Progression in Writing: Reception

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	3-4 Year Olds	Children in Reception	Early Learning Goals
Phonic and whole word spelling	*To 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; writing m for mummy. *To write some or all of their name – spelling correctly. *To write some letters accurately.	*To spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.	*To spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter of letters.
Handwriting	*To use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils. *To show a preference for a dominant hand.	*To develop fine motor skills to use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently – Pencils for drawing and writing. *To use core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or on the floor. *To develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.	*To hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing — using the tripod grip in almost all cases.
Planning writing	*To 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; writing m for mummy. *To write some or all of their name. *To write some letters accurately.	*To form lower-case and capital letters correctly.	*Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.
Drafting/editing writing		*To reread what they have written to check that it makes sense.	*To write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.
Performing writing		*To develop storylines in their pretend play.	*To invent, adapt and recount narratives with peers and teachers.

		*To begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment – dolls, animal sets etc.	
Grammatical Terminology, vocabulary and punctuation.	*To develop communication through spoken conversations – using longer sentences of 4 to 6 words.	*To write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop. *To begin to write well-articulated ideas and thoughts into sentences including use of tenses – making use of conjunctions – supported by teacher.	*To express ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences – supported by teacher.