

Red Rose Letters and Sounds

Formation Phrase Handwriting Patter

It is recommended that when teaching letter formation, a phrase is used in order to embed the directionality. All adults who teach letter formation are encouraged to use the same approach as children learn effectively through repetition.

This chart provides an overview of the formation phrases linked to the Red Rose Letters and Sounds Planning Programme.

a	Round the anchor and down the rope.
b	Down the bat and round the ball.
c	Curl round the cat.
d	Back round the dog's body, up to his ears and down to his tail.
e	Across the shelf and over the elf.
f	Follow down the flamingo and fly.
g	Go round the gorilla and swing from the vine.
h	Down the hill and over the hedge.
i	Down the insect and don't forget his cap.
j	Jump off the jetty and don't forget your cap.
k	Down the koala's body, arm and leg.
l	Down the long ladder.
m	Down the mound and over the moles.
n	Down the nose and over the nostril.
o	Back around the octopus.
p	Down the path, up the path and round the pond.
q	Quick! Back round the pond, down and splash.
r	Rain down to the ground and over the rainbow.
s	Slip down the slide.
t	Down the tree and across the branch.
u	Down under the sea, up for breath and down again.
v	Down the vase and up the vase.
w	Down the wave and up the wave. Down the wave and up the wave.
x	Cross the box and cross the box.
y	Down the yo-yo, up the yo-yo and swing.
z	Zip, zap, zoom!