



Writing Overview Nursery

As well as encouraging mark making in provision, Nursery staff teach and deliver well planned writing activities for 'Scribble it!' and Little Wandle throughout the year to further develop children's writing skills.

Aims: Develop fine/gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination Develop interest in mark-making and writing Develop awareness of letters, especially those in their names Encourage storytelling and expression through drawing and early writing		Focus areas: Pre-Writing skills Name recognition and writing Letter awareness Drawing as a form of writing Emergent writing
Autumn Introduction to mark-making/emergent writing, fine motor development, name recognition	Nursery settling in weeks ● Explore a variety of materials for mark-making ● Develop hand strength, hand eye coordination and upper arm strength through gross and fine motor activities ● Begin to recognise own name visually ● Engage in story time to develop vocabulary and comprehension ● Model and encourage to verbally give meaning to marks ● Engage in ‘Scribble It’; encouraging mark making with simple story telling	
Spring Strengthening control, introducing letter forms, developing name writing	● Continue developing pencil grip and control ● Continue to encourage and support mark making and emergent writing and use of marks to represent labels/captions ● Practice left-to-right orientation in writing ● Begin forming some recognisable letter shapes within own name	
Summer Developing confidence and independence in emergent writing	● Write own name with increasing confidence and independence, modelling correct formation ● Show increasing understanding that writing communicates meaning ● Explore writing phase 2 letter sounds, modelling correct formation ● Begin to use new phonic knowledge within independent mark making and writing; identify and give initial sounds in words	

End of EYFS ELG:

- 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.

Handwriting

- Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing- using the tripod grip in almost all cases.

Fine Motor Skills-ELG