



Penpals for Handwriting: Foundation 2 (3-5 year olds) Information

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 as well as on paper with a pencil. When your child is ready for letter formation, ask these questions:

- Where does the letter start?
- Is it a short letter? (a, c, e, i, m, n, o, r, s, u, v, w, x, z)
- Does it have an ascender? (b, d, f, h, k, l, t)
- Does it have a descender? (f, g, j, p, q, y)

The lower case letters are introduced in the following order in four family types:

The family of curly caterpillar letters 

c a d o s g q e f
c a d o s g q e f

family of long ladder letters 

i t u j y
i t u j y

The family of zig-zag monster letters 

z v w x
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family of one-armed robot letters 

b n h m k p
b n h m k p