## EYFS Progression of skills and assessment checkpoints - Writing

| Birth-Thre <br> -Enjoy draw <br> -Add some drawings, w meaning to "That says -Make mark picture to st name. <br> Handwritin Develop m and control . Explore di materials and PD.FMS.B-3 | ng freely. narks to their hich they give For example: ummy." on their nd for their nipulation PD.FMS.B-3 ferent d tools. | Three- Four Years <br> 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. Writing.3-4 <br> - Write some or all of their name. <br> Writing.3-4 <br> . Write some letters accurately. <br> Writing.3-4 <br> Handwriting <br> .Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils. PD FMS.3-4 <br> .Show a preference for a dominant hand. PD FMS.3-4 |  |  | Receptio <br> . Form low <br> Reception <br> . Spell wo sound with <br> . Re-read <br> Writing-R <br> . Write sh correspon <br> Reception <br> Handwri <br> Develop tools com pencils fo Develop accurate | case and capital le <br> by identifying the ter/s. Writing-Re they have written ption <br> sentences with wor ces using a capita <br> small motor skills ntly, safely and co awing and writing oundations of a ha efficient. PD.FMS | s correctly. Writing- <br> nds and then writing on check that it makes s <br> with known letter-so ter and full stop. Wr <br> hat they can use a ra ently. Suggested too FMS - Reception riting style which is eption. | of | Writing- E <br> . Write rec most of wh formed. W <br> - Spell wor sounds in the sounds letters. Wr <br> - Write sim sentences others. Wr Handwritin . Hold a pe preparatio using the t all cases. | nisable letters, are correctly ing-ELG <br> by identifying $m$ and representing th a letter or g-ELG <br> phrases and t can be read by g-ELG <br> effectively in or fluent writingod grip in almost <br> S-ELG |
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| Early Steps <br> Making <br> Marks | I explore making marks, but I do not communicate meaning. <br> Random scribbling. |  | I draw basic pictures. I use lines to look like writing. Scribble writing <br> Left to right direction I begin to assign meaning. | I write symbols and shapes that look like writing. <br> I assign meaning to the marks <br> Attempts to write name |  | I write random letters but there is no connection between letters and sounds. I talk about my writing and give meaning. Writes name from <br>  | I use letter strings which travel from left to right and top to bottom. I attempt to 'read' my writing. 7tpried AtPO IE AtPIE aPrían | I write letters with spaces between them to resemble the idea of words. <br> AEB ZT <br> WD) I <br> FHJT.R |  | I copy words that I see in the environment around me. I often do not know what the words say. the $I$ is see 1, ss 12345 onb mx |
| Developing Writing <br> Words | I am beginning to hear initial sounds and attempt to write these down. m-mum letter for name |  | I can hear initial sounds in words and write the letters down to match. c- cat d- dog p-pig | I can write short strings of letters to represent words. Two or three letters in sequence. Hearing /writing final sounds first and then medial. <br> Left to right. muy - mummy pto - potato sbr - strawberry |  | I can spell out and write down vc cvc words by matching letters and sounds. <br> at in up cat dog pig | I can write High Frequency decodable and tricky words from memory. mum dad. and can I go to the no into | I can spell out words with consonant clusters, vowel digraphs and trigraphs. <br> buzz fill. mess ship. chip thing rush boat sheep now soil chair night. Pure. |  | I write more challenging words with a sound <br> knowledge of Phase 2, 3 and 4 phonics. Phase 5-I use different spelling choices and more syllables. <br> Plausible attempts Phase 2, 3 and 4 HF words <br> Adjacent consonants Alternative graphemes Split digraphs- home make |


| Developing Writing <br> Sentences | I can formulate and say a simple sentence for writing. | I can orally compose a sentence and hold it in my memory before I start to write it. <br> Repeats \& recalls | I can write a series of beginning letters and sounds for my phrase. <br> There may be no spaces between words. <br> Begins to be readable to others. | I can recall the order of words in my sentence. I start to put finger spaces between my words and to use known words. Writing is readable. I start to read my sentence. | I can write a sentence with a full stop and capital letter. I can reread it and check that it makes sense. Others can read my sentence. We like to jump rop. | I can write spaces between all the words in my sentences. Some punctuation may be used. Medial and end sounds evident including vowels in my spellings. | I can write two or more sentences using real spellings and silent letters. Most sentences have the correct beginning and end punctuation. |
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| Text forms and purposes | I attempt to write simple labels. | I can write simple labels | I can write simple lists. | I can write short captions and messages. <br> I can write lists, greeting cards and menus. | I can write captions I can write instructions. I can write postcards. | I can write simple stories with a beginning, middle and end. <br> I can write a letter. | I can write stories with narratives and storytelling language. I can write at length. |

