



## **Handwriting and Letter formation**

Handwriting activities in school are planned with the following in mind:

- Practise our hand to eye coordination skills
- Follow a series of patterns
- Learn the pattern of writing letters and numbers

Within our sensory approaches to handwriting we aim to promote wider skills such as following instructions, sharing resources and having fun as we learn.

In school we encourage the pupils to use rhymes in line with our bespoke handwriting programme which was devised in consultation with the Local Authority Occupational therapist. We follow a series of patterns and letters that are specifically adapted to break down the basic shapes for all our letter formation. Appropriate vocabulary is encouraged at all times to illustrate the position of letters on guided paper. All pupils follow a bespoke programme using letter families.