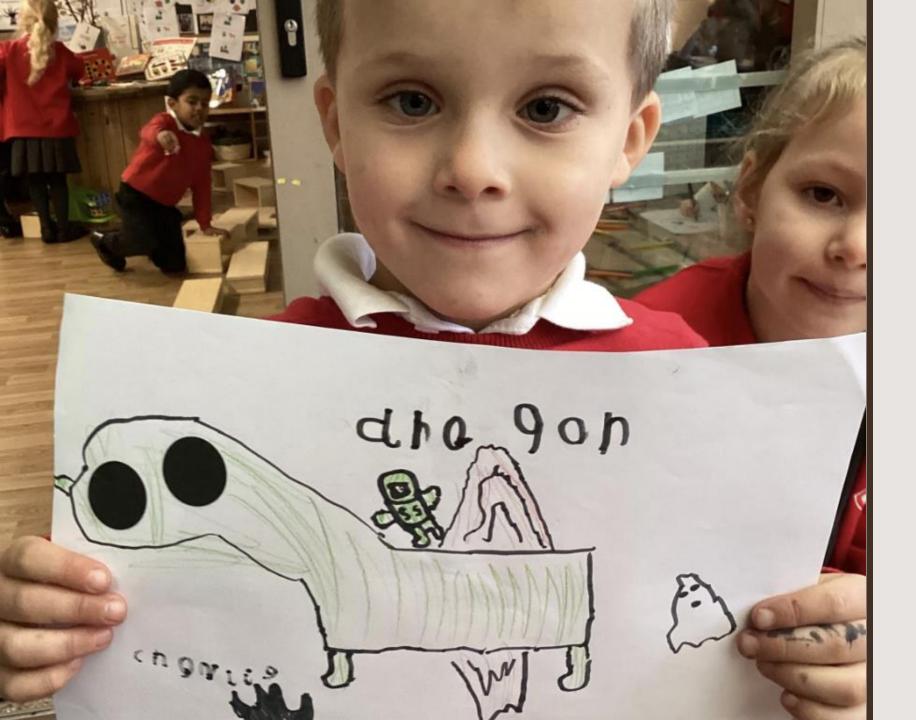
LET'S WRITE

A guide to how we teach writing in Reception

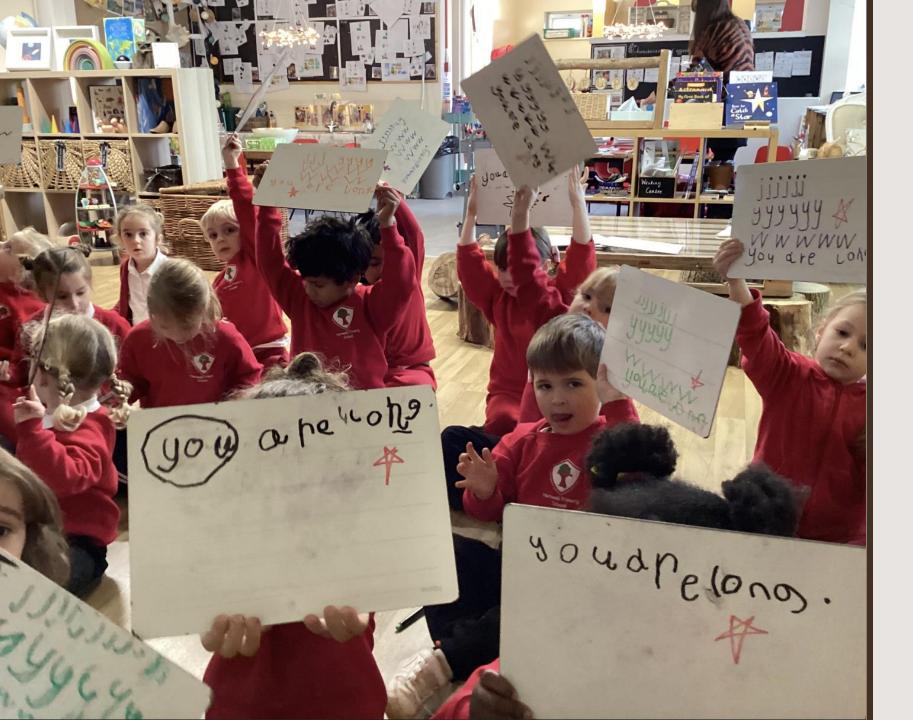
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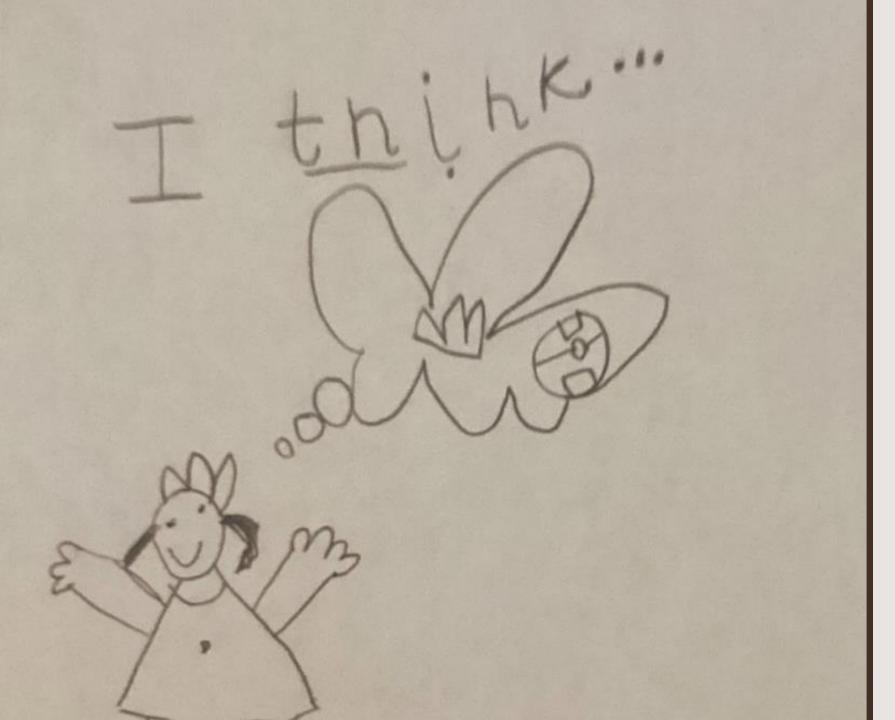
Learning to write is one of the most important things that a child will learn. Children use their writing in almost all other subjects of the curriculum. Good writing also gives children a voice to share their ideas with the world.

For a child, learning to write can be a tricky business, not least because good writing involves handwriting, spelling, grammar and punctuation not to mention what we want to write and who we are writing for.



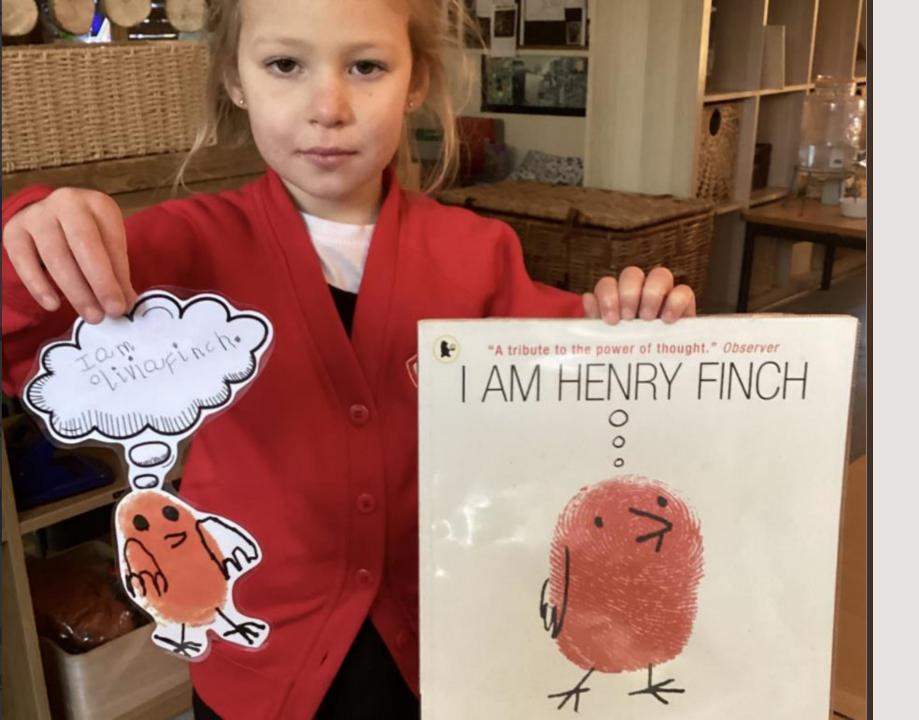
Early learning Goals:

- 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.



Development matters:

- 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 letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop.
- Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense.



Teaching writing is complex, and teaching it effectively is challenging. To teach writing well, we have to consider every aspect of the writing experience and crucially, model how to write.

We do this in 3 'chunks':

Morning work-handwriting focus

Phonics session-sounds of letters and the structure of a sentence

English work-writing through exploration of texts and stories.



Handwriting



Our morning work allows the children to consolidate the letter formation that they have learned in their phonics session.



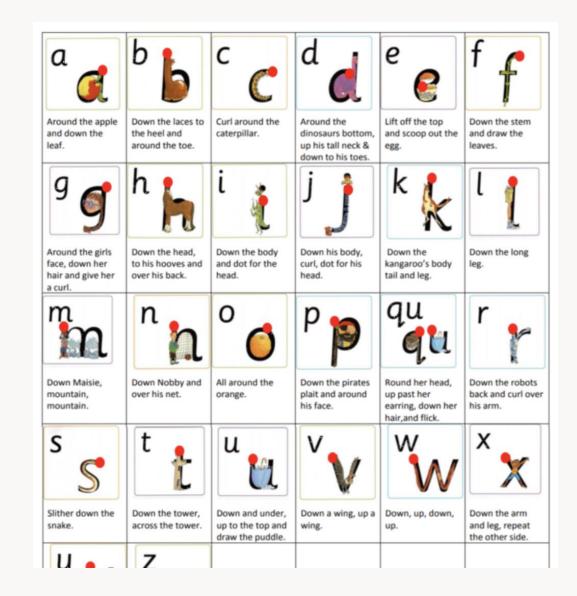
Each letter has a rhyme that the children know and follow.



We use lined paper; this allows the children to position their letters on the line and helps them to form the letters to the correct size.

Phonics:

Introducing new sound: the new sound is introduced to the children which they orally rehearse. We then model the writing of the letter to the children, reinforcing the rhyme as we write it i.e. "curl round the caterpillar".



Phonics:

Fred spell:

Fred Fingers are used for spelling. Children hold up the hand that they do not write with. They sound out the word they are spelling and put up the correct number of fingers for the word.

They then write the word.



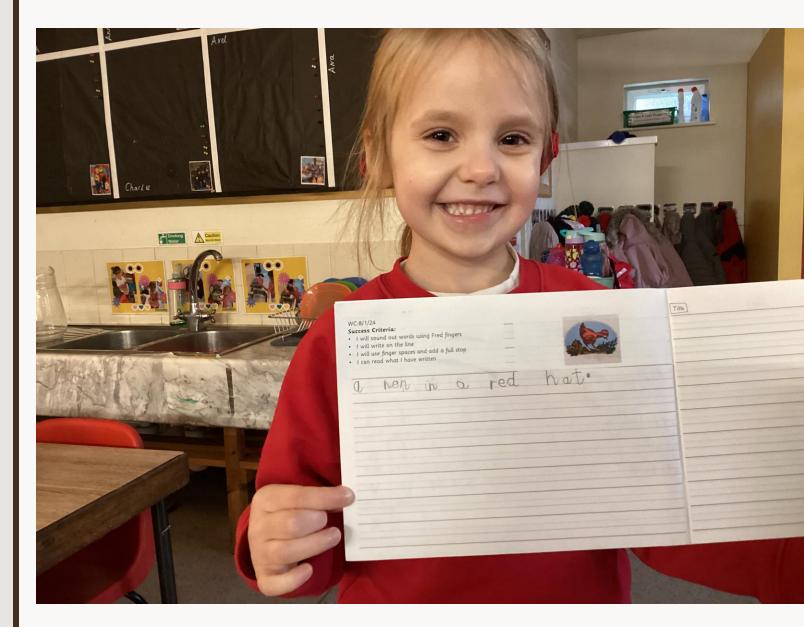
Phonics:

Hold a sentence:

is a process that teaches the children to remember a whole sentence in their head before they write it down with the correct punctuation and spelling. The sentences we ask the children to write include words that they have already been taught how to spell. We show the child a picture and orally rehearse the sentence i.e., 'a hen in a red hat.'

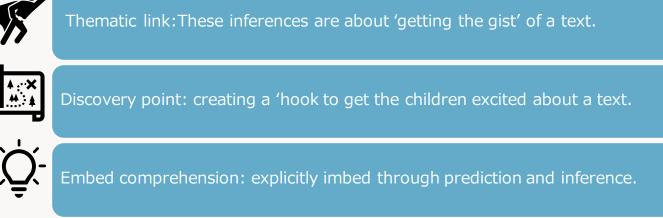
We count how many words are in the sentence, we practice the spelling of each word using Fred Fingers and remind the children of the use of finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

The teacher models the sentence, hides it and then the children write the sentence independently.



English sessions: 'Teach through a

text'.



Embed grammar: explicit grammar skills for writing taught in context.



Spelling and vocabulary: explicit spelling skills are taught and new and exciting vocabulary developed.

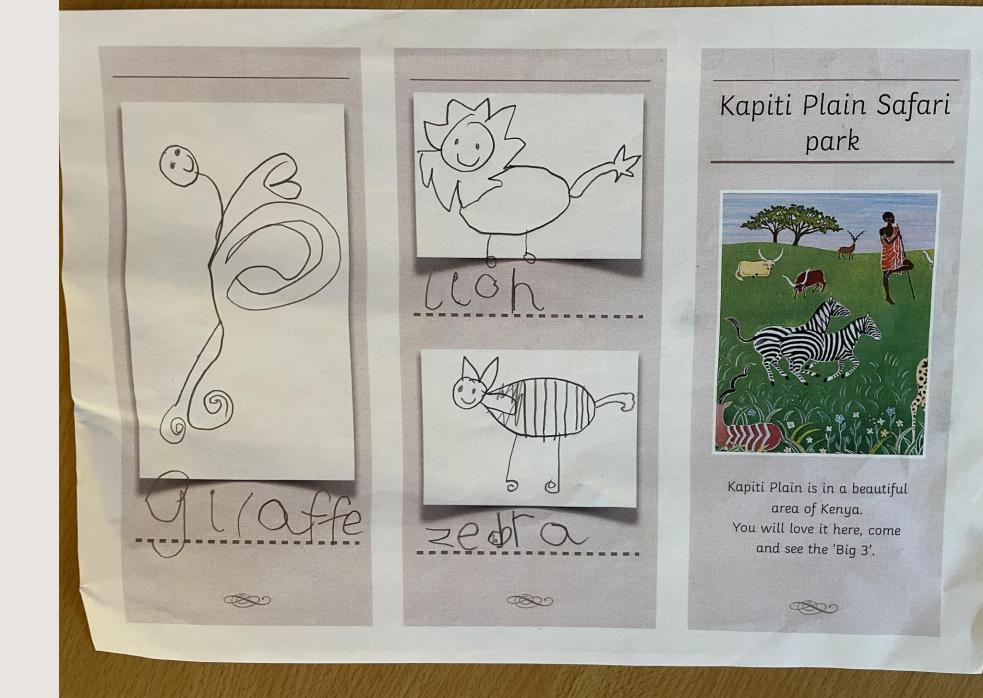


Literary language: explicitly taught and style or format applied in writing.

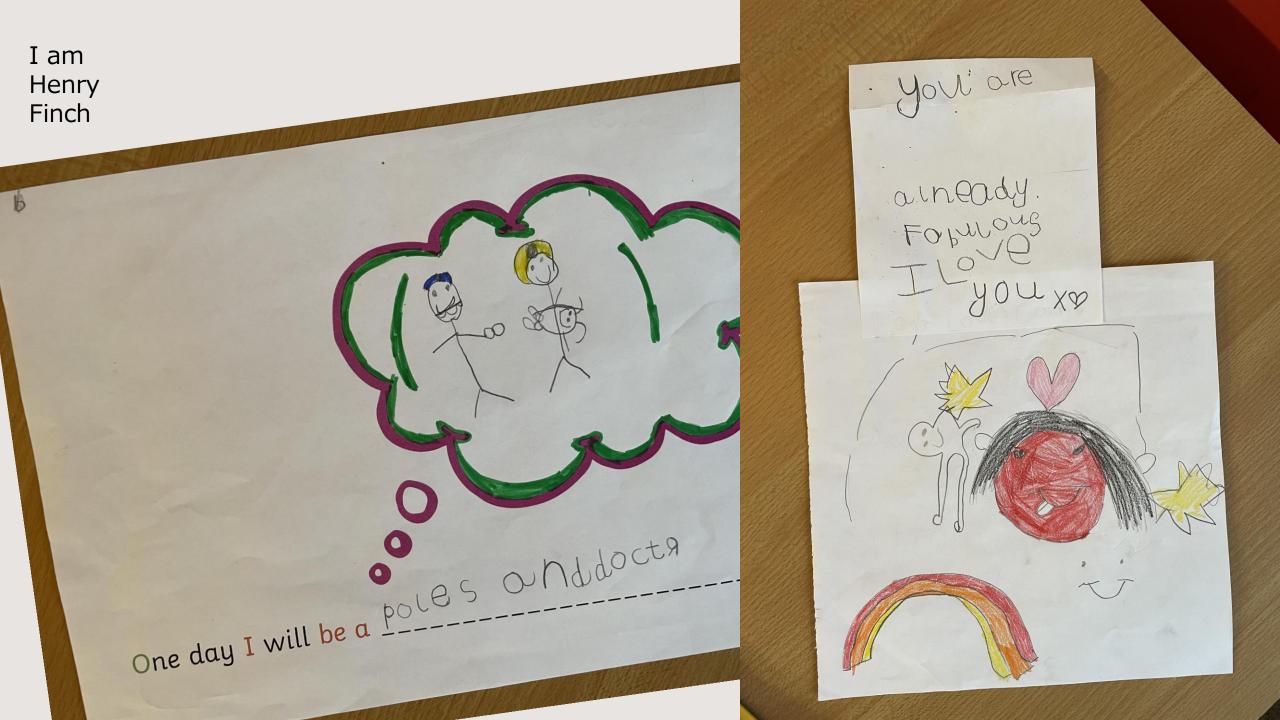


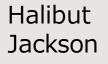
Purpose & audience: writing letters to a variety of people, posters, information booklets etc.

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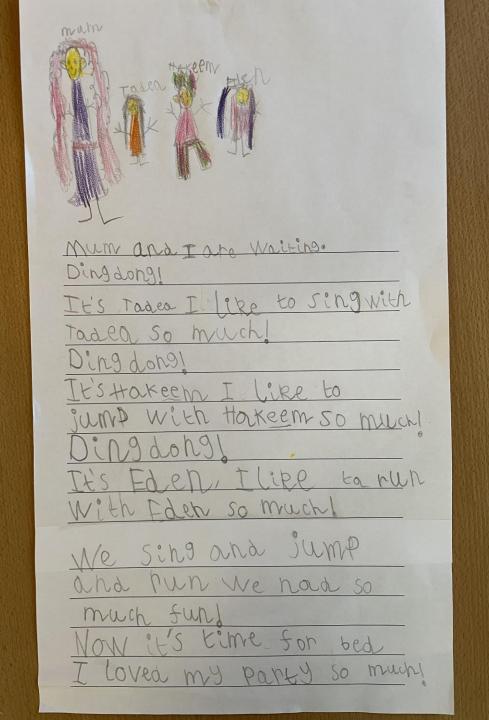
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So much!

There were about four lessons in the run up to writing this final piecefocusing on : Drama Literary language Grammar & Verbs



How you can help your child

at home

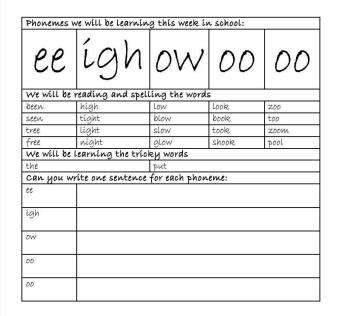
Letter formation practice & Homework sheets:

Class R Phonic Home Learning



Please support your child to practice and reinforec the phomenes and graphemes we are larning in school. More information on how we learn these can be found on:

https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/readwrite-inc-phonics-guide/



Other writing opportunities:

- Letters and thank you cards
- Shopping lists
- Recipes
- Diaries
- Book making
- Story telling