

Nursery Writing Assessment Grid

(based on the statutory framework for EYFS, Development Matters and Birth to 5 Matters)

Date :								
3 and 4-year olds will be learning to :								
Physical development								
Use one-handed tools and equipment								
Create lines and circles pivoting from the shoulder and elbow								
Show a preference for a dominant hand								
Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils, <i>e.g. the tripod grip</i>								
Literacy								
Include mark-marking and early writing in their play								
Imitate adults' writing by making continuous lines of shapes and symbols (early writing) from left to write								
Have a go at writing their own name (to eventually include the initial letter), or other names and words, using combinations of lines, circles and curves, or letter-type shapes								
Write some or all of their name								
Form some letters accurately								

Teachers should use their professional judgement when assessing where these children are working (using Reception Writing Assessment Grid if appropriate).