

EYFS Writing Expectations



Working towards age related expectations : 3-4 years old	
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.	
Write some or all of their name.	
Write some letters accurately	
Working at age related expectations: Reception	
Form lower-case and capital letters correctly.	
Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.	
Write short sentences with words with known letter–sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop.	
Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense.	
Working at age related expectations: ELG (early learning goal)	
Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed	
Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters	
Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.	
Working at greater depth	
Use their own simple story ideas or retell a familiar story using short, simplistic sentences.	
Reread their writing aloud to check that it makes sense.	
Use adjectives that have been modelled.	
Use simple sentence structures which may often be repetitive	
Has an awareness of	Capital letters for names, places, the days of the week and the personal pronoun I
	Finger spaces
	Full stops to end sentences
Spell some words containing previously taught phonemes and GPCs accurately	
Spell some Y1 common exception words accurately	
Write lower case letters in the correct direction starting and finished in the right place.	