

Home Education – Summer 1 – Weeks 3 and 4
Writing - Composition
(Handwriting and pencil control – OT input included)

Please continue to offer your child handwriting opportunities and sensory exploration to encourage the development of fine motor skills and control. If you do these on walls, tables and the floor it will build strength further. There are ideas on weeks 1+2 planning for a range of abilities.

Now we are thinking about how we are 'composing' and writing for a purpose. This can range from verbally explaining and labelling, to drawing, typing or ordering pictures/symbols to create a narrative.

Youtube Videos:

Checkie app explained – Lauren

Piig Talk app explained – Lauren

My Story app explained – Lauren

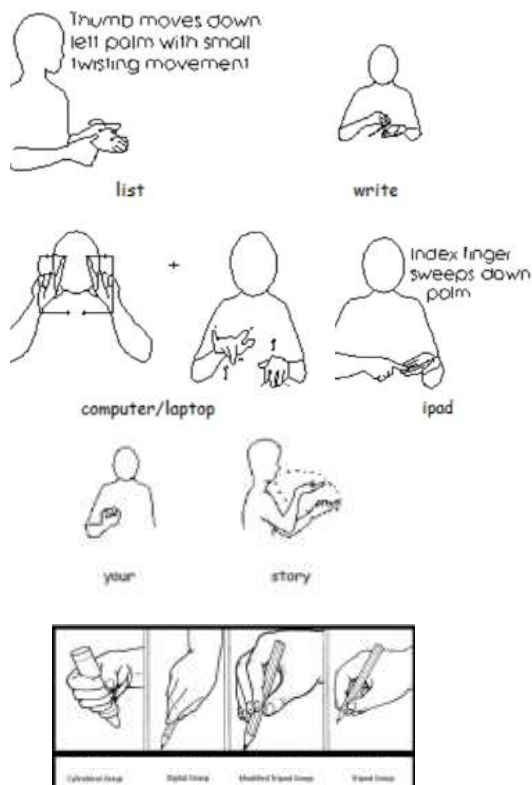
Video to introduce session whilst you get resources and area ready:

<https://youtu.be/RNUZBHIRH4Y>



(even if it just helps to set the context every day, the repeated song each day will get your child's attention)

Visuals and key signs:



Ideas for composition activities:

- 1) 'CHECKIE' app. This is good for your child who may not be ready for typing but can use pictures to create a *checklist* for different things they are doing at home. Try this for going out on walks, helping with cooking, chill time. Help them to compose a 'list' of all the things they need.



- 2) 'Piig Talk' walkie talkie app. This is an app where verbal learners are able to record clips of themselves talking and it will repeat it back to them in a funny voice. They are also able to record clips to send via email. It may be motivating to send voice clips to their teachers or family members.



- 3) Labelling photos of family or pictures from magazines/newspapers. This can either be typed or handwritten. Talk with your child about the pictures, perhaps they can choose them themselves. Support with writing but allow them to attempt spelling phonetically and don't worry if words are spelt wrong.



- 4) 'My Story' app will help your child to develop fine motor skills by drawing and swiping as well as using their narration skills to comment on their drawings.



Concrete resources (click the word for Amazon link)

Lower case keyboard

Pencil grips – Ask Strathmore OT which pencil grip/specialist equipment your child needs.

Whiteboard and pen

It is important we offer learners a range of writing tools and experiences as well as using laptops/iPads to type and narrate.