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# GKS EYFS Handwriting Progression

## EYFS Journey to Cursive Handwriting Programme

- **Fine Motor Assessment:** Autumn 1 should be focussed on building early Fine Motor skills and assessing strength and pencil grip.
- **Corefulness:** Daily Corefulness sessions to support fine motor and gross motor to be delivered twice daily throughout the year.
- **Warm-up:** Exercises should be completed before every handwriting lesson to build hand and wrist strength, upper body strength, and to improve co-ordination.
- **Letter Families:** Daily 15/20 minute sessions to teach children the sets of 'letter families' with the aim of securing the correct letter formation. Two letters to be taught each week which includes capital letters.
- **Positioning:** Sessions should teach the formation of letters as a pre-cursor to joining in KS1, This should be reinforced during Bug Club phonics lessons.
- **Assessment & Intervention:** Regular assessment should be done to check letter formation and interventions should be carried out to support fine motor and formation.

## Session Layout

1. Warm up that includes both gross and fine motor activities
2. Introduce the letter name and the sound of the letter.
3. Show the animation of how to form the lower/upper case letter.
4. Model and then ask children to complete the relevant Activity Sheet (ensuring children sit at tables and modelled correct posture and position)
5. Provide further challenge with the relevant Extra Practice Activity Sheets and practical resources in provision.

## Letter Families

The Ladder Family				
Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'l'</li> <li>• Letter 'i'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'u'</li> <li>• Letter 't'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'y'</li> <li>• Letter 'j'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision of whole set</li> </ul>	
The One-Armed Robot Family				
Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'm'</li> <li>• Letter 'n'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'h'</li> <li>• Letter 'k'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'b'</li> <li>• Letter 'p'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'r'</li> <li>• Revision of whole set</li> </ul>	
The Curly Caterpillar Family				
Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'c'</li> <li>• Letter 'a'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'd'</li> <li>• Letter 'e'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 's'</li> <li>• Letter 'g'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'f'</li> <li>• Letter 'q'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'o'</li> <li>• Revision of whole set</li> </ul>
The Zigzag Monster Family				
Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'z'</li> <li>• Letter 'v'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter 'w'</li> <li>• Letter 'x'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision of whole set</li> </ul>		



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# GKS EYFS Handwriting Overview

	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
	AT1	AT2	SP1	SP2	SU1	SU2
Letter Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fine Motor assessment and interventions.</li> <li>Pencil grip interventions and provision.</li> <li>Corefulness twice daily.</li> <li>Pen disco.</li> <li>Bug Club journey to begin which introduces the concept of handwriting by introducing the correct formation as the letters are taught.</li> </ul>	<b>The Ladder Family</b>	<b>One Armed Robot Family</b>	<b>Curly Caterpillar Family</b>	<b>Zigzag Monster Family</b>	<b>Revise</b>
Week 1		The Letters 'l' and 'i'	The Letters 'm' and 'n'	The Letters 'c' and 'a'	The Letters 'z' and 'v'	Revise the One-Armed Robot Family
Week 2		The Letters 'u' & 't'	The Letters 'h' and 'k'	The Letters 'd' and 'e'	The Letters 'w' and 'x'	Revise the Curly Caterpillar Family
Week 3		The Letters 'y' and 'j'	The Letters 'b' and 'p'	The Letters 's' and 'g'	Revise The Ladder Family	Revise the Curly Caterpillar Family
Week 4		Assess Unit	The Letter 'r' & Assess Unit	The Letters 'f' and 'q'	Revise the Ladder Family	Revise the Curly Caterpillar Family
Week 5		Review Units & Interventions	Review Units & Interventions	The Letter 'o' & Assess Unit	Revise the Ladder Family	Revise the Zigzag Monster Family
Week 6-8		Review Units & Interventions	Review Units & Interventions	Review Units & Interventions	Revise the One-Armed Robot Family	Revise the Zigzag Monster Family