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In Reception we use rhymes (and corresponding pictures) to help the children remember the formation of the letters.

We teach pre-cursive writing, so we have taught the children that they always start with their pencil on the line when writing lower case. We learn letter formation alongside letter sounds in Phonics.

	apple	Whoosh over, back around the apple and down the leaf.
	boot	Whoosh up, down the boot and up around the toe.
	caterpillar	Whoosh over, curl around the caterpillar.
	dinosaur	Whoosh over, back around the dinosaur's bottom, up his long neck and down to his feet.
	egg	...lift off the top and scoop out the egg.
	flower	Whoosh over, down the flower (pencil off) and across the leaves.
	girl	Whoosh over, back around the girls face, down her plait and curl.
	horse	Whoosh up, down the horse and over his back.
	insect	Whoosh up, down the insect's body (pencil off) and a dot for his head.
	jack-in-the-box	Whoosh up, down the jack-in-the-box, curl around the handle (pencil off) and a dot for the hat.
	kangaroo	Whoosh up, down the kangaroo's body, up around his tail and down his kicking leg.
	leg	Whoosh up, down the long leg and curl under his foot.
	mountain	Whoosh up, down Maisie, over the mountain, over the mountain.
	net	Whoosh up, down Nobby and over his net.
	orange	Whoosh over, back around the orange and flick.

	pirate	Whoosh up, down his pirate plait back up around his face.
	queen	Whoosh over, back around her head, down her hair and flick.
	robot	Whoosh up, down the robot, then up and curl over his arm.
	snake	Whoosh over, slither down the snake.
	tower	Whoosh up, down the tower, under the steps (pencil off) and across the tower.
	umbrella	Whoosh up, down the umbrella, up the umbrella, down under the puddle.
	vulture	Whoosh up, down a wing, up a wing and flick. (vulture)
	worm	Whoosh up, down, up, down up and flick. (worm)
	exercise	Whoosh up, curl down the arm and leg (pencil off) and repeat the other side.
	yak	Whoosh up, down the horn, up the horn and curl under his chin. (yak)
	zip	Whoosh up, zig-zag-zip.

We hope this is helpful. Please also refer to the Handwriting Policy on the website.

Any further questions please talk to your class teacher.

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