

PENPALS For Handwriting: Information For Parents

Pattern practice and 'play' writing are an important part of handwriting development. Your child will be practising letter formation in a number of exciting ways: in sand, using paint, in the air, on the interactive whiteboard and iPads, as well as on paper with a pencil!

When your child is ready for letter formation, ask these questions:

Where does the letter start?

Does it have an ascender? (b,d,f,h,k,l,t)

Is it a short letter? (a,c,e,l,m,n,o,r,s,u,v,w,x,z) Does it have a descender? (f,g,j,p,q,y)

The lower case letter is introduced in four family types:

The family of long ladder letters

l i t u j y

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The family of one-armed robot letters

r b n h m k p

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The family of curly caterpillar letters

c a d o s g q e f

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The family of zig-zag monster letters

z v w x

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