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The development of fine motor skills is integral to the handwriting process. Handwriting sessions are timetabled and include warm-up exercises to support and strengthen children's hands for writing. Early years' provision includes many creative and engaging opportunities for children to increase their dexterity. Children are encouraged to adopt the tripod pencil grip to reduce strain on the thumb and wrist that can occur with other grip styles. The tripod grip will support children to write for longer periods comfortably.





At Hayfield Lane, handwriting is taught following the Martin Harvey handwriting curriculum. Letter formation is taught through 'families' of letters that have the same orientation and shape. Letters are taught firstly in isolation which then progresses to joining letters together. Timetable lessons are routinely structured with consistent use of teaching vocabulary to ensure that children make rapid progress throughout the academic years.