

Cursive Handwriting

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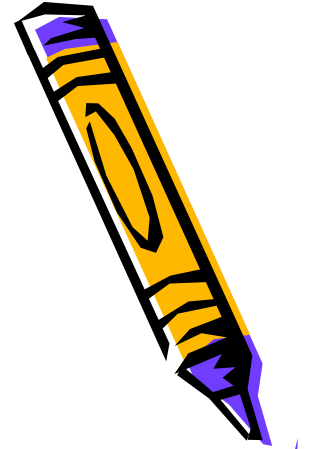


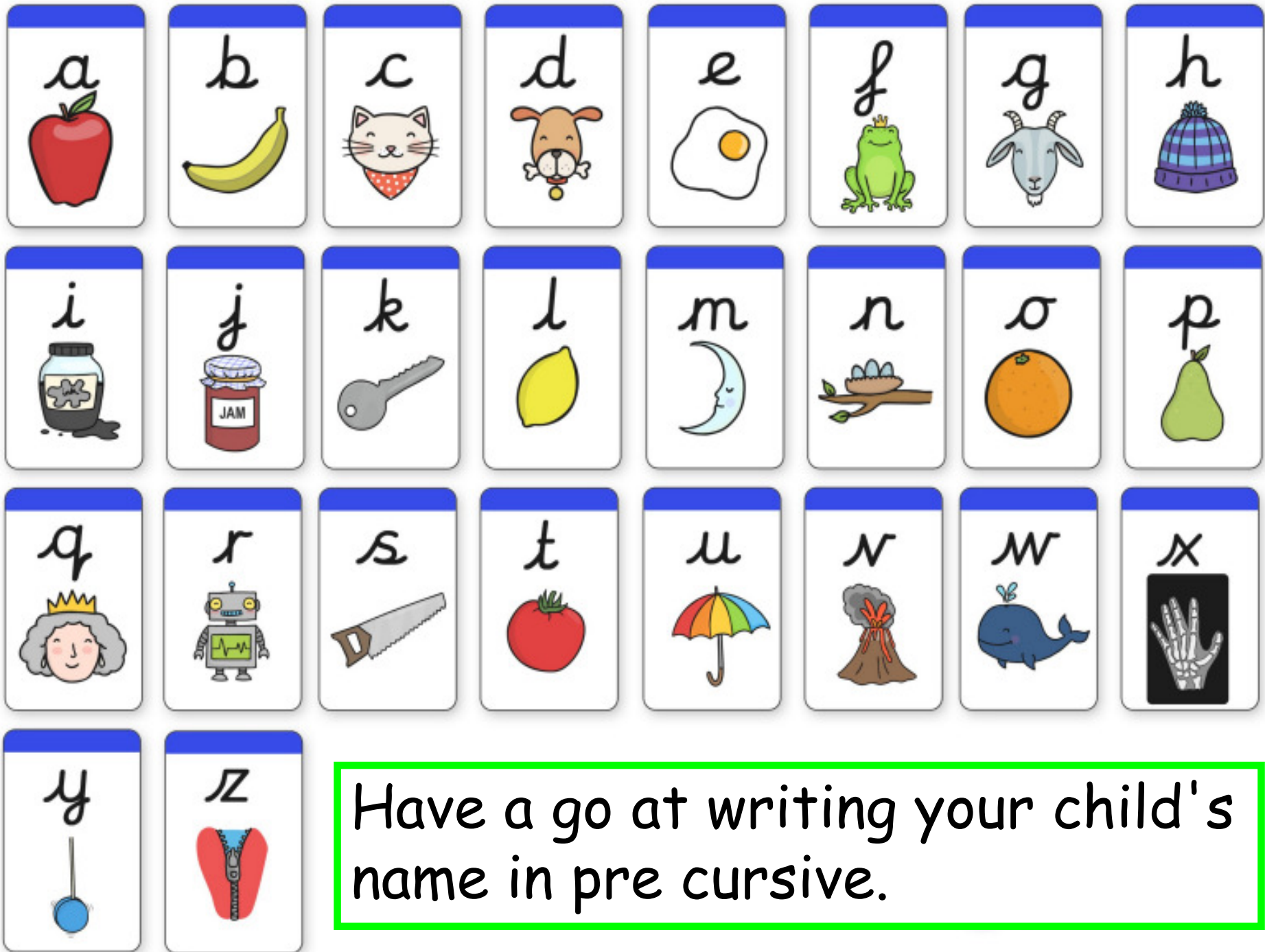
What is it?

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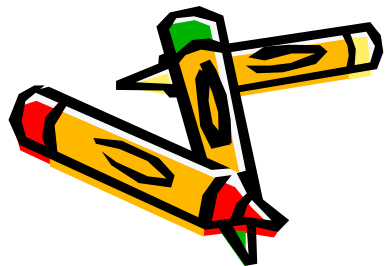
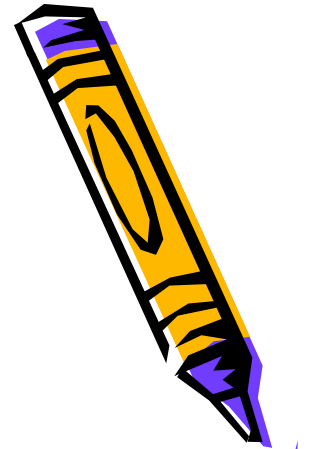
Cursive





Did you remember...

- Leading lines?
- Correct direction?
- Exit lines?



Leading line



Exit line



Why teach it?

- By making each letter in one movement, children's hands develop a 'physical memory' of it, making it easier to produce the correct shape;
- Because letters and words flow from left to right, children are less likely to reverse letters which are typically difficult (like b/d or p/q);
- There is a clearer distinction between capital letters and lower case;
- The continuous flow of writing ultimately improves speed and spelling.

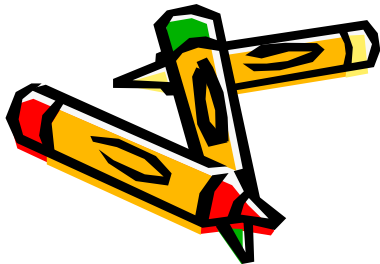
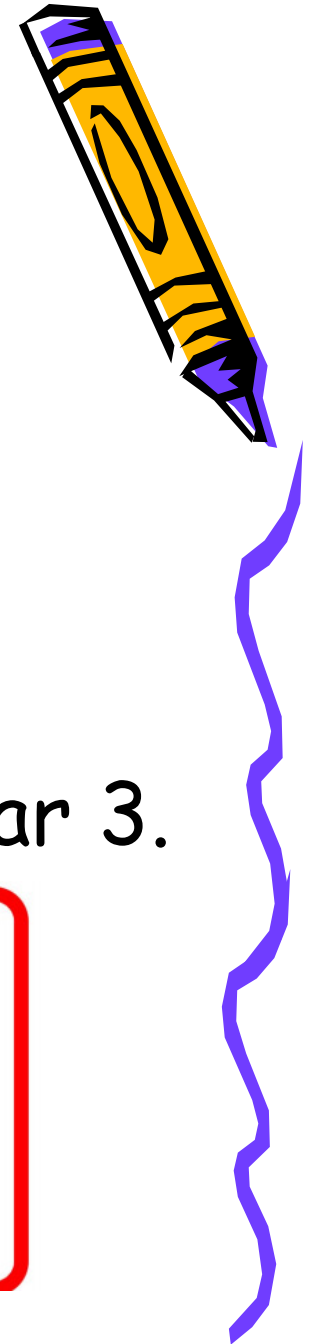


Expectations

- Start pre-cursive in nursery

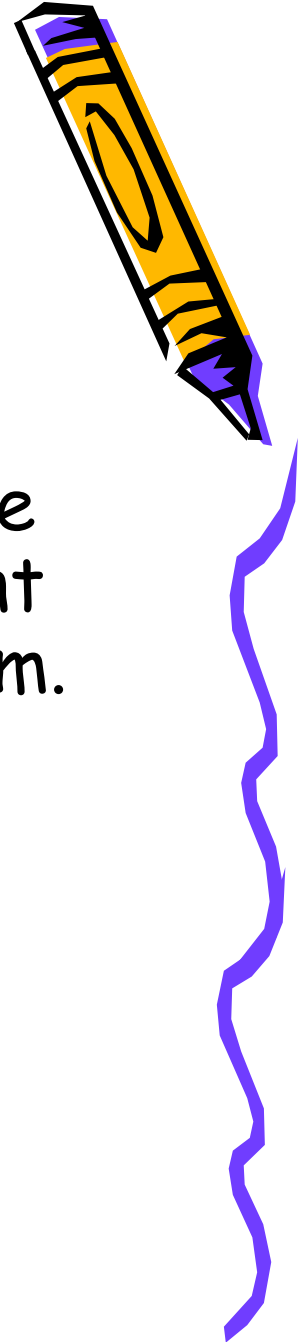


- Begin to join into full cursive in Year 3.



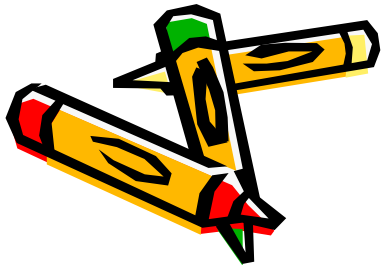
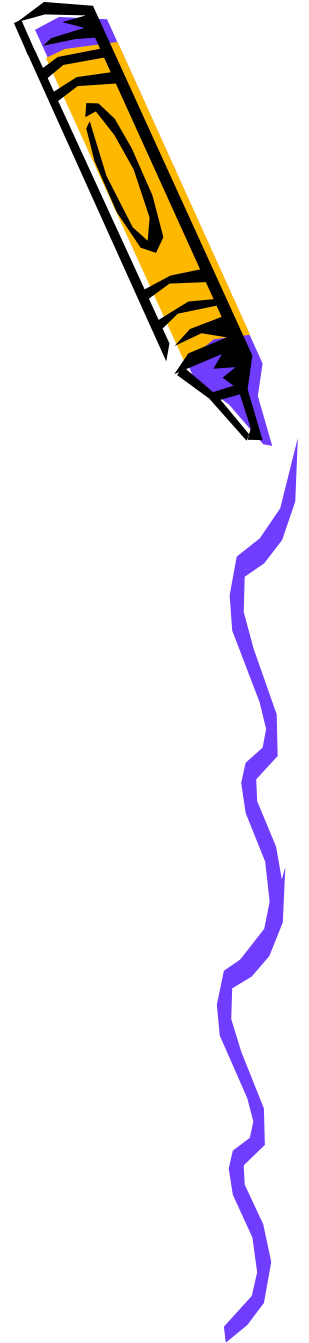
Reading

- It is still important that children recognise different types of print so we will still be using different types of font on our displays and around the classroom.
- We will be using cursive when we are directly teaching writing, rather than reading.



How can I help my child at home?

- Name writing
- Letter practise in different ways (chalks, shaving foam etc)
- Practise, practise, practise!



- Please take a cursive letter mat to help you support your child at home.

Any questions please come and ask us!

