

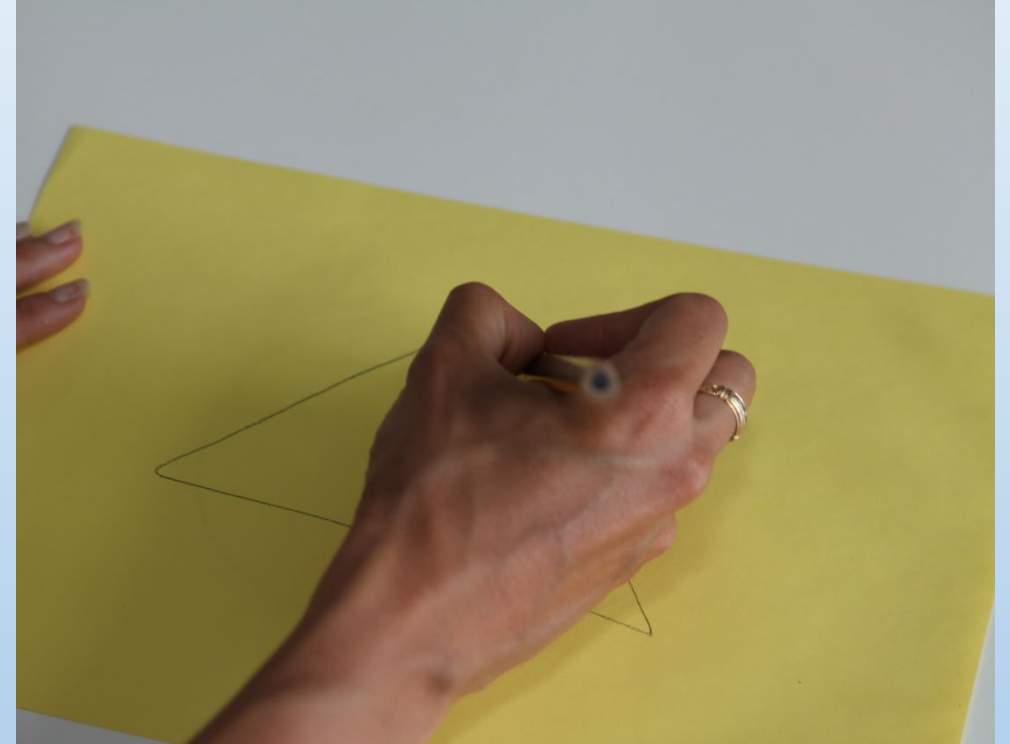
# Handwriting practice

**This presentation will:**

- **Give some examples of handwriting practice activities**

# Handwriting Practice Activities

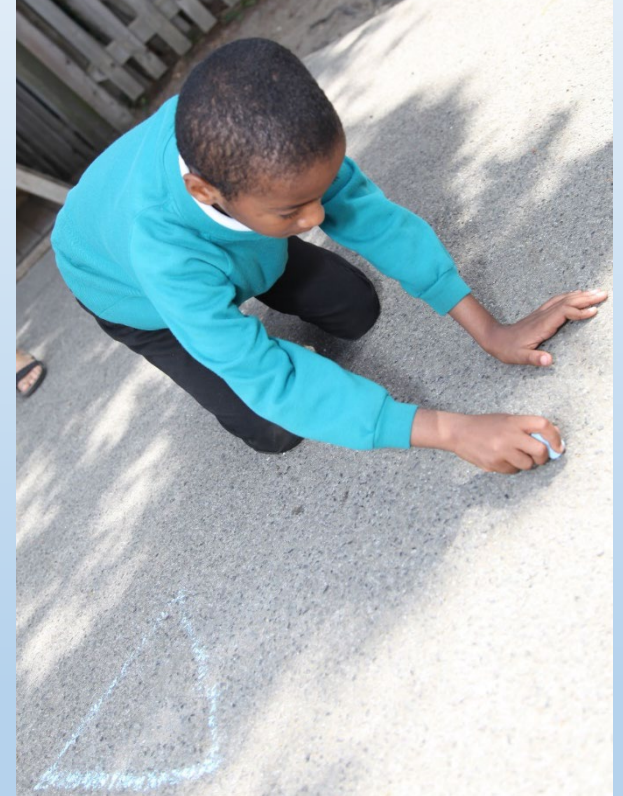
1. Practice prewriting shapes - the ability to produce prewriting shapes is a prerequisite to the ability to combine those shapes to form letters and pictures
2. Practice up – down, over – under and diagonal movements large then small - practicing large to small enables learning the movement and then refining it.



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In addition:

3. Group similar letters – for example:  
a,g,q,c,d or l, l t, h .
  - This will simplify the movements required to practice the letters and generalise the movements across a series of letters



# Handwriting Practice Activities

## 4. Use a multi-sensory approach

- Use chalk, sand, glitter, paint etc. to produce pre writing shapes progressing to letters. This increases sensory feedback as well as practicing the movement.
- Using items such as plasticine, cardboard or lego to create and make letters or words, really helps learners integrate their writing



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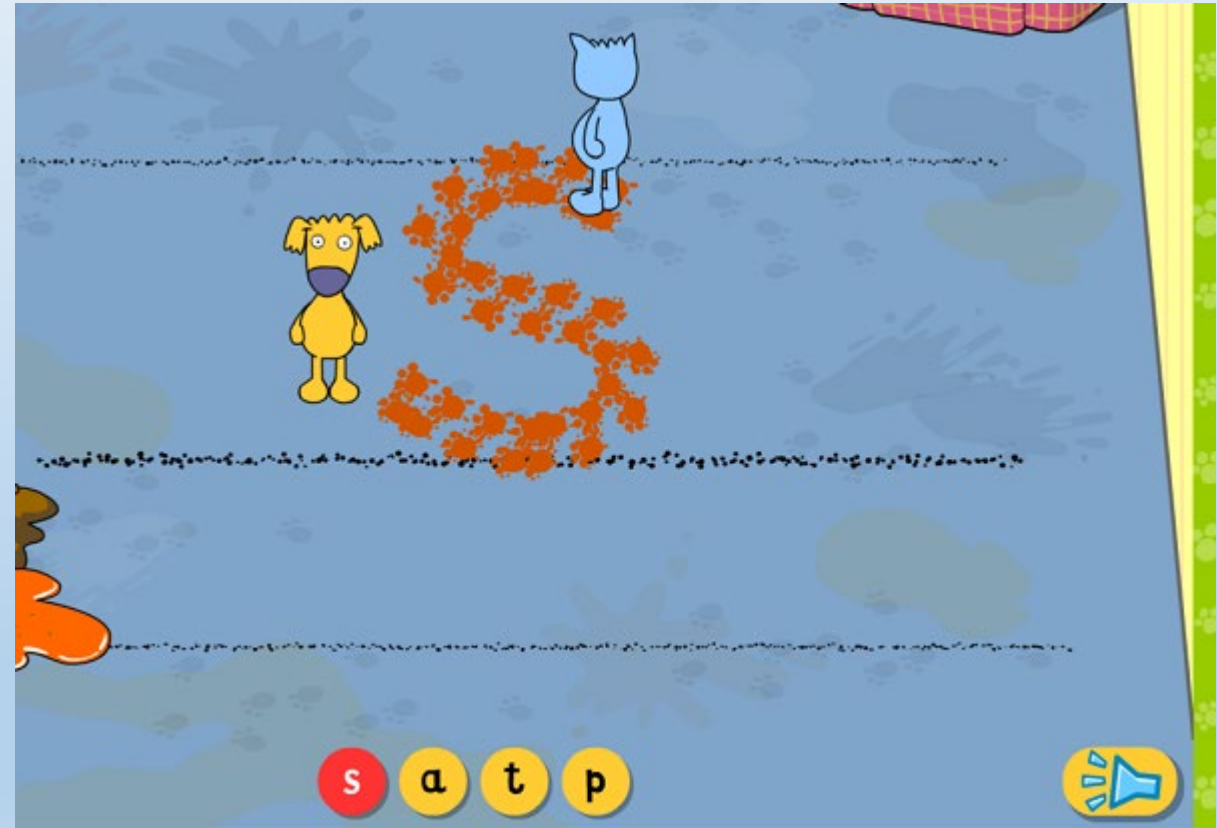
5. Draw shapes on the child's back and get them to guess what they are – this provides and understanding of the feel of letters and aids recall
- Air writing (writing letters or words in the air) as you imagine and say them can also help.





# Letter and Word Writing

- The messy letters and associated tools within LGfL's Busy Things ([www.busythings.lgfl.net](http://www.busythings.lgfl.net)) can support learners in a similar way when using tablets, phones, whiteboards or computers.



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6. Promote handwriting programmes if handwriting becomes an issue beyond Y1 – there are many commercially available to choose from.