

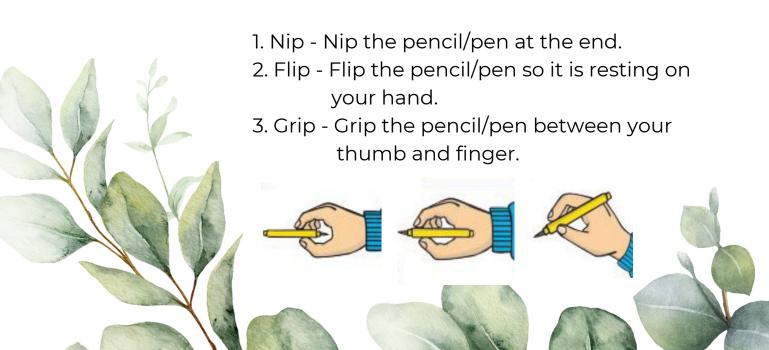
Why is handwriting important?

- Fluent handwriting frees up space in your child's working memory to focus on content and creativity.
- Legible handwriting can support children in being able to read their work back to themselves, enabling them to successfully make edits.
- Support the teachers to read their amazing and fabulous ideas!

Handwriting in the Early Years (Nursery - Reception)

Before children begin to write, it is important to support the children to hold a pencil correctly. We want our children to use a pencil grip.

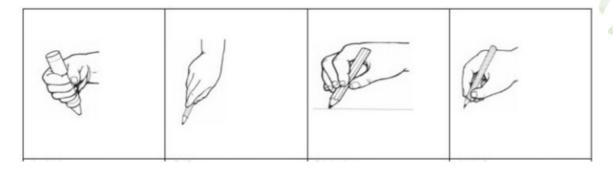
Top trick for supporting your child with a pencil grip:





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It is important to note that children will develop at different rates.



Stage 1: Palmar grasp

Stage 2: Digital pronate grasp

Stage 3: Tripod grasp

Stage 4: Dynamic tripod grip

Activities that help strengthen the muscles in your child's hands and fingers

- Here are some practical activity ideas to help your child with their pencil grip.
 - Threading penne pasta onto string.
 - Poking spaghetti or pipe cleaners into a colander.
 - Putting pegs onto a washing line.
 - Threading Cheerios onto spaghetti.
 - Drawing a squiggly line on paper and placing small items like coins or buttons on the line.
 - Creating a picture using stickers.









Progression of handwriting at DCINA

• At DCINA we use Letter-join to support our children's handwriting.

Letter-joins

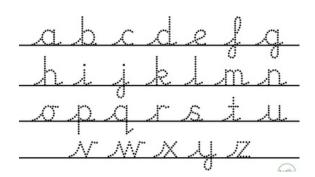
Reception

• In reception we teach our children to form individual letters.

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 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

Year 1

• During Year 1, when the children are ready, they will be introduced to forming pre-cursive letters where they add the joins to the letters. Any children who are ready will begin to join letters ready for Year 2.



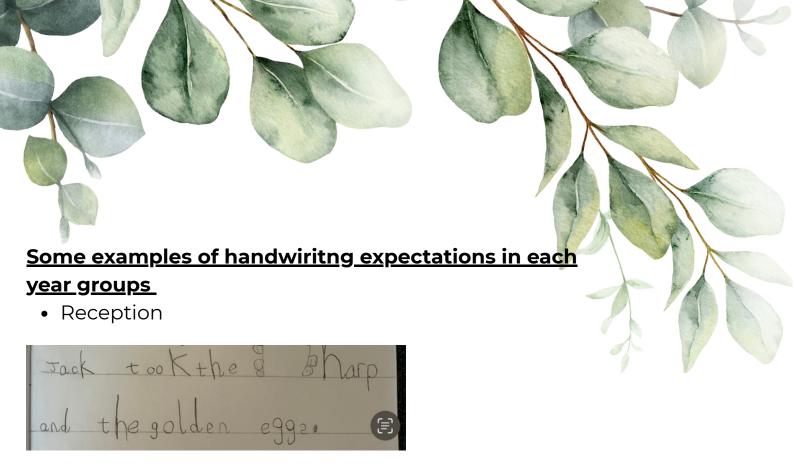
Year 2

- During Year 2, we will recap our pre-cursive letters but will begin to teach joins to begin to teach the children to write in cursive.
- Diagonal joins

Horizontal joins ACC

the dog ran





• Year 1

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I do not like brockaly nor sparagas!

• Year 2

