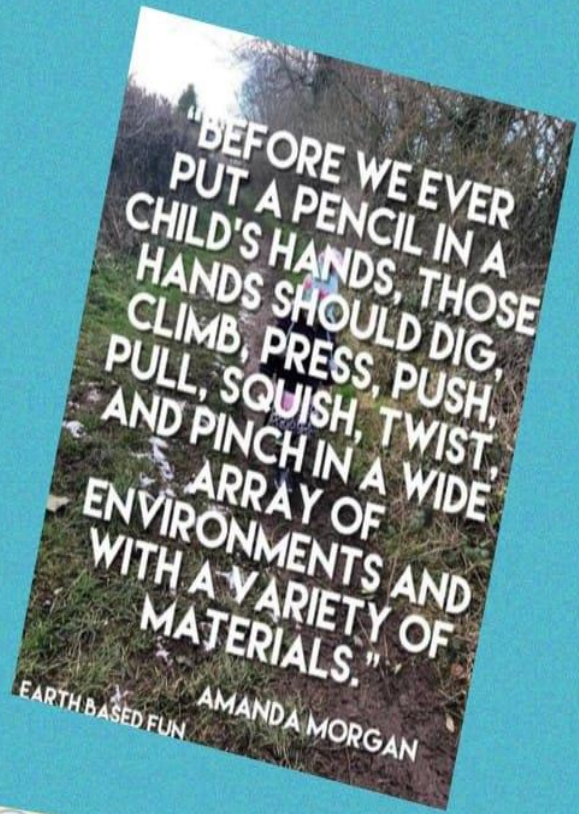


Pencil Skills

This term in nursery we would be focusing a lot on pencil grip and fine motor skills, but it's not all about holding that pencil sometimes we need to strengthen those muscles in our hands by doing lots of different things before we can have a stable pencil grip....

Please read the information below and take it on board it's important for the development of your children, every child is individual, please remember that we are so proud of you all, just try your best

FINE MOTOR SKILLS & PENCIL GRIP



Help your child learn to write

SCRIBBLING & DRAWING
Your child needs to practice making marks and shapes before being able to write letters. Provide lots of opportunities to scribble and draw so they can develop these skills.

PLAYDOUGH, PEGS & FINGER PUPPETS
Your child needs to be able to use their fingers independently to write. Activities that strengthen and encourage your child to use their fingers will develop the skills your child needs.

CLIMBING & SWINGING
Your child needs strong arm and body muscles to sit up and write. They also need good control of their arms. Outdoor activities that encourage them to use their whole body will develop these muscles.

THREADING, CLIPPING, BATTING & STREAMERS
Crossing the body's mid-line is an important skill needed for writing. Encourage your child to thread items along a string. Clipping games, batting a tennis ball or a balloon, and playing with long streamers, all help to encourage this skill.

TORCHES & BALL GAMES
Your child needs to track with their eyes to write. Asking your child to follow a torchlight, just with their eyes, will develop their tracking skills. Ball games will also develop this skill.

PLAYING WITH AND IDENTIFYING LETTERS & WORDS
Your child needs to be interested in letters and words to write. Encourage your child to look for letters and words in their home and environment.

WRITING LISTS & WRITING FOR A PURPOSE
Your child needs to understand that writing has a purpose. Ask your child to help you write a shopping list or write a note for a friend or neighbour.

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Practice Handwriting WITHOUT a Pencil!

Cornmeal in a cookie tray!

- Or try rice, lentils, beans, and sand.
- Try hot chocolate powder as a tasty treat!

Make letters out of snacks!

- Try raisins, cereal, mini-marshmallows.
- How about pasta, nuts, or chocolate chips?

Paintbrush with water!

- Write letters on a sidewalk.

Pushpins in a corkboard!

- Make letters or practice shapes.

Sponge on a chalkboard!

- Write letters. See them vanish!

Shaving cream on bathroom wall!

- Kids will enjoy this activity during bath time!
- Encourage them to use a finger to write letters and numbers. Make shapes too!

Make letters with stickers!

- Use a letter model and stickers.

Make letters from Playdoh!

- Roll Playdoh into snakes first.

Make letters with blocks!

- Use a letter model to demonstrate.

Make letters with pipe cleaners!

- Or try using Wikki Stix or yarn.
- Kids bend these items to make the best letters they can - great for fine motor skills!

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