



EYFS Writing Progression

Mill Hill Primary Academy

	Early Years reading			
	Birth - 3 Years	3-4 years olds	Reception	Early Learning Goal
Writing	 Enjoy drawing freely. Add some marks to their drawings, which they give meaning to. For example: "That says mummy." Make marks on their picture to stand for their name. 	 Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; write 'm' for mummy. Write some or all of their name. Write some letters accurately. 	 Form lower-case and capital letters correctly. Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s. Write short sentences with words with known sound-letter correspondences using a capital letter and full stop. Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense. 	 Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters. Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.
Fine Motor	 Develop manipulation and control. Explore different materials and tools 	 Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils Show a preference for a dominant hand. 	Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.	 Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases.