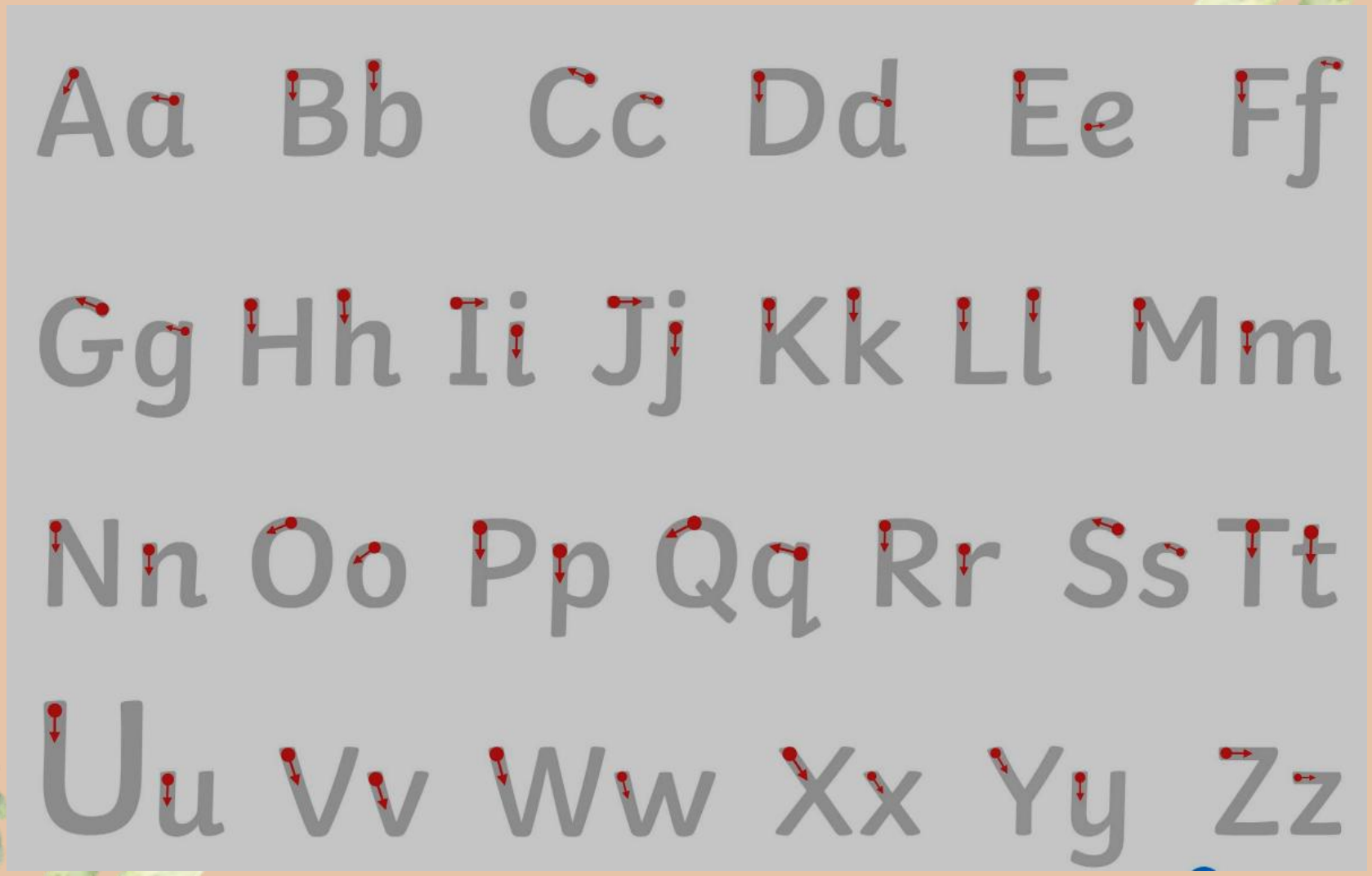
It has a short

mouth and they can swim

in the water.

Handwriting

- We begin by focusing on the correct letter formation for each letter in a child's name
- Teachers demonstrate correct letter formation during teaching times.
- Children are encouraged to practise letters they find difficult regularly.


Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff
Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm
Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt
Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

The children have the opportunity and are encouraged to write everyday.

- List writing
- Independent writing table
- Clipboards and pencils
- Cards and envelopes and post its.
- Daily phonics lessons!
- Morning sentence
- Think about the writing opportunities you could provide at home.

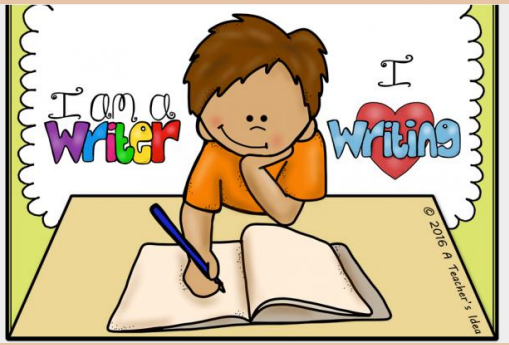
Early Learning Goal

<u>Writing</u>

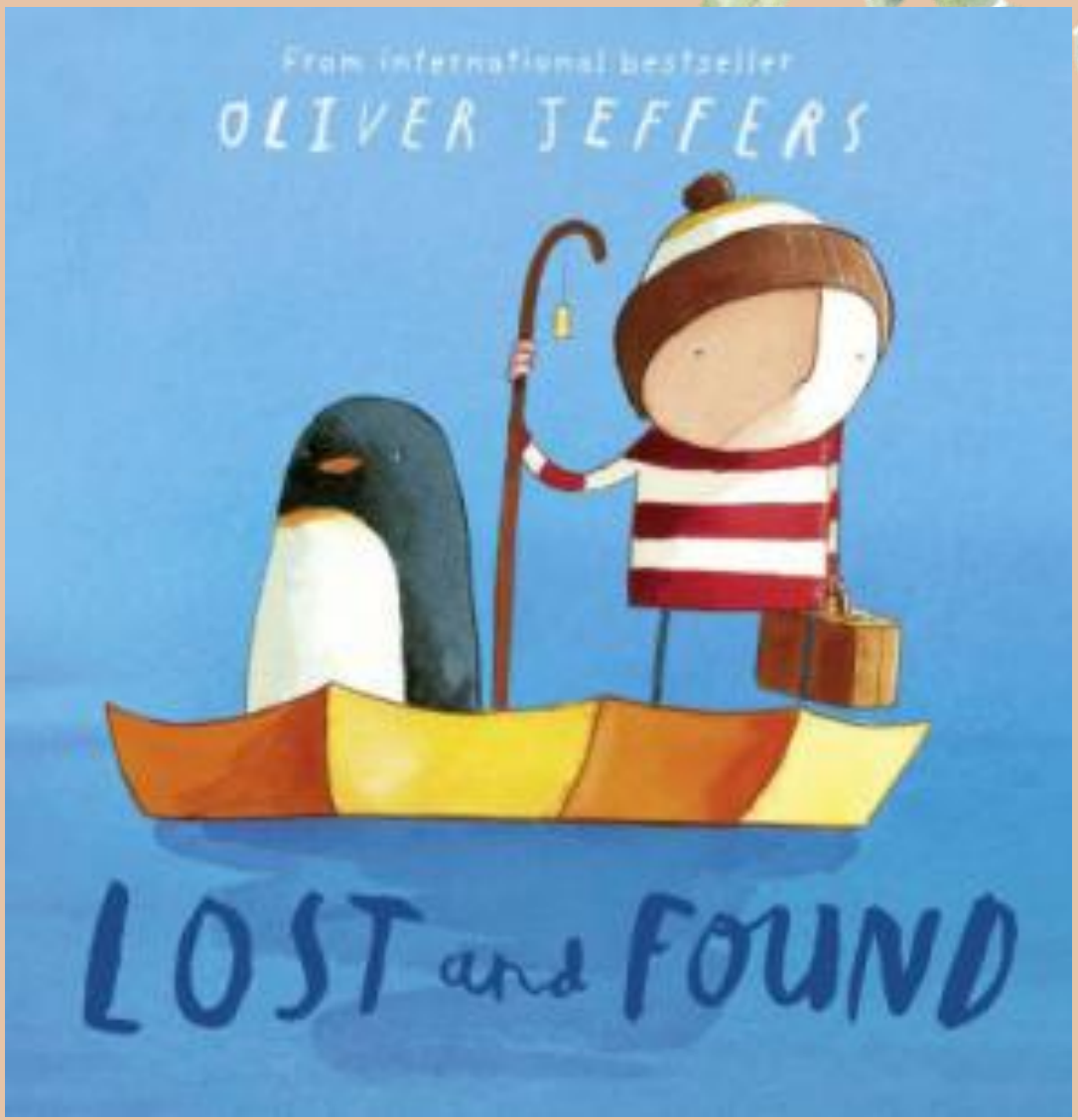
Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.

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.



Nursery and Reception



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZD1RDY4Q9w