

Early Years Writing Offer



At Eden Park, we follow the Read, Write, Inc. scheme. To support children, form their letters correctly, we use a set of fun phrases, which help the children and provide both a visual and auditory aid. The children are explicitly taught how to site 'write' and form letters in small groups to engineer success.

Fine motor skills are the coordination of small muscles, in movements - usually involving the synchronisation of hands and fingers. To support the children, develop these skills, we offer a wealth of activities such as, lacing & threading, using tweezers & tongs to pick up small objects, construction toys, dressing up using clothes with buttons, press-studs, zips and shoelaces and playdough.

Opportunities for mark making in all areas of the environment, such as writing shopping lists, recipes, designing our buildings, writing letters to the big bad wolf.

We provide the children with fun mark making activities such as writing in shaving foam, gloop, salt, and flour, where they can practice forming their letters and pre-handwriting symbols.

Gross motor (physical) skills are those which require whole body movement, and which involve the large (core stabilising) muscles of the body to perform everyday functions, such as standing and walking. Within Early Years we support the children to develop these skills which in turn enable them to refine their pencil control and perfect their letter formation. We offer the children a wealth of activities such as, playing on playground equipment such as climbing frames, building obstacle courses, crawling, skipping, rolling, and throwing balls/bean bags, play games such as 'twister' or 'Simon says' where instructions are focussed on body parts such as 'stand on one leg', sports such as trampolining, swimming, dancing, helping with chores around the house, e.g. washing the windows, sweeping the floors and large painting/drawing.

As part of the Read, Write, Inc. programme, there are specific times of the day allocated for children to practice their letter formation, as well as timetabled sessions where children will have opportunities to develop their fine and gross motor skills.

